

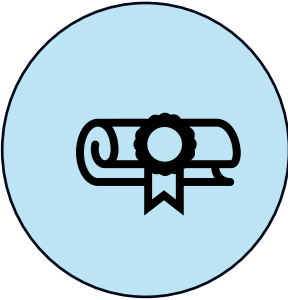
Using Master Classes UNU-MERIT 2026

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Master Class formats

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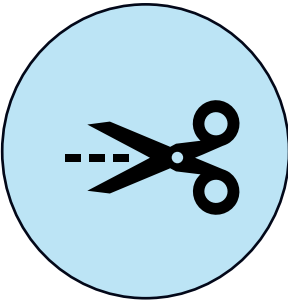
Advanced content
Short session for partners within a broader programme offering (e.g. within PhD workshop weeks)

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Diversity of perspectives
Compilation of expert information to highlight diversity of perspectives

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Tailor Made Sessions
Particular audience that requests a set of independent short classes



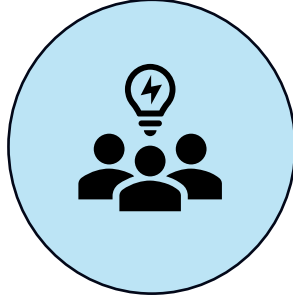
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Interest Creation
Inform on activities and short information sessions with aim to attract interest for larger courses



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Relationship building
Showcase diverse and related experience and seek space for collaboration.



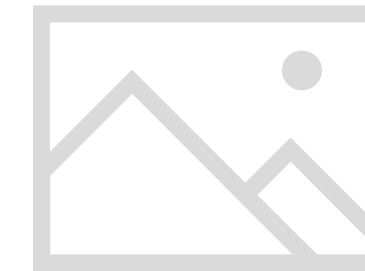
Advanced Content



- PhD Master Classes
- Within existing programme, we add master classes as short dynamic element (like seminars, classes, discussion sessions)
- Mode: On-site or online
- From existing audience, a selected group of interested participants join.
- Preparation of readings
- 3 hours, reading based content discussion – generally by one teacher.
- Only teacher presence. Coordination by that one teacher.
- Size 10-20 students
- Tuition embedded in programme fee

Diversity of Perspectives

- UNU Policy Research Translated to Action
- Set of organisations, each with experts on diverse topics.
- Selection of a theme, followed by selection of 3 experts. Experts present their research, followed by discussion. Bridges/logic between speakers. Closing with overarching discussion of the relevance for policy.
- Target group: policy professionals and researchers.
- Target size: 100-200
- Mode: Online
- Tuition: Small fee (25-50 euro)
- Certificate of participation
- Moderator, e-learning support and three experts.
- Coordination more work – story lines need alignment, time zone issues, registration of participants, website updates.



Tailor made Session

- UN Interagency Task Team (IATT WS6)
- Set number of activities (around Science Technology and Innovation Policy), grouped in online sessions of 2,5-3 hours.
- Open enrollment, no selection criteria.
- Target size audience around 300-500 people.
- Target group: Professionals
- Mode: Online
- Design: Speakers on Theory of 10 minutes, followed by discussion / Q&A. Case discussion of 10 minutes, followed by discussion. Interview of 10 minutes. Generally 2/3 cycles per masterclass.
- Support a lot: Moderator, 6-8 speakers, one chat manager and all experts respond to chat. Registration, sharing links, certificates sharing, response to emails.
- Certificate, no ECTS
- No tuition



Interest Creation



- Aim: Generate interest for courses (appetisers)
- No or low tuition. We prefer low tuition to ensure that participants care and will join.
- Target group: Professionals
- Mode: Online
- Certification: None / certificate of participation
- Group size: 20-50
- Setting: Lecture, case application and Q&A.
- One professor, one case informed staff and one moderator.

Relationship Building

Agenda

16:00 - 16:10	Welcome and MOU announcement Clemens Kool Interim Director, UNU-MERIT Brian Lander Deputy Regional Director - Regional Bureau Dakar, WFP
16:10 - 16:40	Illustration of research on food security Alex Hunns Researcher, UNU-MERIT Valerio Giuffrida PhD Fellow, UNU-MERIT and Statistician at WFP Pietro Tornese PhD Fellow, UNU MERIT and Economic Affairs Officer at UN Secretariat
16:40 - 17:00	WFP presentation of the data and research needs Aliou Badara Samake Regional Food Security & Nutrition Analyst WFP Regional Bureau for West Africa
17:00 - 17:10	MPP and PhD opportunities to work with WFP Lutz Krebs Thesis Coordinator, UNU-MERIT
17:10 - 17:20	UNU-MERIT and WFP LTA activities Franziska Gassmann Professor of Social Protection and Development
17:20 - 17:30	UNU-MERIT training options on data analysis Mindel van de Laar Head - Capacity Development Office, UNU-MERIT
17:30 - 18:00	Q&A



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**World Food
Programme**

- Targeted organisation or partner, with whom we will start a project or aim to start a relationship
- Aim to share information
- Overview of own materials (no external readings) to showcase our expertise combined with the partners expertise.
- If desired, also partner contributions of content.
- No fee, no certificates

Do's and Don't

Connectivity

- Global audience – zoom
- Complex settings (breakout rooms) fail due to time needed to get into groups, and loss of participants by groups
- Interactive software (mentimeter) takes time to become useful (1-2 starter questions)

Communication

- Participants do not read instruction nor listen. Have standard chat text ready.
- Open access, with no educational test and no certification OR selected audience with interest that will respond and certification.
- Email communication takes time.
- Value of certificates seems higher than value of training.

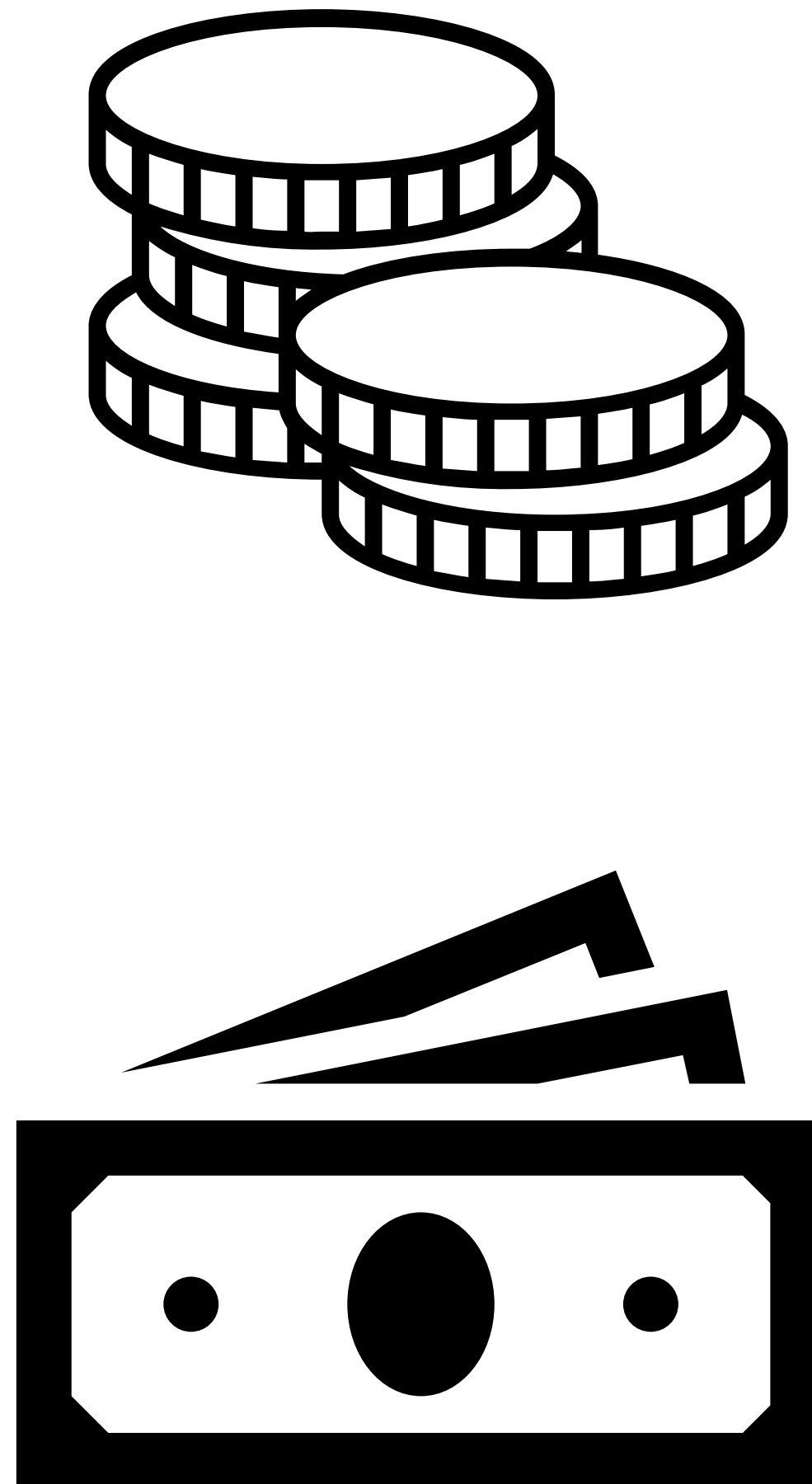
Content

- Smaller audiences will allow for discussion, larger audience for top-down teaching and mentimeter interaction
- Selected audiences will read in advance, larger groups won't
- Open access will have more diversity (hence some that struggle and some that find the material too easy)

Cost estimation

These sessions are expensive

- Academic leadership
- Coordination of online setting (website, platform, payment link)
- Teacher preparation
- Mentimeter/case examples
- Quiz creating / Grading time
- Coordination pre and post training
- Coordination, moderation and teaching during training
- Registration of certificates



Our 1 ITU Masterclass

3 lectures of 10 minutes – with per lecture 2 hours prep

2 Cases of 10 minutes – with per case 2 hours prep

Presences at the webinar for 4 people
- + 30 min before and 30 min after

Coordination meetings: 4 hours (two meetings of 30 minutes, with 4 people)

Coordinator time: 1 day (website, ITU communication, payment link, emails)

Tuition of 30 euro, incl. 5 euro admin (for the financial arrangement) and 25 educational coverage.

31 participants

Loss making event for us.