



Doha World Negotiation Day 2025 - ONLINE participation

Multilateral Diplomacy



: 7 Dec 2025

- ☐ : Conference
- ☐ : Web-based
- ☐ : 8 12☐ 2025
- ☐ : 1 Days
- ☐☐☐☐ : Multilateral Diplomacy, , International Law
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- ☐☐ : Doha Forum



The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is proud to announce the fifth edition of World Negotiation Day with the generous supported by the Doha Forum. Doha World Negotiation Day 2025 will take place in collaboration with the much-anticipated Doha Forum, in Doha (Qatar) on December 8th 2025 at Sheraton Grand (Doha

Forum).

Uniting some of the world's most renowned contributors to peaceful negotiations, conflict resolution and climate solutions, Doha World Negotiation Day will provide a high-level forum to discuss the role of negotiation in today's challenging world. With an agenda comprised of speeches from esteemed officials from international organizations, the private sector and governments, as well as various panels surrounding topics of negotiation, peacemaking and diplomacy, the event provides valuable perspectives on emerging challenges and opportunities in the field.



In line with UNITAR's core mandate, the aim of Doha World Negotiation Day is to foster a culture of peace, diplomacy, and cooperation, and to empower and build the capacities of diplomats and negotiators who are instrumental in carefully balancing national and collective interests.

Doha World Negotiation Day 2025 will conclude by bestowing the “Doha Best Negotiator of the Year” Award - a prestigious distinction given to one exceptional negotiator who has displayed exemplary skills and achievements on the international stage. Selected by a renowned international jury composed of prominent negotiators and diplomatic leaders, the award honors individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, creativity, and resilience in navigating complex negotiations and finding peaceful solutions to challenging global issues.



14:00 - 14:15

Opening Ceremony

- Welcoming Remarks: Mr. Rabih El-Haddad, Director, Division for Multilateral Diplomacy, UNITAR
- Keynote Speech: H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa
Former President of the UN General Assembly; Former Minister of Foreign Affairs & National Defense of Ecuador

14:15 - 14:35

Fireside Chat

- Speaker: Mr. Pierre Krähenbühl, Director-General, ICRC
- Facilitator: Ms. Elayne G. Whyte, Professor of Practice, Johns Hopkins SAIS; Former Ambassador of Costa Rica to the UN; Former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs

14:35 - 15:50

High-level Panel — Negotiating Peace in a Fragmented World: The Case for Preventive Diplomacy Today

Moderator:

- Ms. Elayne G. Whyte

Speakers:

- H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, Former President of Finland; Member of UN SG's High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation
- Ms. Irene Fellin, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security
- Ambassador Karim Haggag, Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- Ms. Alanoud Qassim Al-Temimi, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar

15:50 - 16:05

Award Ceremony and Closing Speeches

- Closing Remarks: H.E. Mr. Mubarak Ajlan Al-Kuwari, Executive Director, Doha Forum
- Doha Best Negotiator of the Year 2025 Award recipient

Please note that prior to the main event a [**Masterclass on Cross Cultural Negotiation Skills**](#) (in partnership with Qatar Debate) will take place **from 11:00 to 12:00**. This optional session will provide participants with an opportunity to explore key aspects of negotiation across cultures.



Participants are invited to watch the **live stream** of the Doha World Negotiation Day taking place on 8th December 2025 at Sheraton Grand (Doha Forum) in Doha, Qatar.

UNITAR will share the live stream link with participants in the morning of 8 December.

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