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Unitar Online Catalogue

Introduction to the United Nations System and the UN General Assembly

Multilateral Diplomacy

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	18 Apr 2021 to 29 Apr 2021
Duration:	2 Weeks
Programme Area:	Multilateral Diplomacy
Website:	https://unitar.org/gls
Price:	\$13,500.00
Event Focal Point Email:	diplomacy@unitar.org

BACKGROUND

The overall purpose of this training is to familiarize Emirates Diplomatic Academy participants with the basic tenets of the UN System and the General Assembly. Through online training sessions, webinars, and assessments, participants will be provided with a historical, political, and analytical framework for liaising more effectively with UN representatives and staff.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The course aims to further inform participants from the Emirates Diplomatic Academy about the UN System and the General Assembly. With the help of exercises and case studies, after Module 1 participants will be able to define the United Nations system's structure and functioning; explain the United Nations Organization's principal organs and their development, including the history of the United Nations system and its predecessors; and identify current and salient issues relevant to the United Nations. After Module 2, participants will be able to define the General Assembly and describe its structure and main functions; identify the various forms of the General Assembly's sessions; differentiate between the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly; and identify the general rules for the General Assembly and basic reforms to it.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the two-week course, participants will be able to:

Define the United Nations system's structure and functioning

Explain the United Nations Organization's principal organs and their development, including the history of the United Nations system and its predecessors

Understand the framework for liaising effectively with UN representatives and staff

Identify current and salient issues relevant to the United Nations

Define the General Assembly and describe its structural setting

Identify the various forms of the General Assembly's sessions

List and explain the main functions and outputs of the General Assembly

Differentiate between the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly

Identify the general rules for the General Assembly and basic reforms to it

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Participants will be provided with a set of training materials, allowing them to follow the training with ease and deepen their knowledge with background readings.

The workshop material will include videos, discussion boards, additional reading material and PowerPoint slides used by the experts. EDA should receive the training materials in the EDA online learning platform for participants.

The course will have a total duration of 2 weeks, and each week will cover one module.

Module 1: Introduction to the structure and functioning of the United Nations System

Week 1: March 28 - April 1

Lesson 1: The concept of “International Organization”

Lesson 2: The “first experiment”: The League of Nations (LoN)

Lesson 3: The United Nations (UN)

Lesson 4: The UN Organization and UN System

Module 2: The General Assembly

Week 2: April 5 - April 8

Lesson 1: Introduction

Lesson 2: Membership, observers, interactive partners

Lesson 3: Functions, powers, institutional setting

Lesson 4: Subsidiary organs of the General Assembly

Lesson 5: Decision-making

Lesson 6: Reform and Revitalisation of the General Assembly

METHODOLOGY

This module is asynchronous and internet-based, moderated by senior international experts, and places emphasis on online discussions and self-paced learning. The participants will be primarily responsible for their own learning over the two-week span of the module.

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.the history of the United Nations system and its predecessors

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

Quizzes and case studies at the end of each module.

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.

UNITAR training courses are designed to be highly interactive and participatory, and will include – whenever possible – a variety of simulation exercises, case studies and pedagogical tools to enable participants to acquire a thorough knowledge and understanding of the UN System.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The target audience are selected participants from the Emirates Diplomatic Academy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This course will be entirely online.