The Role of Cities in Global 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

1. To define and analyze the **evolving role of cities** in the international system.
2. To understand the theoretical foundations of **urban diplomacy** and **city-states**.
3. To explore the function and impact of **transnational municipal networks (TMNs)**.
4. To examine the role of cities in implementing **global agendas** such as the SDGs.
5. To identify key challenges and opportunities in **multi-level governance**.
6. To assess the influence of cities in **climate change policy** and **urban sustainability**.
7. To analyze the economic power of **global cities** and their impact on international finance.
8. To understand how cities address issues of **social equity** and **urban inequality** on a global scale.
9. To evaluate the effectiveness of **public-private partnerships** in urban development.
10. To develop strategies for building **urban resilience** against global shocks and crises.
11. To explore the role of technology and **smart city** initiatives in global governance.
12. To discuss the future of **urbanization** and its implications for global security.
13. To create actionable plans for strengthening the **governance capacity** of local governments.

Organizational Benefits

- Staff will gain a deeper understanding of **geopolitical shifts**, enabling the organization to anticipate and respond to emerging trends in urban and global affairs.
- The training will equip teams with the knowledge to formulate more effective, **locally-attuned policies** that align with global goals and address urban challenges.
- The course provides insights into engaging with diverse urban actors, from local governments to community-based organizations, fostering more effective **multi-stakeholder partnerships**.
- The organization will be better positioned to leverage the growing influence of cities, leading to more impactful **urban diplomacy** and collaboration on international projects.
- Employees will develop expertise in cutting-edge topics like **sustainable urban development** and **climate action**, enhancing their professional value and the organization's collective knowledge base.

Target Audience

1. International Relations Specialists.
2. NGO and Civil Society Leaders.

3. Academics and Researchers.
4. Corporate and Business Strategists.
5. Development Practitioners.
6. Journalists and Think Tank Analysts.
7. Community Organizers.

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Module 1: The New Urban Geopolitics

- The rise of cities as **non-state actors** in international affairs.
- Historical context: from city-states to global cities.
- The relationship between cities and nation-states in a **multi-polar world**.
- Challenges to state sovereignty and traditional diplomacy.
- The concept of **glocalization**: acting locally, thinking globally.
- **Case Study:** The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and its role in accelerating climate action independent of national governments.

Module 2: Urban Diplomacy and Transnational Networks

- Defining and practicing **urban diplomacy**.
- The structure and function of **transnational municipal networks (TMNs)**.
- The role of city mayors as global diplomats.
- Leveraging city-to-city cooperation for shared goals.
- Challenges and opportunities in network governance.
- ***Case Study:*** *The* ***Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy****, showcasing how thousands of cities and local governments commit to shared climate and energy goals.*

Module 3: Cities and Sustainable Development

- Aligning local actions with the **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- The concept of **Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)** and their significance.
- Addressing **urban inequality** and the housing crisis.
- Promoting **circular economies** and resource efficiency.
- Building **urban resilience** against climate shocks.
- **Case Study:** The City of **Bristol, UK**, and its approach to localizing the SDGs through a multi-stakeholder partnership model.

Module 4: Urban Governance and Technology

- The rise of **smart cities** and their governance implications.
- Utilizing **data-driven decision-making** for urban management.
- Navigating the ethical challenges of urban technology.
- The role of technology in fostering civic engagement and participation.
- Developing secure and equitable digital infrastructure.
- **Case Study: Singapore** as a pioneer in smart city technology and its data-driven approach to urban planning and public services.

Module 5: Urban Finance and Economic Power

- The economic influence of **global cities** on world markets.
- Attracting and managing **foreign direct investment (FDI)** at the city level.

- Developing innovative **urban finance mechanisms**.
- The role of **public-private partnerships (PPPs)** in financing infrastructure.
- Managing the economic and social fallout of global crises.
- ***Case Study:London's*** *role as a global financial hub and its strategies for maintaining economic dominance post-Brexit*

Module 6: Cities, Security, and Public Health

- The role of cities in global security, from **counter-terrorism** to **cybersecurity**.
- Managing public health crises at the local level.
- Addressing urban crime and enhancing public safety.
- The nexus of urban challenges, security, and migration.
- Building socially cohesive and safe urban environments.
- **Case Study:** The city of **New York's** response to the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting the role of municipal governance in global public health.

Module 7: Urban Advocacy and Policy Influence

- How cities influence **international policy-making** bodies.
- Advocacy strategies for local governments on the global stage.
- Building coalitions and alliances to amplify urban voices.
- The role of cities in shaping global trade and economic policy.
- Overcoming barriers to participation in global forums.
- ***Case Study:Barcelona's*** *advocacy on digital rights and surveillance, demonstrating a city's ability to challenge national and international policy frameworks.*

Module 8: The Future of Urban Governance

- Emerging trends in **urbanization** and their global implications.
- The role of cities in a future of **climate migration** and resource scarcity.
- Reimagining the city's place in the international system.
- Developing personal and organizational action plans.
- A closing discussion on the **new urban agenda**.
- ***Case Study:Rotterdam's*** *long-term strategy for climate adaptation and its innovative use of water management to build a resilient city of the future.*

Training Methodology

This course employs a dynamic, interactive, and participant-centered methodology. It combines a mix of theoretical lectures with practical application to ensure deep learning and skill development. The approach includes:

- Interactive Lectures: Concise presentations with integrated Q&A sessions.
- Case Study Analysis: In-depth, group-based analysis of real-world examples.
- Simulation Exercises: Role-playing and scenario-based activities to apply concepts.
- Expert Guest Speakers.
- Group Discussions: Facilitated peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Practical Worksheets and Tools: Hands-on exercises for developing strategic plans.

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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