



EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE & DIPLOMA

Development Policies and Practices

Rethink development policies and translate them into effective practices

Global development challenges, amplified by climate change and the conflict in Ukraine, have never been so high, calling into question the achievement of the development goals set out in the 2030 Agenda.

This programme explores some of the most pressing development issues and gives you the skills to elaborate innovative solutions. By immersing yourself in one of our six regional hubs, you will be better able to link local realities to the global context.

Key outcomes

The Development Policies and Practices programmes will enable you to:

- Learn about key concepts, actors, policies and debates to better link your local realities to the global context
- Acquire strategic management tools to improve your projects and/or formulate new strategies, from a long-term perspective
- Sharpen your professional skills and critical thinking to elaborate innovative solutions and become more agile in decision-making
- Conduct a professional thesis to deepen your expertise and recommend concrete and effective changes in your working environment
- Strengthen your leadership and communication skills to gain influence and better interact with different types of stakeholders
- Expand your professional network to develop synergies and exchange best practices on topics of common interest

INFORMATION

FEE	CAS: CHF 8'500 DAS: CHF 3'500 for priority countries CHF 12'500-25'000 for other countries (based on HDI)
DATES	See exact dates on the website
FORMAT	Module 1: in Accra, Bangkok, Bishkek, Doha, Lima, or Ouagadougou & online Module 2: at workplace Module 3: in Geneva

DEGREES AWARDED

- **Certificate of Advanced Studies in Development Policies and Practices (15 ECTS)**
- **Diploma of Advanced Studies in Development Policies and Practices (30 ECTS)**

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Professionals who hold or aspire to hold leadership positions in governments, international organisations, NGOs and the broader civil society space
- Professionals from the private sector seeking to gain knowledge and experience in the field of development



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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Module 1 | full-time | CAS & DAS

3 weeks in one of our regional hubs and 2 weeks online

- Get critical perspectives on key problematics related to global development challenges
- Analyse region-specific issues and interactions between policies, practices and stakeholders
- Rethink projects using strategic management tools, with a long-term perspective
- Acquire methodological skills to carry out a professional thesis

Module 2 | part-time | DAS

4 months at your workplace with e-learning

- Conduct data collection and analysis for your professional thesis
- Write your professional thesis (on a thematic relevant to your work)
- Attend elective e-learning courses on different topics, including on gender

Module 3 | full-time | DAS

2.5 weeks in international Geneva

- Strengthen your leadership and communication skills
- Present the findings of your professional thesis to your peers
- Participate in work sessions with public administrations, international organisations and NGOs



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Dr. Alexandre Dormeier Freire is a sociologist of education, senior lecturer and holds the position of Director of the Executive Programmes in Development Policies and Practices (DPP), and Conflict and Fragility Management (DPP-CFM). He is a faculty associate of the Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP). He has extensive professional experience in managing research projects and executive training programmes in the Global South.

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