

RESOURCES FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

GENEVA CENTRE FOR SECURITY POLICY (GCSP)

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy is an international foundation supported by the Swiss government with 48 member states. It was established for the purpose of promoting peace, security and international cooperation through executive education and training, applied policy analysis, and dialogue. To know more about GCSP courses, events and newsletter, as well as what you can do for GCSP, go to gcsp.ch or type *Geneva Centre for Security Policy* in the gvadata.ch search bar. You can also contact GCSP via **Tel. +41 22 730 96 00 Fax. +41 22 730 96 49 Email: info@gcsp.ch**

DIPLOFOUNDATION

Most small and developing states do not participate equally in global policy processes. By starting with the empowerment of individuals, Diplo's capacity development support has strengthened NGOs, government institutions, and global policy processes themselves. Diplo provides tailored capacity development programmes for diplomats in Geneva and beyond, using both online learning and in situ training sessions in issues of Internet governance and other areas of diplomacy. Diplo operates the [Geneva Internet Platform](#), which strives to build the capacities of actors in the field of digital politics. For the list of courses and more information on Diplo's approach to capacity development and, see the [DiploFoundation website](#).

GREYCELLS

Helping Permanent Missions in Geneva master the documentation of International Organisations

Many Permanent Missions have serious difficulties managing and making use of the large volume of documentation they receive from international governmental organisations (IGOs). Greycells conceived and designed a project to address this problem and received the support of the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs to carry it out.

The project has developed products that are of primary interest to permanent missions of developing countries. Some of them will also be of direct interest to any number of delegations, notably those of NGOs that participate in the meetings of IGOs.

Altogether, some [30 products](#) have been developed by members of Greycells, most of them in English and French. Care has been taken that they should be "user friendly". They are seldom longer than two or three pages, and they attempt to give direct access to documents and information that is most relevant to each IGO. They cover the different organisations in a specific manner, since each organisation is distinct in terms of fields of activity, structure, organisation, and in the way it makes information available.

The products are:

- Quick guides to documents and websites of IOs
UN, UNOG, OHCHR, UNCTAD, HCR, ILO, ITU, WIPO, WTO
- UNITED NATIONS documentation: a brief overview
- Layout of a filing plan for documents
UNOG, ILO
- Status of Multilateral Treaties deposited with the UN Secretary General
- What should a Permanent Mission Official know about...
ILO, UNCTAD, ITU
(Powerpoint presentations used by Greycells members for coaching purposes with Permanent Missions)

OHCHR

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) supports 64 field presences: 15 country offices, 12 regional offices, 24 human rights advisers and 13 human rights representatives serving with United Nations peace missions. In the area of publications, the OHCHR website features 160 titles in one or more UN languages. The OHCHR offers briefings on the overall work of the Office to the public which include the academic field, diplomats through missions, human rights training institutions, and civil society, amongst others. For OHCHR briefings in Geneva, please send inquiries to infodesk@ohchr.org.

UNITAR

Headquartered in Geneva, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research ([UNITAR](#)) is a training arm of the United Nations System, serving some 36,000 beneficiaries annually by conducting close to 500 capacity development and research activities around the world.

UNITAR offers a range of courses as a part of its [Core Diplomatic Training](#) (CDT) portfolio, specifically targeted to diplomats and delegates in various UN locations including Geneva and New York. CDT covers training in international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy, and is aimed at enhancing the understanding of the United Nations system and its organs and procedures, strengthening the skills relevant to conferences and negotiations and supporting efforts to build a more effective multilateral system.

In its [online catalogue](#), all UNITAR training and learning activities are listed. To view the details of an event, including the background, objectives, methodology, targeted audience and application/registration modalities, please click on an event title.

UNIDIR

The UN Institute for Disarmament Research ([UNIDIR](#)) generates and leverages knowledge to improve disarmament and security policies, programmes and practices. Due to its unique position working closely with, yet independent of, the UN's

Disarmament Machinery, UNIDIR offers research and analysis, expertise and advisory services on the full range of security issues of interest to Member States—from nuclear weapons, to small arms weapons management, to space security and cyber stability. UNIDIR offers frequent briefings, seminars, and workshops open to the diplomatic and wider international community on a range of disarmament and security topics. For more information, contact unidir@unog.ch.

UNIDIR also supports UN agencies and multilateral processes through research and tool development designed to improve programming, implementation and ability to deliver results.