

## Rule of Law & Governance

### Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: Closed

Type:	Course
Location:	Web Based
Date:	4 May 2020 to 25 May 2020
Duration of event:	3 Weeks
Programme Area:	Special event, Governance, Multilateral Diplomacy, International Law
Specific Target Audience:	No
Website:	<a href="https://unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/multilateral-diplomacy/our-port...">https://unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/multilateral-diplomacy/our-port...</a>
Price:	No Fee
Event Focal Point Email:	<a href="mailto:info.ilp@unitar.org">info.ilp@unitar.org</a>

## BACKGROUND

The rule of law and good governance are fundamental to ensuring the fairness of society and is characterized by transparency and accountability in both the public and private sectors. Such transparency and accountability may only prevail if a functioning judicial system is in place, acting as one of the cornerstones of a society. Populations need an efficient legal system in order to resolve disputes in all forms and guarantee an impartial application of laws and rules, as enshrined in the rule of law.

This training activity aims at covering not only the core aspects of the rule of law, but also touches upon the fundamental principles of human rights and governance in to provide participants with a holistic vision of the interconnectivity of these vital legal issues. Given that due to gender stereotypes women are frequently underrepresented in key positions in the legal sphere, reducing the representativeness of the respective judicial system, the course will also pay special attention to the role women can play on strengthening the rule of law.

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island developing States and countries in and emerging from conflict, in order to strengthen capacities to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## EVENT OBJECTIVES

At the end of the online course and e-workshop, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate a deepened understanding of the importance of the rule of law;
- Identify the main challenges to achieving the rule of law in their countries;
- Classify the main principles of human rights law;
- Explain the link between human rights and criminal law with the help of relevant case law;
- Analyse the nexus between the rule of law, human rights and transitional justice ;
- Discuss the role women can play in the entire legal sphere.

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

**Week 1:** Rule of law, governance, institutions and challenges;

**Week 2:** Rule of Law and human rights;

**Week 3:** Rule of law in conflict and post-conflict situations

**Final e-workshop: Monday 25th May, 2020.**

## METHODOLOGY

This course promotes an interactive approach through lessons and multimedia material, stimulating critical thinking. Each module 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-workshops 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.

Participants successfully completing all e-workshops will be awarded a certificate of participation.

## TARGETED AUDIENCE

The course is open to up to 60 participants who are either:

- Members of the private sector,
- Members of Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations Office in Geneva,
- Delegates of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and other government officials,
- Representatives of international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations
- Academia and students interested in the field of business and human rights

Priority will be given to LDCs and SIDS nationals. Please visit the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States: <http://unohrrls.org/>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Technical Requirements

UNITAR recommends that all prospective participants test Zoom for free at [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) prior to joining the final e-workshop.

#### **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>

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