

Meet the Research, Training and Learning Entities of the United Nations System



The United Nations system includes several research, training and education entities with wide-ranging capabilities, expertise and mandates. All are uniquely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and focus on building a more sustainable world through investigation, analysis, learning and capacity building.

Year of Creation

1945



Creation of the **United Nations**.

1963



United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

UNRISD is an autonomous research institute within the United Nations system that undertakes interdisciplinary research and policy analysis on the social dimensions of contemporary development issues.

1964



United Nations Institute for Training and Research

UNITAR provides innovative learning solutions to individuals, organizations and institutions to enhance global decision-making and support country-level action for shaping a better future.

1968



International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization

ITCILO promotes decent work and social justice through capacity building to its constituents in different countries.

1975



United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

UNICRI is a research and training institute that works in both traditional and emerging areas of justice, crime prevention and the rule of law.

2002



United Nations System Staff College

UNSSC serves the personnel of the United Nations and partner organizations via interagency learning, training and knowledge management.

What We Do

	UNRISD	UNITAR	ITCILO	UNICRI	UNU	UNSSC
ADVICE Advisory services	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
CONSULTATION Evidence-based policy analysis and recommendations	✓	✓		✓	✓	
EDUCATION Degree programmes (PhD, LL.M. or MA)		✓	✓	✓	✓	
RESEARCH Research covering the SDGs	✓	✓		✓	✓	
TRAINING Non-degree programmes, capacity building	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Our Expertise

UNRISD Conducts interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research encompassing inequalities, eco-social contracts, social justice, low-carbon transitions, climate justice, social policy, care economy, alternative economies, intersectionality, gender, resilience, migration, social development and more.

UNITAR Provides training and capacity development in four pillars of critical importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Peace, People, Planet and Prosperity) with cross-cutting thematic areas in multilateral diplomacy, satellite analysis and applied research, and accelerating the 2030 Agenda.

ITCILO Offers a wide selection of training programmes covering labour-related topics ranging from sustainable development to international labour standards, and emphasizing innovative learning experiences including virtual reality and hands-on workshops.

UNICRI UNICRI's work contributes largely to Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through specialized, cutting-edge and action-oriented research, training and capacity building programmes in the areas of crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law.

UNU Conducts objective, policy-relevant research covering all 17 SDGs with a strategic focus on three themes: peace and security; social change and economic development; and environment, climate and energy. Offers a wide range of master's and doctoral degree programmes and non-degree courses.

UNSSC Offers learning programmes as well as knowledge and advisory services in sustainable development, peace and security, and leadership and management.

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