



## **Economic Diplomacy in the Changing Global Economic Relations – Rationalizing African Countries’ Role in and Approach to Economic Diplomacy**

The nature of economic diplomacy underwent major transformations epitomized by a shift away from centralized diplomacy that was traditionally channeled through the ministries of foreign affairs. The globalization of economic and social issues has necessitated this shift thus rendering economic diplomacy a field that transcends ministries of foreign affairs and their embassies. This course will look at rule-making processes that bolster social, cultural and political norms given that diplomacy now involves specialized sectors and line ministries. The scope of the role of representatives who act as diplomatic agents either by design or default will be considered and the resulting implications on the national or regional interests. Given that most African countries are yet to strategically embrace the changed landscape of diplomacy strategic areas key to empowering representatives from non-traditional sectors and key competences necessary for effective engagement in economic diplomacy space will be considered. Notably, the course will rationalize functions and mandates of ministries of foreign affairs in the context of economic diplomacy. It will further look into implications and remedies to uncoordinated approaches to international affairs, pursuit and adoption of conflicting policies and resulting opaque national economic, social and political interests. This course will assess the shifts necessitated by the rise of economic diplomacy and the emerging trends on African countries as well as strategic shifts globally including their implications on sovereignty of countries and cohesion of regional organisations.

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## Scope of Coverage

- **Principles of economic diplomacy:** e.g. Diplomacy and economic diplomats, Economic agents of foreign policy, Economic sanctions, Procedures and methods used in diplomacy, Scope of diplomatic obligations, Political prerequisites for the development of diplomacy, Network diplomacy, Hard, soft and smart power diplomacy
- **Modes of Diplomacy practice:** Bilateral Diplomacy, Plurilateral Diplomacy, Multilateral Diplomacy, Conference Diplomacy, Commission Diplomacy, Institutionalized Summitry
- **Case studies on economic diplomacy:** Economic diplomacy of traditional superpowers; Economic diplomacy of emerging powers; Managing economic interdependence and dependence of states in the context of economic diplomacy; Creating international rules and regulations through economic diplomacy; Power-based diplomacy and state centric actors; The constitutive relationship between diplomatic systems and an anarchistic system of sovereign states; Economic statecraft and the strategic use of positive and negative economic sanctions as tools to enforce cooperation; Develop an integrated or coordinated economic diplomacy.
- **Institutional framework for economic diplomacy:** Rationalization of cross-sectoral and sectoral domestic policies and their relevance to economic diplomacy; Assessment of the interface of sectoral and economic interests and domestic priorities with development objectives of states; Assessment of the roles played by relevant state and non-states actors in economic policy making

**Date:** 07 – 18 October 2019

**Venue:** Arusha, Tanzania

### How to enroll

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