Unitar Online Catalogue

Diplomatic Law and Responsibilities for Honorary Consuls

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 27 Aug 2020

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	24 Aug 2020 to 4 Sep 2020
Duration:	10 Days
Thematic Area:	Governance, , Multilateral Diplomacy, , International Law
Website:	https://unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/multilateral-diplomacy/our-por...
Price:	$1,300.00
Event Focal Point Email:	info.ilp@unitar.org

BACKGROUND

Honorary consuls have an important part to play in the international relations of many states, particularly smaller states and those unable to afford the costs associated with establishing conventional diplomatic and consular missions. While honorary consuls cannot replace traditional diplomats, they can facilitate multiple and deep engagements with political bodies, commercial organisations,

nationals located abroad and citizens of receiving states. Their engagements can take place on different levels, including political, commercial and cultural. However, to best perform their role they need not only an understanding of the underlying legal aspects governing their role, but also practicial skills to fulfil their duties and responsibilities.

UNITAR has developed this course that focusses especially on the roles and responsibilities of honorary consuls in cooperation with Professor J. Craig Barker (Dean of the School of Law and Social Sciences at London South Bank University) and Richard H.Griffiths, Esq (Senior Advisor at Dentons Global Law Firm).

EVENT OBJECTIVES

This short course is aimed at providing honorary consuls or those seeking to take up such an appointment with an understaning of the roles, responsibilities and underlying legal framework governing the work of honorary consul.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Explain the legal framework governing honorary consuls;
- Describe the normal activities of an honorary consul and assess their responsibilities;
- Explain issues of practice and protocol.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

This short online course covers the law relating to honorary consuls as well expectations and responsibilities of honorary consuls honorary consuls. It will cumulate in a workshop on protocols and practice

Week 1: International diplomatic law

In the first week participants will explore the key legal principles pertaining to honorary consuls:

- Introduction to International Law;

- The laws governing the work of honorary consuls;
- Introduction to the work of honorary consuls.

Week 2: Roles and Responsibilities for Honorary Consuls

During the second week participants will dive into practical matters of the work of honorary consul, including UN protocol:

- The Roles and Responsibilities of honorary consuls;
- Introduction to diplomatic protocol;
- Anti-Bribery and Corruption.

For more information, please see our brochure.

METHODOLOGY

This course promotes an interactive approach through lessons and multimedia material, stimulating critical thinking. Each part has its own learning objectives, as well as interactive online lessons, which guide participants through the contents. The lessons are also available in PDF format so participants can work offline. Contents and activities are practice-oriented and under a self-assessment approach, so participants will learn through practical examples and assignments associated with research and case scenarios. This experience will be supported by the UNITAR team, additional resources and material, and visuals such as infographics and videos.

The final e-workshop will be conducted via the platform Zoom and will be facilitated by an expert on the theme. The material presented in the workshop will be interactive and assignments will be given for participants to further advance their knowledge.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The course is designed for honorary consuls, as well as those who intend to serve as honorary consuls.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Technical Requirements

The course will be delivered through UNITAR’s e-learning platform and Zoom. UNITAR will not provide refunds for customers who face technical issues beyond UNITAR's direct control. UNITAR recommends that all prospective participants test Zoom for free at Zoom.us prior to confirming their payment.

Basic system requirements:

- Stable internet connection
- Speakers and a microphone
- A webcam or HD webcam
- Or, a HD cam or HD camcorder with video capture card

Please see further information about all technical requirements for participating in this e-workshop here: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-System-Requirements-for-PC-Mac-and-Linux