

GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY



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Introduction

Health has become a foreign policy issue, and negotiations over pandemics, medicines, and health data now happen in diplomatic rooms. The Global Health Diplomacy Training Course prepares professionals to work effectively at that intersection. Participants study global health governance, the WHO framework, international health regulations, and the negotiation of health agreements. Furthermore, the programme covers pandemic preparedness, access to medicines, health financing, and cross-border cooperation. Delivered by Gentex Training Center over five days, this programme suits health officials, diplomats, and international organisation staff. As a result, participants represent health interests credibly in international negotiations.

Global Health Diplomacy Course Objectives

- Explain global health diplomacy and its place in foreign policy.
- Describe the World Health Organization's structure, mandate, and governance.
- Apply the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) to outbreak reporting and response.
- Analyse the political, economic, and security dimensions of health negotiations.
- Navigate multilateral health negotiations and consensus-building processes.
- Apply the Pandemic Agreement and access-and-benefits-sharing frameworks in policy discussion.
- Analyse intellectual property and TRIPS flexibilities in access to medicines.
- Build health financing cases using development assistance and domestic financing models.
- Conduct stakeholder mapping across states, agencies, donors, and civil society.
- Draft policy briefs, position papers, and negotiation talking points.

Course Methodology

- Expert-led sessions grounded in global health law and diplomatic practice.

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- Negotiation simulations on health agreements and resolutions.
- Case studies from pandemic response, vaccine equity, and health emergencies.
- Policy drafting workshops for briefs, position papers, and statements.
- Stakeholder mapping exercises across multilateral and national actors.
- Structured debriefs linking diplomatic choices to health outcomes.

Who Should Take This Course

- Health ministry officials and public health professionals.
- Diplomats, foreign service officers, and permanent mission staff.
- Staff of WHO, UN agencies, and international health organisations.
- NGO and humanitarian health programme managers.
- Global health researchers, academics, and policy analysts.
- Pharmaceutical and health industry regulatory affairs staff.
- Officials managing cross-border health cooperation.

Global Health Diplomacy Course Outlines

Day 1: Foundations of Global Health Diplomacy

- Defining global health diplomacy and health as foreign policy.
- The World Health Organization: structure, mandate, and governance.
- The World Health Assembly and regional committees.
- Key actors: states, UN agencies, donors, philanthropy, and civil society.
- Health security, equity, and human rights dimensions.
- The political economy of global health.
- Self-assessment: current global health knowledge and gaps.





Day 2: International Health Law and Regulation

- The International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) explained.
- Notification, verification, and emergency committee procedures.
- Public health emergencies of international concern (PHEIC).
- The Pandemic Agreement and pandemic preparedness frameworks.
- Access and benefit-sharing: PIP Framework and pathogen sharing.
- Health and trade: TRIPS flexibilities and compulsory licensing.
- Case analysis: IHR compliance during a health emergency.

Day 3: Negotiation in Multilateral Health Settings

- Multilateral negotiation dynamics and bloc formation.
- Interests, positions, and coalitions in health negotiations.
- Consensus building and drafting resolution language.
- Interest-based bargaining and BATNA analysis in health talks.
- Managing deadlock, delay, and procedural tactics.
- Role of chairpersons, secretariats, and rapporteurs.
- Simulation: negotiating a health resolution.

Day 4: Health Financing, Equity, and Access

- Global health financing architecture and development assistance.
- Domestic financing, universal health coverage, and sustainability.
- Vaccine equity, procurement, and distribution mechanisms.
- The role of Gavi, the Global Fund, and multilateral banks.
- Health technology assessment and pricing dialogue.

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- Data sharing, surveillance, and digital health governance.
- Workshop: building a financing and access case.

Day 5: Strategy, Communication, and Action Planning

- Stakeholder mapping across states, agencies, and civil society.
- Drafting policy briefs, position papers, and talking points.
- Communicating health evidence to diplomatic audiences.
- Managing media and public perception during health emergencies.
- Health diplomacy ethics, sovereignty, and accountability.
- Building a 90-day personal health diplomacy action plan.
- Final simulations, peer review, and course consolidation.

Conclusion

By successfully completing the Global Health Diplomacy Training Course, participants will have acquired practical knowledge of global health governance, the International Health Regulations, pandemic preparedness frameworks, multilateral negotiation practice, health financing and access issues, and health policy communication. In addition, they will represent health interests effectively in international forums. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme through negotiation simulations and policy drafting workshops, so participants apply their new knowledge immediately.

FAQs





Q1 What is the "Global Health Diplomacy" course about?

The course examines how health issues are negotiated internationally. It covers global health governance, the WHO framework, the International Health Regulations, pandemic preparedness, access to medicines, health financing, and multilateral negotiation practice.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Global Health Diplomacy" course?

Participants negotiate health agreements more effectively and protect national health interests in multilateral forums. Furthermore, they understand the legal and political frameworks governing outbreak response, and they build stronger cases for financing and access. As a result, health outcomes improve through better international cooperation.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Global Health Diplomacy" course?

Participants gain global health governance and policy analysis, international health law and regulation application, multilateral negotiation and coalition building, and health financing and access advocacy. These four skills combine to support effective health representation abroad.



Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Global Health Diplomacy" course?

The programme covers the WHO Constitution and governance structures, the International Health Regulations 2005, the PHEIC mechanism, the Pandemic Agreement and PIP Framework, TRIPS flexibilities and compulsory licensing, universal health coverage principles, interest-based negotiation and BATNA analysis, stakeholder mapping, and policy brief and position paper drafting formats.

Q5 How is the "Global Health Diplomacy" course applied in real-world practice?

Professionals apply it when preparing for World Health Assembly sessions, responding to a disease outbreak across borders, negotiating access to medicines, coordinating donor financing, drafting national health positions, and managing international health partnerships. In addition, they use it to brief ministers before bilateral health talks.