

Strengthening Integration: the key role of multilateral diplomacy in the context of the post-2015 development agenda

Monday 29th June

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Course Objectives

Globalisation does not make multilateralism less relevant. On the contrary, with greater awareness of the common challenges of the SDGs, multilateralism is the institutional expression of the need to respond collectively and cooperatively to strengthen integration and create policies for sustainable development.

This course aims to provide greater breadth and depth of the key role and characteristics of multilateral diplomacy as it needs to be conducted within the context of the post-2015 development agenda with SDGs in its core. It will provide valuable insights from a variety of perspectives on how diplomacy is practiced, making use of practical examples from both developed and developing world contexts. A key message is of the importance of multilateral approaches that are inclusive, transparent and effective in addressing the global challenges of the SDGs.

It will provide particular examples of multilateral diplomacy as it has applied to a variety of regions: Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, Small Island Developing States, Africa, middle-income countries as well as particular regions, with insights into lessons learned for better implementation and best practice in multilateral diplomacy as applied to post 2015 and the SDGs.

Texts:

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Regarding Global Governance issues see: <http://www.diplomacydialogue.org/publications.html>

Regarding International trade & Development see: <http://www.csend.org/trade-policy-governance>

Regarding Stakeholder Monitoring and Training Evaluation see:

<http://www.adequate.org/application-related-articles>

Training Plan

10:00-10:15	Introduction & Programme Overview	RS
10:15-11:00	Context of post-2015 development agenda and SDGs and role of multilateral negotiations	Lecturette DOC
11:00-11:15	Break	
11:15-11:45	Integration challenges- inter-ministerial policy coordination and policy consultation with private sector and civil society Case examples of SDG development at national level (Switzerland)	Lecturette & Discussion RS
11:45-12:15	Integration mechanisms and governance structure of countries in the context of post-2015 development agenda and implementation of SDGs: Case examples of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS and their programmes of action	Presentation & Discussion IZ
12:15-12:45	Designing Coordination Office for Country X	Working in Groups RS, IZ
12:45-13:00	Summary & Closing	RS, IZ

Organizer

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Instructors

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Raymond Saner is Titular professor at Basle University (Economics Department, 1988-present) and teaches at Sciences Po, Paris (2005-) and has been a reviewer of research projects and partner of research consortia for the Swiss National Science Foundation and the International Institute of Administrative Sciences, Brussels. Raymond Saner is co-founder of CSEND, a Geneva based NGRDO (non-governmental research and development organization, 1993-present), partner of Organizational Consultants Ltd Hong Kong (consulting company, 1989-present) and expert working for international organizations such as WTO, the WB, UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), ILO, UNICEF, BIS, government agencies from Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, Spain, China, Brazil, the Netherlands and the EU Commission (DG Trade).

In regard to public affairs and public management, Raymond Saner has co-authored leading articles in the field of business diplomacy (Academy of Management Executive), international economic diplomacy (Diplomatic Studies, The Hague) and international negotiations (Books in German, French, English, Spanish, Portuguese). He teaches these subjects at diplomatic academies and as trainers for Ministries of Foreign Affairs in Europe, Asia and Latin America. He teaches and consults in English, French, German and Spanish. He lives in Geneva and Hong Kong and is frequently in China, USA and Latin America (Brazil and Bolivia) and Paris, France.

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Dr. David O'Connor is Chief of the Policy and Analysis Branch of the UN Division for Sustainable Development. His Branch analyzes emerging issues in, and innovative policy and finance for, sustainable development. It has also supported the Rio+20 Conference, the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals, the intergovernmental negotiations on the post 2015 development agenda and the preparation of the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR), among others. Before joining the UN, Mr. O'Connor worked for a decade and a half at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an intergovernmental think tank based in Paris, where his last position was as senior economist in the OECD Development Centre, which does research into policy challenges in developing countries. In addition to contributing to many professional journal articles and book chapters, he is author of a book on "Managing the Environment with Rapid Industrialization: Lessons from the East Asian Experience". David holds degrees from Yale and the University of Wisconsin and completed his doctorate at the University of London.

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