Negotiation and Diplomacy in Evaluation Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Monitoring and Evaluation	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Master advanced negotiation techniques tailored for evaluation contexts.
2. Apply diplomatic communication strategies to manage diverse stakeholders.
3. Integrate conflict resolution frameworks in evaluation processes.
4. Conduct effective stakeholder mapping and analysis.
5. Use persuasion and influence skills to drive decision-making.
6. Navigate power dynamics in multi-stakeholder environments.
7. Develop strategic communication plans for evaluation findings.
8. Enhance cross-cultural intelligence in international evaluation contexts.
9. Apply ethical negotiation practices in sensitive evaluation scenarios.
10. Leverage data-driven arguments to strengthen negotiation outcomes.
11. Facilitate collaborative problem-solving sessions with stakeholders.
12. Build trust and credibility with clients and partners.
13. Implement practical negotiation and diplomacy tools through real-world case studies.

Target Audience

1. Evaluation professionals and consultants
2. Program managers and directors
3. Policy advisors and analysts
4. Development sector professionals
5. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) officers
6. International organization staff
7. Government officials handling program evaluations
8. Non-profit and NGO leaders

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Negotiation in Evaluation

- Principles of negotiation and diplomacy in evaluations
- Understanding evaluation contexts and stakeholder priorities
- Negotiation versus conflict management
- Key negotiation frameworks and models

- Case study: Successful negotiation in a multi-agency evaluation

Module 2: Stakeholder Analysis and Mapping

- Identifying key stakeholders and their influence
- Power-interest grids and mapping techniques
- Understanding stakeholder motivations
- Prioritizing stakeholder engagement
- Case study: Stakeholder mapping in a healthcare evaluation

Module 3: Communication Strategies for Diplomacy

- Principles of diplomatic communication
- Active listening and questioning techniques
- Structuring persuasive messages
- Non-verbal communication cues
- Case study: Negotiating evaluation results with a resistant partner

Module 4: Conflict Resolution in Evaluation Settings

- Sources of conflicts in evaluations
- Conflict resolution models and tools
- Managing emotional intelligence in negotiation
- Mediation strategies for evaluators
- Case study: Resolving conflicts between donor and implementing agency

Module 5: Cultural Intelligence and Cross-Border Negotiations

- Understanding cultural dimensions in evaluation
- Adapting negotiation styles to cultural contexts
- Overcoming communication barriers
- Leveraging cultural intelligence for collaboration
- Case study: International evaluation negotiation in Africa

Module 6: Power Dynamics and Influence Strategies

- Identifying formal and informal power structures
- Influence tactics in evaluation contexts
- Balancing power asymmetries
- Ethical considerations in influence
- Case study: Power negotiation in a multi-country program

Module 7: Persuasion Techniques for Evaluators

- Principles of persuasion in professional settings
- Framing evaluation findings to different audiences
- Storytelling with data
- Addressing counterarguments effectively
- Case study: Using persuasion to secure program funding

Module 8: Negotiating Resource Allocation

- Budget negotiation principles

- Aligning resources with evaluation priorities
- Collaborative budgeting techniques
- Mitigating resource conflicts
- Case study: Resource negotiation in humanitarian programs

Module 9: Ethical Negotiation Practices

- Understanding ethics in negotiation
- Navigating sensitive information
- Transparency and accountability
- Case study: Ethical dilemmas in program evaluation

Module 10: Data-Driven Negotiation

- Using evaluation data as leverage
- Visualizing data for maximum impact
- Presenting evidence to support positions
- Case study: Data-driven advocacy for health policy

Module 11: Collaborative Problem Solving

- Facilitating multi-stakeholder discussions
- Consensus-building techniques
- Structured brainstorming for solutions
- Case study: Collaborative evaluation design in education

Module 12: Negotiation Simulations and Role-Playing

- Realistic negotiation scenarios
- Practice handling challenging stakeholders
- Feedback and reflection sessions
- Developing personal negotiation style
- Case study: Role-play with government and donor agencies

Module 13: Strategic Communication of Evaluation Findings

- Tailoring messages to different audiences
- Media and public communication strategies
- Timing and sequencing of communication
- Case study: Communicating evaluation results in the NGO sector

Module 14: Monitoring and Improving Negotiation Skills

- Self-assessment of negotiation competencies
- Continuous improvement strategies
- Peer feedback and mentorship
- Tools for tracking negotiation effectiveness
- Case study: Longitudinal improvement of evaluator negotiation skills

Module 15: Capstone Project and Case Analysis

- Integrating negotiation and diplomacy skills
- Conducting a full stakeholder negotiation simulation

- Presenting findings to a panel of experts
- Reflective learning and debrief
- Case study: Comprehensive negotiation in a multi-sector evaluation

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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