

Women's Leadership Programme: Women's Leadership for Sustainable Development

Wednesday 1st July

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Background:

UNITAR and its Multilateral Diplomacy Programme

Established in 1965, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is an autonomous institution within the UN system with a mission to develop capacities to enhance global decision-making and to support country-level and regional-level actions for shaping a better future. Following its mandate of "enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations in achieving the major objectives of the Organization", UNITAR has contributed to developing the capacities of Member States in the fields of economic and social development, diplomacy, and peace and security. Currently, UNITAR provides training to approximately 27,000 participants per year in some 400 different training activities and uses both face-to-face and distance-learning methodologies.

UNITAR's Multilateral Diplomacy Programme (MDP) activities for diplomats, government officials, international civil servants, and private sector entities cover a wide range of policy domains, including bilateral and multilateral negotiation, environmental and climate change diplomacy, economic diplomacy, conference and international events management, public diplomacy and other related topics, as well as skills development activities such as negotiation skills and public speaking, amongst many others.

The Women's Leadership Programme

The year 2015 represents a key opportunity for placing gender equality and women's empowerment at the heart of the global agenda. The UN System stands ready to review the Millennium Development Goals and support Member States as they decide upon the post-2015 development framework and Sustainable Development Goals, as well as on a new post-2015 climate change framework at the UNFCCC COP21 conference in Paris, and reviewing progress and celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Hand-in-hand with UN Women and working across the UN System, UNITAR has launched the new Women's Leadership Programme, which seeks to deliver on the challenging goals of achieving gender parity and promoting equal leadership opportunities for women within governments particularly in the context of multilateral decision making fora.

Women's participation in leadership roles remains a high priority as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and move towards a new post-2015 development agenda, calling for the integration of gender equality perspectives across all goals.

The Women's Leadership Programme seeks to deliver on the challenging goals of achieving gender parity and promoting equal leadership opportunities for women by delivering capacity building and awareness raising activities to promote the full and equal participation and leadership of women in decision-making at all levels. The Women's Leadership Programme proposes a half day workshop to build the leadership skills of female government officials participating in the HLPF.

Modalities of the proposed SD Learning Session

The High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development will provide a space to debate the role of the forum in the implementation, integration and review of the post-2015 development agenda. The 2015 session will focus on the different levels of review at national, regional and global levels; will discuss the role of science; ways of communicating the new development agenda; investing in the new agenda and tracking progress.

The discussions will draw from the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR). In the 2015 edition, scientists will bring some new issues to the attention of policy makers. They will also assess whether the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are appropriately covered by models and international assessments.

The meeting will allow a debate between Governments, UN system and other organizations, scientists, major groups and other stakeholders of civil society.

Organizer

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

Instructor

H.E. Ambassador Tania Dussey-Cavassini



Tania Dussey-Cavassini combines experiences in global health, management consulting, executive education, diplomacy and law enforcement. Since 2013, she is Ambassador for Global Health and Vice-Director General of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health. Between 2006 and 2012, Tania was Director at the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), ranked #1 worldwide in Executive Education. She is also an adviser to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Ms Dussey-Cavassini has held diplomatic assignments in Paris, Bern, Moscow and Geneva. She started her career as a lawyer in 1991 working in the realm of international criminal matters and extraditions proceedings. She is a Harvard Fellow, and was educated in management at IMD, in law at the University of Lausanne, and music at the University of Music Lausanne, Switzerland.