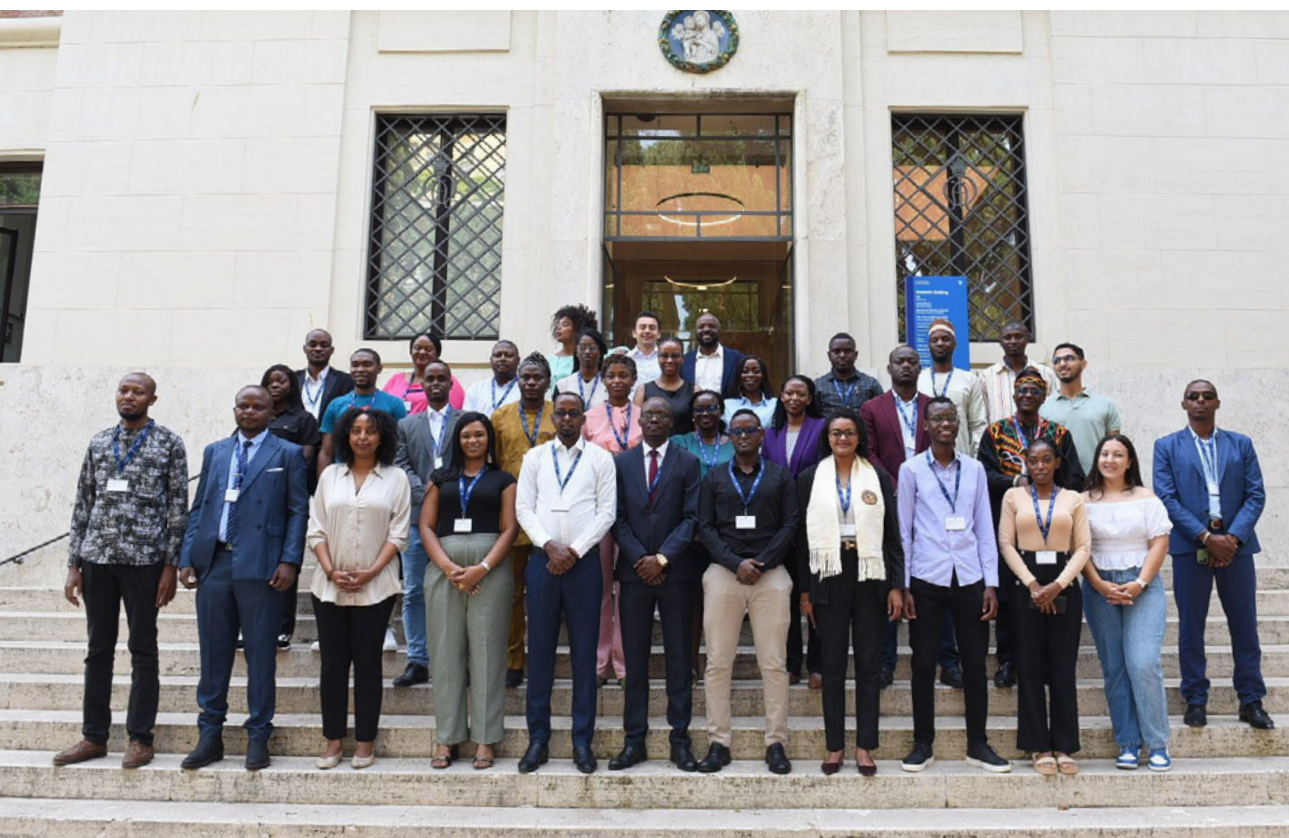


# Executive Master in Global Public Diplomacy and Sustainable Development



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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 fifth edition of the Executive Master in Global Public Diplomacy and Sustainable Development, a blended program targeted for 30 (thirty) selected under-40-year-old diplomats of African countries currently posted at their Ministry of Foreign Affairs in their country or detached at: African Union, ECOWAS, IGAD and SADC.

This unique program involves a combination of online courses, in-presence intensive module in Rome involving leading academics and experts, and a final project work. The Master is structured in the following three mandatory phases:

## PHASE 1: ONLINE MODULES

Managed by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), this phase involves the completion of the following online courses on multilateral diplomacy:

- Conference Diplomacy, and Drafting Resolutions
- Digital Diplomacy
- Protocol and Etiquette
- Economic Diplomacy
- Effective Writing
- International Diplomacy
- Negotiation Skills
- Public Diplomacy in a Multilateral World

## PHASE 2: INTENSIVE IN-PRESENCE MODULE

Selected diplomats will be attending a three-week intensive programme in Rome at Luiss Guido Carli focusing on the following topics (non-exhaustive):

- Global and European Security Challenges
- Artificial Intelligence
- Energy Policies and Management
- Euro, Italy and Africa: Current and Future Policy Developments
- European and Global Trade
- Food Safety
- Global and European Security Challenges
- Leadership and Negotiation
- Public Speaking
- Sport and Cultural Diplomacy

Institutional visits to national and international organizations will be organized while diplomats are in Rome.

Lastly, selected participants will complete a 5.000-word project work on a topic identified at the end of Phase 2.

## APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

Luiss School of Government and UNITAR will jointly select 30 (thirty) 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 or detached at: African Union, ECOWAS, IGAD and SADC;
- Holder of at least an undergraduate degree by the time of the application;
- Under the age of 40 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026;
- Knowledge of English with a minimum level of B2;

Applications must be forwarded using [this form](#) by January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Candidates are required to attach 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 the Executive Master;
- 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 Executive Master by March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026. 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 Executive Master in Global Public Diplomacy and Sustainable Development is free of charge and will take place on the following dates:

- Phase 1: Online modules:  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 – June 26<sup>th</sup> 2026 (TBC)
- Phase 2: Intensive in-presence module:  
July Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

On behalf of selected participants, Luiss School of Government and UNITAR will cover the following expenses related to the in-presence module in Rome:

- Return non-changeable economy flight from their national main international airport to Rome according to the following dates:
- Arrival in Rome: Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 2026
- Departure from Rome: Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2026
- Airport transfers from and to Rome Airport;
- Hotel accommodation in Rome for the length of the Executive Master;
- Lunches during the Executive Master 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

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