

Young Italian-African Diplomatic Fellowship Program

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Luiss School of Government of Luiss Guido Carli and The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) have established the second edition of the Young Italian - African Diplomatic Fellowship Program, a four-days intensive program based at Luiss Guido Carli University in Rome for 15 (fifteen) selected under-35-year-old diplomats of African countries currently posted at their Ministry of Foreign Affairs in their country.

By interacting with senior professionals, academics and Italian diplomats, selected participants will have the chance to participate to high-level, senior academic discussions on the current global challenges connected to the diplomacy and security challenge, to energy transition and climate change, such as:

- | Climate change diplomacy;
- | Financing of energy transition;
- | Technologies of energy transition;
- | Water Security.

Application and Selection Procedures

Luiss School of Government and UNITAR will jointly select 15 (fifteen) participants who comply with the following requirements:

- | Full-time member of the diplomatic staff currently posted at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in their own country;
- | Holder of at least an undergraduate degree by the time of the application;
- | Under the age of 35 years old by December 31st, 2025;
- | Knowledge of English with a minimum level of B2;
- | Strong professional motivation for attending this Young Italian-African Diplomatic Fellowship Program.

Applications must be forwarded using **this form** by **January 15th, 2025**.

Candidates are required to attached to the application:

- | Copy of Passport;
- | Detailed Professional Resume;
- | Full Academic Transcripts in English;
- | Professional Motivation Letter;
- | Letter of agreement by their Ministry of Foreign Affairs supporting the application and permission to attend this fellowship program;
- | Certification of knowledge of English (at least B2) where applicable.

Final admission will be formulated by assessing for each candidate his/her academic degree, professional curriculum vitae (CV), professional motivation letter, level of knowledge of English and an interview, should this be required. Candidates positively evaluated from the combined evaluation of the previous requirements will be invited for the motivation interview to be held remotely on the Cisco WebEx platform.

The final ranking of applications will be drawn up by the Management Committee of the Fellowship Program **by January 20th, 2025**. Winners will be informed using the e-mail contact indicated in the application. A reserve list of candidates will also be prepared. Within five days from the date of this communication, winners must send the Luiss School of Government their formal acceptance and any other requested documents. Failing to do so, the Management Committee will move to the first candidate of the reserve list.

Organizational Details

The Young Italian - African Diplomatic Fellowship Program is free of charge and will take place in Rome in presence (mandatory) on the following dates:

- | **Tuesday February 18th, 2025**
- | **Friday February 21st, 2025**

On behalf of selected participants, Luiss School of Government and UNITAR will cover the following expenses:

| Return non-changeable economy flight from their national main international airport to Rome according to the following dates:

- Arrival in Rome: Monday February 17th, 2025
- Departure from Rome: Saturday February 22nd, 2025

- | Airport transfers from and to Rome Airport;
- | Hotel accommodation in Rome for the length of the Fellowship Programme;
- | Lunches during the Fellowship Programme at Luiss Canteen;
- | Course networking dinner (where planned).

Luiss School of Government and UNITAR will not reimburse:

- | Daily Allowances;
- | Meals outside those indicated in the academic program;
- | Any other personal expenses.

Contact Information

For inquiries or additional information, please contact: gds@luiss.it