Non-State Actors in Governance Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

- **Analyze** the evolving landscape of global and local governance.
- **Identify** and categorize different types of non-state actors.
- **Evaluate** the influence and impact of NSAs on policy formulation.
- **Develop** effective advocacy and lobbying strategies.
- **Master** the principles of multi-stakeholder partnerships.
- **Navigate** complex legal and ethical frameworks for NSA engagement.
- **Design** and implement transparent and accountable governance initiatives.
- **Leverage** digital tools for civic engagement and social mobilization.
- **Assess** risks and opportunities in collaborating with diverse NSAs.
- **Champion** the role of civil society in promoting human rights and justice.
- **Apply** conflict resolution techniques in multi-stakeholder forums.
- **Contribute** to building resilient and inclusive governance systems.
- **Strengthen** organizational capacity for ethical governance practices.

Target Audience

1. **Civil Society Leaders** and staff from NGOs, CSOs, and community-based organizations.
2. **Public Sector Officials** involved in policy, international relations, and public administration.
3. **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** and sustainability managers from multinational corporations.
4. **Development Practitioners** from international aid agencies and development banks.
5. **Academics** and researchers focused on governance, political science, and international relations.
6. **Journalists** and media professionals covering governance and social issues.
7. **Legal Professionals** specializing in public interest law and international law.
8. **Advocates** and activists working on human rights and social justice.

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Governance & Non-State Actors

- **Understanding Governance:** Defining public, corporate, and global governance.
- **Typologies of NSAs:** Classifying NSAs (e.g., NGOs, corporations, media, research institutions).
- **Historical Context:** The evolution of NSAs and their increasing influence since the late 20th century.
- **Legal Frameworks:** Key international and national laws governing NSAs.

- **Case Study: The World Economic Forum (WEF)** ?Çô Analyzing the role of a private-public partnership in global policy dialogue.

Module 2: Strategic Engagement & Advocacy

- **Stakeholder Mapping:** Identifying and prioritizing key stakeholders for advocacy.
- **Policy Analysis:** Techniques for influencing policy at various levels of government.
- **Digital Advocacy:** Using social media and online platforms for mobilization and awareness campaigns.
- **Lobbying Ethics:** Best practices and ethical considerations in influencing political decisions.
- **Case Study: The Global Climate Change Movement** ?Çô Examining how NSAs influenced the Paris Agreement negotiations and subsequent implementation.

Module 3: Building Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships

- **Partnership Models:** Exploring effective collaboration between governments, businesses, and civil society.
- **Collaborative Governance:** Principles of joint decision-making and resource sharing.
- **Conflict Resolution:** Techniques for mediating disputes and fostering consensus among diverse partners.
- **Resource Mobilization:** Strategies for securing funding and in-kind support for collaborative projects.
- **Case Study: The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria** ?Çô A deep dive into a successful multi-stakeholder partnership for global health.

Module 4: Accountability, Transparency, and Anti-Corruption

- **Accountability Mechanisms:** Holding governments and corporations accountable for their actions.
- **Whistleblowing & Oversight:** The role of NSAs in exposing wrongdoing and promoting transparency.
- **Financial Integrity:** Combating money laundering and illicit financial flows.
- **Governance Audits:** Tools and techniques for assessing governance performance.
- **Case Study: Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index** ?Çô A look at how an NGO-led initiative has become a global benchmark for measuring corruption.

Module 5: The Role of NSAs in Human Rights & Social Justice

- **Rights-Based Approach:** Integrating human rights principles into governance advocacy.
- **Monitoring & Reporting:** The role of NSAs in documenting and reporting human rights abuses.
- **Access to Justice:** Supporting legal aid and advocating for judicial reform.
- **Empowerment of Marginalized Groups:** The role of NSAs in giving a voice to the voiceless.
- **Case Study: Amnesty International's Campaign for Human Rights** ?Çô Analyzing how a global NSA influences governments and public opinion on human rights issues.

Module 6: NSAs in Post-Conflict and Fragile States

- **Peacebuilding & Reconciliation:** NSAs as mediators and facilitators in conflict zones.
- **Service Delivery:** The critical role of NGOs in providing essential services where the state is absent.
- **Security Sector Reform:** Influencing and monitoring security forces to ensure accountability.
- **Transitional Justice:** Advocating for justice and accountability after mass atrocities.
- **Case Study: The International Crisis Group in the Balkans** ?Çô Examining the role of a research-oriented NSA in providing analysis to prevent and resolve deadly conflicts.

Module 7: Technology & Digital Governance

- **E-Governance:** The use of technology to improve public service delivery and citizen participation.
- **Digital Rights:** Advocating for privacy, freedom of expression, and access to information in the digital age.
- **Cybersecurity & Data Governance:** The role of tech companies and civil society in shaping digital policies.
- **AI and Governance:** Addressing the ethical challenges and opportunities of artificial intelligence.
- **Case Study: The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)** ?Çô A look at how a non-profit organization works to defend digital civil liberties.

Module 8: The Future of Governance

- **Emerging Trends:** The rise of new actors like social enterprises, philanthropies, and informal networks.
- **Global Challenges:** Tackling complex issues like climate change and pandemics through multi-actor collaboration.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** The role of NSAs in achieving the 2030 Agenda.
- **Innovation in Governance:** Exploring new models of public-private cooperation and civic engagement.
- **Case Study: The Gates Foundation's Global Health Initiatives** ?Çô An analysis of how a philanthropic NSA is shaping global health policy and outcomes.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Lectures:** Expert-led sessions with Q&A.
- **Group Discussions:** Peer-to-peer learning and exchange of experiences.
- **Case Studies:** In-depth analysis of real-world scenarios to apply theoretical concepts.
- **Role-Playing & Simulations:** Hands-on exercises to practice negotiation and advocacy skills.
- **Guest Speakers:** Insights from leading practitioners and policymakers.
- **Action Planning:** Developing personalized strategies for participants' organizations.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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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	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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