

Draft Programme IFDT 2019 Diplomacy 4.0

IFDT | Geneva, Switzerland,
18-21 September 2019

Wednesday, 18th September 2019	
16:00–17:00	Registration at Pregny gate of the UN
17:00–18:00	Tour of the UN Palais de Nations: Arts and History
18:00–19:15	<p>High Level Dialogue on Diplomatic Training: The skills, knowledge, and talents needed by multilateral diplomats in 2030</p> <p>This session will set the stage for the IFDT discussion on training for multilateral diplomacy, including questions such as: what are the critical (and missing) skills for fast-changing multilateral diplomacy? What is the interplay between traditional and new skills needed in multilateral diplomacy? Inputs by heads of international organisations will trigger discussions involving directors of diplomatic academies, and practising ambassadors involved in Geneva’s multilateral diplomacy <i>Venue: Council Chamber at the Palais des Nations</i></p> <p>Amb. Valentin Zellweger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva Francis Gurry, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization, tbc Aranha Gonzalez, Executive Director, International Trade Centre, tbc Tedros Gebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization, tbc Nikhil Seth, Executive Director, UNITAR, tbc Mr. Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, tbc</p>
19:30–21:00	<p>Welcome Reception <i>Venue: Restaurant des Délégués, Palais des Nations</i></p> <p>Keynote speech: UNOG Director General on diplomacy in International Geneva</p>

Thursday, 19th September 2019 (Venue: Maison de la Paix)

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:30	<p>Welcome remarks by IFDT co-chairs and representatives of host organisations</p> <p>Ambassador Barbara Bodine Ambassador Emil Brix (for IFDT) Heads of hosting organisations: Prof. Philippe Burrin, Director, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Ambassador Christian Dussey Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Dr. Jovan Kurbalija, Executive Director, DiploFoundation, Nikhil Seth, United Nations Assistant Secretary General, Executive Director UNITAR</p>
9:30 - 10:15	<p>Keynote address:</p> <p>Diplomacy in different shapes and roles</p> <p>Peter Maurer, President, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</p>
10:15 - 10:45	<p>Coffee break</p> <p>Opening of IFDT Bazaar</p>
10:45 - 12:15	<p>Diplomacy in the digital age: How to train diplomats to negotiate cybersecurity, e-commerce, AI, and other aspects of emerging digital geopolitics</p> <p>Artificial intelligence, cyber-attacks, fake news, and e-commerce are becoming part of diplomatic reality and diplomatic training. Leading practitioners of digital diplomacy will outline the training needs: skills and knowledge that digital diplomats should have. Based on the needs, the discussion will address training approaches and methods for diplomacy in the digital age. In particular, it will focus on the interplay between traditional skills (negotiations, representation) and new ones (interaction with tech companies, understanding of digital technology).</p> <p>Amb. Casper Klynge, Denmark's Tech Ambassador, tbc Dr. Katherine Getao, Executive Director, Kenya's ICT Authority, tbc Amb. Thomas Schneider, Head of International Relations, Swiss Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM)</p>
12:15 - 13:30	Lunch

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13:30 - 15:00	<p>Inclusive diplomacy: Partnerships and networks with business, academia, and civil society</p> <p>As diplomacy progresses with the evolution of global issues, developing partnerships become more pivotal in addressing diplomatic challenges. This provides diplomats with the opportunity to create robust partnerships with stakeholders across various sectors in order to implement global solutions. These stakeholders must come together to discuss methodologies of how to find common grounds in order to pursue substantial partnerships in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goal number 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development. In this session, panelists will explore how to develop viable and dynamic partnerships between civil society, private sector, academia, and governments.</p> <p>Mr. Vincent Subilia, General Director, International Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Elayne Whyte Gómez, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, tbc Ms. Liliana Andonova, Academic Co-Director, Centre For International Environmental Studies, Graduate Institut, tbc</p>
15:00 - 15:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
15:30 - 17:00	<p>The future of diplomacy: Strategic thinking for training institutes</p> <p>In a complex and increasingly uncertain world, diplomatic training institutes should be prepared for different possible futures. Foresight offers a range of tools to envisage those futures and this session will use some of those tools to stimulate strategic thinking on the future of our respective institutes.</p> <p>Prof. Cédric Dupont, Director of Executive Education Ms Valérie d'Hoedt-Meyer, Deputy Director of Executive Education, Graduate Institute</p>
19:00 - 22:00	<p>Gala dinner Venue: Hôtel Beau-Rivage</p> <p>Keynote remarks: Ambassador Valentin Zellweger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva</p>

Friday, 20th September 2019 (Venue: Maison de la Paix)

<p>9:00 - 10:30</p>	<p>Innovative learning: Methodologies for diplomats, policymakers, leaders, and decision makers</p> <p>Integrating the latest learning tools into diplomatic trainings to encourage knowledge sharing represents both a fundamental challenge and an opportunity for diplomatic academies and institutes. Leveraging learnings and best practices from academia and governmental sectors can act as a strong benchmark of the roadmap to achieving progress in this field. Throughout this session, participants will engage with the most recent developments in innovative learning methodologies and how to implement them in diplomatic training activities.</p> <p>Mr. Jaime de Aguinaga, Vice Dean for Management and Development, Global and Public Affairs School at IE Dr. Jessica Dehler Zufferey, Executive Director, Center for Learning Sciences at EPFL Mr. Jerome l'Host, Senior Consultant - UNITAR, tbc</p>
<p>10:30 - 11:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p> <p>IFDT Bazaar</p>
<p>11:00 - 12:15</p>	<p>Science diplomacy: A practical approach and a training needs assessment</p> <p>The variety and number of issues a modern diplomat has to be able to fully comprehend and navigate are enormous and many countries appoint science attachés or diplomats dealing with science in general. It would not be realistic or effective to expect an official to have deep knowledge of the full scope of issues that they will deal with. Yet, in certain settings, a deeper understanding of issues outside the scope of traditional diplomacy or a specialisation in a narrow issue is essential. What kind of training or preparation, if any, could benefit preparing the diplomats of tomorrow?</p> <p>Prof. Paul Berkman, Director of Science Diplomacy Center, Fletcher School of Diplomacy) Dr Katharina Hoene, Senior Lecturer and Researcher, DiploFoundation Ms Charlotte L. Warakulle, Director of International Relations, CERN Mr Abdalah Mokssit, Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), tbc Moderator: Dr Tereza Horejsova, Director Project Development, DiploFoundation</p>
<p>12:15 - 13:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>

13:30 - 14:45	<p>Trends and practice of training for multilateral diplomacy: leadership, preparations for multilateral postings, maximising the offer of diplomatic training by international organisations</p> <p>The session will start with outlining training trends in international organisations; it will be followed by an analysis of leadership awareness building and training; it will be concluded by outlining training approach for diplomats posted to multilateral centres such as Geneva.</p> <p>Ambassador Petru Dumitriu, Inspector, UN Joint Inspection Unit Ms Christina Orisich, Deputy Director and Head of Executive Education, GCSP Ambassador Salman Bal, Director, CAGI</p>
14:45 - 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 - 16:30	<p>The transformation of work and diplomacy</p> <p>This session connects our debates on the future of diplomacy to the debates/concern about the ongoing disruptions in the workplace. The focus will be on two key questions: first, how (and to what extent) will the work of the diplomats be disrupted by the ongoing transformations of the workplace? Second, what role can diplomacy play in managing/mitigating the disruptions to the workplace across the globe?</p> <p>It will draw upon the insights from all previous sessions with the aim to end with a collective discussion on the toolkit of skills needed by diplomats in line with the range of challenges they will face in the future.</p> <p>Prof. Cédric Dupont, Director of Executive Education, Graduate Institute, Prof. Richard Baldwin, Co-director, Centre of Trade and Economic Integration, Graduate Institute, tbc</p>
16:30 - 16:45	Closing remarks

Saturday, 21st September 2019

9:30 - 13:00	<p>Visit to Museum Bodmer Sightseeing tour Wine tasting</p>
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