



EXECUTIVE MASTER

# DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES

ACCESS THE PROGRAMME VIA REGIONAL HUBS IN AFRICA, CENTRAL ASIA, LATIN AMERICA AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA

- Designed for working professionals worldwide (multilingual)
- Curriculum co-designed by the Institute and regional partners, tailored for regional practice
- Includes hands-on experience – participants choose a professional thesis topic relevant to their work and organisation's needs
- Intra-regional interaction and collaboration expand participants' professional networks
- Incorporates guest speakers and site visits providing international exposure to public administrations, non-governmental and international organisations

**Dates:** July – February, annually  
**Required contribution:** CHF 2000 – CHF 3000  
Financial aid available, see website for qualifying regions  
**Applications:** from mid-September each year  
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This programme contributes to building capacity for sustainable and effective development activities. The curriculum has two key objectives: to strengthen the analytical and leadership skills of participants, and to enhance their organisations' effectiveness through a job-related professional thesis.

## AUDIENCE

Professionals who currently hold or aspire to key positions in development and national / international cooperation roles in public or private-sector organisations, NGOs or civil society associations. A university degree and several years of professional experience are required.

## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The programme is delivered with the support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the Canton of Geneva and other institutions, with partners in:

- **Bamako:** Institut Supérieur de Technologies Appliquées, TechnoLAB (ISTA)
  - **Accra:** University of Ghana Business School (UGBS)
  - **Hanoi:** Asian Institute of Technology in Vietnam (AIT-VN)
  - **Lima:** Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo (desco)
  - **Almaty:** KIMEP University
- And in collaboration with:
- Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (IDEHPUCP), Lima
  - United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
  - Ministry of Finance of Afghanistan

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

MODULE 1 (full-time)

**5 weeks in one of the regional hubs hosted by a partner institution**

- Regional analysis of public policies and local/international actors
- Acquisition of analytical and methodological skills
- Acquisition of appropriate management tools

MODULE 2 (part-time)

**4 months at participants' place of work**

- Professional thesis (topic relevant to participant's work and organisation's needs)
- Gender e-learning

MODULE 3 (full-time)

**3 weeks in Geneva gathering all participants**

- Strengthening communication, negotiation, mediation and decision-making skills
- Delivery of professional theses results and interaction with thematic groups, professors and practitioners
- Analysis of the policies and practices of Geneva-based organisations and public administrations

## DEGREE

Successful graduates will receive an Executive Master in Development Policies and Practices from the Graduate Institute (30 ECTS).

## THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE, GENEVA: A WELL-ESTABLISHED REPUTATION

**The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies** is an acclaimed institution of research and post-graduate education dedicated to the study of world affairs, with a particular emphasis on the cross-cutting fields of international relations and development issues. The Institute is longstanding member of the prestigious Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA). Through our core activities, we aim to promote international cooperation and make a contribution to the progress of developing societies. More broadly, we endeavour to develop creative thinking on the major challenges of our time, foster global responsibility and advance respect for diversity.

**Executive Education** incorporates the Institute's thematic research on important global issues in its programmes for working professionals, and provides a multi-stakeholder platform for forward-looking analysis and professional development.

## A WORLD-CLASS LOCATION

**Geneva** is home to many of the world's prominent international organisations, hundreds of non-governmental organisations as well as numerous headquarters of leading multinational companies, making it an ideal place to study, teach and research global issues. **Villa Barton**, the Institute's primary Executive Education centre, is located in the United Nations district of the city, in a scenic park on the shores of Lake Geneva, next to the World Trade Organization.

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