



Secretary-General António Guterres states, "UN 2.0 is about strengthening our expertise and culture – to build a United Nations system that can better support member states in the twenty-first century."

As a service to the system, UNSSC has designed five, freely available, self-paced, introductory e-learning modules, each focusing on a cutting-edge skill identified in the Quintet of Change - UN 2.0 Policy Brief (Innovation, Strategic Foresight, Behavioural Science, Data, Digital).

Introduction

Making UN 2.0 Real

According to the Policy Brief, UN 2.0 represents a modernized vision for the United Nations(UN), where cutting-edge skills and forward-thinking cultures empower UN entities to drive progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As UN Personnel, what does this mean for you? How can it make a difference in your everyday work? To support you the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) has developed a comprehensive learning path that focuses on the five critical skills that can contribute to making UN 2.0 real:

- Innovation
- Strategic Foresight
- Behavioural Science
- Data
- Digital

As a service to the UN System, UNSSC is making these self-paced e-learning modules freely available to all UN personnel.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of the learning path, participants will be able to:

- Define fundamental concepts of the Quintet of Change (Data, Innovation, Digital, Foresight, and Behavioral Science).
- Recognize UN 2.0 good practice across the UN System.
- Identify key frameworks utilized to design, develop, implement, and evaluate interventions relevant to each element of the Quintet of Change.

Course methodology

This learning path follows learner-centered design and scenario-based learning. It is a self-paced delivered entirely online.

The UN 2.0 Fundamentals E-Learning Path is based on micro-learning modules, videos from subject matter experts, storytelling and scenario-based learning. Course participants will be able to consolidate takeaways through reflective practices and interaction with other participants via discussion forums and other activities.

Each module is estimated to require approximately three to four hours of study and reflection time to be completed at your own pace.

Course contents

The modules

Strategic Foresight Fundamentals Module

The Strategic Foresight Fundamentals Module introduces UN personnel to a set of foundational approaches to strategic foresight, equipping them with skills, guiding principles, and tools to frame applications in the context of their organization. Addressing use cases, the module introduces various tools – tools for making sense of change, tools for imagining possible futures, and tools for taking action – showcasing application from across the UN System.

Behavioural Science Fundamentals Module

How might UN Personnel further identify behaviours that drive decision-making and influence positive change?

This self-paced introductory module features the UN Practitioner's Guide to Getting Started with Behavioral Science, various theoretical frameworks, case studies, and UN real-world applications, equipping UN Personnel with the necessary tools to begin their exploration of this critical field.

Data Science Module

This introductory module uses introductory tools, frameworks and case studies to guide UN personnel through the initial stages of their data journey, helping participants begin to understand how to leverage meaningful data insights to inform better decision-making and drive positive outcomes within their UN entity.

Digital Fundamentals Module

This module is designed to convene and enhance existing step-by-step processes utilized by UN entities in the framework of the digital transformation, highlighting best practices across the system. By doing so, we aim to make it easier for UN personnel to navigate the increasingly complex digital landscape.

The module focuses on the shared principles of the Digital Global Compact, explains various technologies, demonstrates how UN entities are utilizing them, and introduces UNDP's framework to help UN personnel get started with their own digital interventions.

Introduction to Innovation

At the UNSSC, we believe innovation is a skill that can be learned, that can be improved, and that is a critical aspect of making UN 2.0 a reality. In this module you will explore the definition of innovation within the UN context, identify various types of innovation, and reflecting on how to apply these concepts in your specific work environment.

This module provides a baseline for learning how innovation could apply to your unique reality.

Target audience

The UN 2.0 Fundamentals E-Learning Path is open to UN personnel, at all levels, who are curious to explore and make sense of the Quintet of Change.

Cost of participation

The UN 2.0 Fundamentals E-Learning Path is designed as a service to the System and is therefore being made **freely available for all UN Personnel**.