

Public Diplomacy and Nation Branding Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. **Define** and **differentiate** between public diplomacy, nation branding, and soft power.
2. **Analyze** the **geopolitical landscape** and its impact on international relations.
3. **Develop** and **implement** a public diplomacy **strategic roadmap**.
4. **Master** the principles of **crisis communication** and **reputation management**.
5. **Utilize digital diplomacy** and **social media** for global engagement.
6. **Assess** the role of **cultural diplomacy** and **exchanges** in fostering goodwill.
7. **Craft** compelling **national narratives** and storytelling techniques.
8. **Understand** the measurement and **evaluation** of public diplomacy initiatives.
9. **Counter disinformation** and **misinformation** campaigns effectively.
10. **Build** strong **public-private partnerships** for nation branding.
11. **Leverage sports, gastronomy, and creative industries** as soft power tools.
12. **Explore** the dynamics of **citizen diplomacy** and diaspora engagement.
13. **Apply ethical principles** to public diplomacy practices.

Organizational Benefits

- Build a positive and trusted national or organizational brand on the international stage.
- Equip staff with the skills to influence foreign policy, attract foreign direct investment, and promote tourism.
- Prepare your team to manage and mitigate reputational risks and crises in a fast-paced media environment.
- Cultivate and project a nation's or organization's cultural, economic, and political assets to achieve strategic goals.
- Gain a competitive edge in attracting international talent, investment, and partnerships.
- Develop a team of professionals proficient in modern diplomatic practices, strategic communication, and digital engagement.

Target Audience

- Diplomats and Foreign Service Officers
- Government Officials and Public Affairs Professionals
- Communications and PR Managers in international organizations

- NGO and Civil Society Leaders
- Academics and Researchers in international relations
- Corporate Affairs and CSR Executives
- Tourism and Trade Promotion Specialists
- Students and aspiring professionals in diplomacy

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Module 1: Foundations of Public Diplomacy & Nation Branding

- Public Diplomacy: Theory, history, and modern practice.
- Nation Branding: Core concepts, frameworks, and the role of identity vs. image.
- Soft Power: Understanding its sources, including culture, political values, and foreign policy.
- Differentiating from propaganda and commercial branding.
- **Case Study:** The rise of South Korea's "K-Pop Diplomacy" and its impact on the nation's global perception.

Module 2: Strategic Communication & Narrative Building

- Audience Analysis: Identifying and engaging with diverse foreign publics.
- Message Crafting: Developing a compelling, authentic national narrative.
- Strategic Storytelling: Using media and digital platforms to amplify your message.
- Interagency Coordination: Aligning communication efforts across government and non-state actors.
- **Case Study:** The "Belt and Road Initiative" as a strategic communication and nation-building narrative by China.

Module 3: Digital Diplomacy & Social Media

- Digital Tools: Using social media, blogs, and online platforms for diplomatic outreach.
- Managing Disinformation: Identifying and countering foreign influence campaigns.
- Online Engagement: Fostering dialogue and building digital communities.
- Data Analytics: Measuring the reach and impact of digital diplomacy campaigns.
- **Case Study:** The use of social media by the Ukrainian government during the 2022 invasion to galvanize international support and counter Russian narratives.

Module 4: Cultural & Citizen Diplomacy

- Cultural Exchange: Organizing cultural festivals, art exhibitions, and educational programs.
- Citizen Diplomacy: Empowering citizens and diaspora communities as diplomatic assets.
- Diaspora Engagement: The role of expatriate communities in shaping national identity abroad.
- Sports & Gastro-Diplomacy: Leveraging events and food as tools for public influence.
- **Case Study: Gastro-diplomacy** in Thailand and Peru, and how national cuisines were used to promote their respective countries.

Module 5: Crisis Communication & Reputation Management

- Crisis Preparedness: Developing a rapid response plan for reputational threats.
- Media Relations: Managing international media during a crisis.
- Reputation Recovery: Strategies for rebuilding a country's image after a negative event.
- Simulations: Practical exercises in managing a hypothetical international crisis.
- **Case Study:** Japan's post-Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster communication strategy and efforts to rebuild trust.

Module 6: Public-Private Partnerships & Economic Diplomacy

- Foreign Direct Investment: Attracting international investment through effective branding.
- Tourism Promotion: Marketing a country's unique cultural and natural attractions.
- Trade Missions: Using public diplomacy to support trade negotiations and market access.
- Collaborations: Partnering with multinational corporations and business leaders.
- **Case Study:** The "Cool Britannia" campaign and its role in re-energizing the British economy and creative industries in the 1990s.

Module 7: Evaluation & Measurement

- Defining Success: Establishing clear, measurable objectives for public diplomacy.
- Metrics & KPIs: Using quantitative and qualitative data to assess campaign effectiveness.
- Public Opinion Surveys: Conducting surveys to gauge foreign public perceptions.
- Benchmarking: Comparing a country's brand with its competitors.
- **Case Study:** The Anholt-Ipsos Nation Brands Index and its application in evaluating and improving a nation's brand image.

Module 8: The Future of Public Diplomacy

- New Technologies: The impact of AI, virtual reality, and the metaverse on diplomatic practice.
- Ethical Challenges: Addressing issues of transparency, manipulation, and digital divides.
- Geopolitical Shifts: Adapting public diplomacy strategies to a multipolar world.
- Sustainability: The role of public diplomacy in addressing global challenges like climate change and public health.
- **Case Study:** Sweden's shift from a traditional nation brand to a "Good Country" brand focused on global responsibility.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to FINESKILL TRAINING CENTER account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
19 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
26 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500

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