United Nations Institute for Training and Research

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Multilateral Conferences and Diplomacy for SIDS and LDCs negotiators

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 11 Oct 2019

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	14 Oct 2019 to 10 Nov 2019
Duration:	4 Weeks
Thematic Area:	Peace Security and Diplomacy, , Multilateral Diplomacy
Website:	http://www.unitar.org/mdp/
Price:	$0.00
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Partnership:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar

BACKGROUND

Governments and increasingly other actors such as international and non-governmental organizations use multilateral conferences as a means, and

sometimes the only means, to achieve important policy objectives. As the number of conferences and meetings has risen considerably over the past twenty years, the number of government officers and other stakeholders involved in conference processes has also increased significantly. While diplomats remain at the centre of diplomacy, government officials assigned to line ministries and agencies, as well as staff of intergovernmental organizations and NGOs, are increasingly finding themselves in the role of the multilateral conference delegate.

This online course will help students enhance their performance as a conference delegate, and as a result contribute to the overall efficiency and productiveness of conferences.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Identify how conferences unfold;
- Name the rules of procedure and their value in advancing delegate objectives;
- Explain the importance of informal consultations;
- Use appropriate language;
- Detect and incorporate other delegations' strategies

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course includes four interactive training modules, defined as follows:

- Module 1: Introduction to the World of Multilateral Conferences
- Module 2: The Formal and Informal Processes of Conferences
- Module 3: Negotiation and Decision-making
- Module 4: Preparing for an International Conference

METHODOLOGY

e-Learning: The course is internet-based, moderated by senior international experts, asynchronous, and places emphasis on online discussions and self-paced learning. The participants will be primarily responsible for their own learning over the four-week span of the course. Estimated workload: 40 hours

The course will consist of the following components:

• Compulsory and optional reading material, intended to teach the basic concepts and principles of the lesson's subject-matter.

• External links to additional books, articles, documents, and websites related to the lessons.

• A glossary of terms provided as a learning tool throughout the course.

• Quizzes and case studies at the end of each module. To be eligible for the course certificate, a passing grade of 80% on both quizzes and case studies is required.

• A Community Discussion Board will be available for participants to post questions or comments visible to the instructor and other participants. This discussion board will be moderated by the course director and UNITAR.

Participants will be eligible to receive a certificate after the successful completion of the course.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The course targets diplomats and government officials from Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

The course is open up to 60 participants.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The course is funded by the generous support of Qatar.

Technical Requirements

UNITAR recommends the following as a minimum in hardware and software to take our e-Learning courses. Please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; MacOS 9 or MacOS X; Linux

Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space

Software:

Adobe Acrobat Reader (click here to download for free)

Adobe Flash Player (click here to download for free)

Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office (click here to download for free)

Windows Media Player (click here to download for free)

Browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher (click here to download for free); Firefox 3.6 or higher (click here to download for free)

Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled

Furthermore, participants need basic computer skills, a basic understanding of navigation of the internet in order to be able to fully enjoy this course.