

## Capacity Development Programme in Multilateral Diplomacy for Small and Developing Countries

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The Capacity Development Programme in Multilateral Diplomacy (CD Multi) aims to strengthen the capacity of small Pacific, Caribbean, and African states to participate more dynamically in multilateral diplomacy in general, and in Geneva-related activities in particular.

The programme combines the convenience of tutored online learning and research for geographically dispersed participants with the immediate benefits of face-to-face coaching and policy immersion in Geneva.

### Why is this programme needed?

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Small and remote states with limited geographical, human and financial resources face the challenge of doing more with less: they need to employ all available methods to increase their representation, including networks and alliances, and information technology tools.

The effective presence of such states in International Geneva is vital for their social and economic development, as Geneva is the main governance hub for issues such as trade, climate change, health, and migration.

Yet, diplomats representing small and remote states often lack the experience and exposure to Geneva-based institutions and processes that would allow them to ensure that the interests of their nations are well represented.

### Diplo and small and remote states

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Diplo is informally considered the 'diplomatic academy of small island states'. Due to physical remoteness, many small island states use Diplo's online programmes to supplement their own diplomatic training.

Diplo has a well-established online course on **Diplomacy of Small States** and a number of faculty members from small states. Diplo has an active network of alumni from small island states, particularly in the field of Internet governance.

Diplo was established by the governments of Malta and Switzerland in 2002. It has consultative status with the United Nations since 2006.

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### Programme structure

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For the Caribbean and African countries, the programme has three phases:

- A six-week interactive **online learning phase** focussed on topics governed by Geneva-based institutions of special relevance for small and developing states (trade, health, environment, human rights, digital policy and humanitarian assistance)
- A four-week **policy research phase**, where participants investigate and analyse topics of particular relevance for their own countries, under the guidance of research tutors
- A ten-day **policy immersion phase** in Geneva for the top 10 participants of the online course. The phase focuses on building skills for multilateral diplomacy and gaining deeper insight into the workings of Geneva-based institutions through visits to international organisations, meetings with officials, as well as training and workshop components.

For the Pacific islands, a travel fund to attend International Geneva meetings has been set-up for 2017.

### Apply now

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Please apply at <http://www.diplomacy.edu/capacity/CDmulti> for the CD Multi project (Caribbean and Africa). Applications are open until 10 October 2016.

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