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UPEACE - UNITAR Field Visit to Geneva 2021

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 12 Jul 2021

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Geneva, Switzerland
Date:	26 Jul 2021 to 30 Jul 2021
Duration:	5 Days
Programme Area:	Peace Security and Diplomacy, , Multilateral Diplomacy
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Price:	\$1,500.00
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Partnership:	University for Peace

BACKGROUND

UNITAR is an autonomous institution within the United Nations system with a mission to deliver innovative training and conduct research on knowledge

systems to develop the capacities of its beneficiaries. As the training arm of the United Nations, UNITAR's mission is to develop capacities to enhance global decision-making and to support country level action for shaping a better future.

The University for Peace (UPEACE) is an institution of higher education dedicated to the study of peace. Created by UN General Assembly Resolution 35/55, the University for Peace has been training leaders for peace for the past four decades. Through its Master's and Doctoral degree programmes, UPEACE trains future leaders to explore and formulate strategies and practices in various contexts to address the causes of multiple problems affecting human and global wellbeing, and thus contribute to the processes of peacekeeping and peacebuilding.

From the UPEACE-UNITAR field visit, participants can expect the following:

- Attend lectures from policy practitioners and decision-makers
- Visit UN facilities in Geneva, including UNHCR, WTO and others
- Experience of a real UN conference at one of the UN facilities in Geneva
- Private Guided Tour of the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva (UNOG)
- Network with high-level officials, UN personnel and diplomats

EVENT OBJECTIVES

As part of the MA in Development Studies and Diplomacy (as well as the Online Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy) and MA in International Law and Diplomacy, offered in cooperation with the University for Peace (UPEACE), UNITAR designed a 5-day field visit to Geneva, Switzerland offering participants a full immersion into the city's multilateral working environment.

In line with UNITAR's mandate, its main purpose is to enhance participants' knowledge and skills related to international affairs and diplomacy. This will enable them to work more effectively and efficiently in any multilateral setting.

UNITAR lastly intends to strengthen the participants' conviction of the principles enshrined in the UN Charter, especially multilateralism. In the long term, this does not only result in participants' more favourable view on the organisation, but also in a higher willingness to cooperate across borders.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Hosting 35 international organizations and more than 250 NGOs, the city Geneva offers itself for a whole series of potentially formative experiences. UNITAR hosts the activity in the historic Palace of Nations and provides a nuanced balance between the following different components:

Expert Lectures:

UNITAR's professional network across Geneva allows it to organize a series of 1-2-hour expert lectures, in which participants can directly learn from UN personal or other high-level officials. Previous UNITAR field visits have included lectures from the following organizations:

- United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva

Training Workshops:

As its core activity and *raison d'être*, UNITAR provides several face-to-face workshops to the participants. Delivered by experts such as retired ambassadors, previous programmes have included the following workshops:

- Leadership and Negotiation Skills
- United Nations Resolution Writing
- Diplomatic Communication Skills

Multilateral Conferences:

With its more than 10.000 conferences a year, the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) counts as one of the most active international conference centres in the world. UNITAR offers participants to attend such meetings and thereby experience multilateral negotiations first-hand:

- Human Rights Council
- United Nations Committee against Torture (UNCAT)
- United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Guided Tours:

Geneva is rich in historic buildings important to international affairs. Thanks to its access across the city, UNITAR can provide a series of private guided tours. Previous programmes have included tours through the following facilities:

- The United Nations' Palace of Nations (3-hours extensive private guided tour)
- The headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- The headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Career Development Sessions:

UNITAR also provides several 1-2 hour sessions on how to advance your professional career and find a solid footing in the world of international organizations. These sessions can include the following components:

- Information sessions on internships and other entry positions in the UN system
- Review of application material, including CV, motivation letter, PHP Form, LinkedIn profile
- Counselling on envisioned entrepreneurial projects related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

METHODOLOGY

Given the complexity of Geneva's multilateral environment, UNITAR will cover a series of different thematic areas during the course of the Programme. These will include the United Nations, conference diplomacy, core diplomatic skills, humanitarian affairs, trade and commerce, sustainable development and other topics of interest.

The UPEACE-UNITAR field visit is designed to be highly interactive and participatory. Activities will include a high level of direct exposure to policy practitioners and diplomatic settings, thereby allowing participants to gain a thorough knowledge and understanding of the United Nations.

All of the activities will take place in the English language.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

!!! Only students enrolled in the UPEACE - UNITAR MA in Development Studies and Diplomacy (as well as in the Online Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy) and in the UPEACE - UNITAR MA in International Law and Diplomacy can register for this activity !!!

At the end of the field visit, each participant will be awarded a UPEACE-UNITAR certificate of participation. They will also be asked to complete a feedback questionnaire to evaluate the success of the field visit in achieving the learning objectives.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

----- IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COVID-19 -----

In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, UNITAR will assure the programme will entirely conform to [up-to-date health safety standards](#), including social distancing, hygiene measures and contact tracing. The programme's agenda may be subject to modifications in line with the most recent developments in this regard. For more information on travel to and from Switzerland, kindly read the most recent [travel guidelines from Swiss Authorities](#).

Participants are responsible for complying with Swiss immigration and travel policies to enter the country. In addition, participants must have a health insurance plan that is valid in Switzerland and comply with Swiss health rules and recommendations during their stay in the country. Participants will also be responsible for their visa, accommodation, transportation and meals. UNITAR will only be responsible for the design and implementation of the activity.
