

Circular

The UNU-MERIT (The United Nations University-Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology) and Maastricht University are going to launch a new call for applicants for Scholarships to participate in the 'Moving the Migration Policy Agenda Forward (MMPAF)' to be held in online.

Programme Details:

The MMPAF is capacity building programme funded by the European Union (EU), with the course duration of one-week. The full time online courses will take place in the Fall 2024, with an estimated 40 learning hours per week. Each online course can be followed independently, and applicants can decide to apply for one or more courses as per the following schedule:

- 16-20 September : **Diaspora Engagement**, with Prof. Melissa Siegel
- 14-18 October : **Migration and Development**, with Prof. Khalid Koser
- 11-15 November : **Irregular Migration**, with Lalaine Siruno
- 25-29 November : **Policy Coherence in Migration**, with Prof. Ronald Skeldon

Application Criteria:

Applications for scholarships are welcomed via our online application portal from civil servants and policy practitioners who are working in migration management in the countries from the MP and CAMM countries, EU Neighborhood, Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans, Africa and South Asia.

Eligibility:

Eligible applicants for scholarships and participation in the MMPAF programme must fulfill the following criteria:

- Be fluent in spoken and written English.
- Hold a minimum Bachelor's university degree.
- Be sufficiently confident in computer skills to follow an education programme online.
- Work as government officials in the field of migration and/or asylum in one of the eligible countries indicated above.
- Have full and written support from their employers stating that the applicant will not be expected to carry out their work duties for the duration of the MMPAF.


02. The deadline for online application is **15th June 2024 at 23:59 hrs (CEST)** via the online application portal (<https://unu-merit.nl/application/mmpaf/form.php>). For further information, the interested applicants may visit the website at <https://www.merit.unu.edu/training/capacity-development/moving-the-migration-policy-agenda-forward-mmpaf-programme/>. **Of note, applications via email will NOT be accepted.**

03. Interested officers of the Ministry, both at the headquarters and Bangladesh Missions abroad, may send a Letter of Interest to the following email by **5th June 2024**:

as.randt@mofa.gov.bd

Finally selected participants will get permission to work from home during the training period.

Enclosures: A copy of the Course description – 2 (two) pages.

 02.06.24
(Marjan Begum)
Senior Assistant Secretary (R&T)

Distribution (Not in order of seniority):

1. Officer (All), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka.
2. Bangladesh Missions abroad (All) (except Honorary Consulate).
3. Assistant Secretary (ICT), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka (with a request to upload at the Ministry's website and to disseminate the circular among the eligible candidates by email).
4. Office copy.

Moving the Migration Policy Agenda Forward (MMPAF) programme

To Whom It May Concern,

We are pleased to announce that UNU-MERIT and Maastricht University are launching a new **call for applicants for scholarships** to participate in the **Moving the Migration Policy Agenda Forward (MMPAF) programme**.

The MMPAF is a capacity building programme **funded by the European Union (EU)** through the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF) of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). The programme is **addressed to civil servants and migration practitioners who are working in migration management in the countries of the EU Neighbourhood, Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans, Africa and South Asia**.

A call for scholarship applications is now open for the **Fall 2024 courses which will take place fully online**. For more details, please see the announcement below and a link to the online application portal of the University.

We would appreciate if you could forward this information to any potentially interested professionals that are qualified for the scholarship.

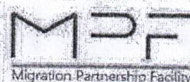
About the Programme:

The MMPAF courses are **one-week, full time online courses which take place in the Fall 2024, with an estimated 40 learning hours per week**. These courses are intensive programme specifically designed for migration government professionals and policy practitioners who are best positioned within their national governance systems to support dialogue between the EU and partner countries. The courses have a focus on theoretical knowledge with interactive sessions. These courses are designed for senior practitioners whose workload does not allow them to take prolonged leave for a programme (such as our MMDP programme). Thus, each of the MMPAF courses lasts one week (full time). Each online course can be followed independently, and applicants can decide to apply for one or more courses.

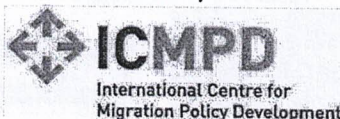
The MMPAF assures high-quality specialised knowledge and enhances the capacities of government officials in the field through the following four courses:

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Applications for scholarships are welcomed via our online application portal from **civil servants and policy practitioners who are working in migration management in the countries from the MP and CAMM countries, EU Neighbourhood, Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans, Africa and South Asia.**

The final deadline for application is **15th June 2024 at 23:59 hrs (CEST) via the online application portal.** Applications submitted after this date will **NOT** be considered.

Eligible applicants for scholarships and participation in the MMPAF programme must fulfil the following criteria:

- Be fluent in spoken and written English
- Hold a minimum Bachelor's university degree
- Be sufficiently confident in computer skills to follow an education programme online
- Work as government officials in the field of migration and/or asylum in one of the eligible countries indicated above
- Have full and written support from their employers stating that the applicant will not be expected to carry out their work duties for the duration of the MMPAF.

To apply, please provide your details and all supporting documents required via our online application portal below:

<https://unu-merit.nl/application/mmpaf/form.php>

Applications via email will not be accepted.

The application form gives the option to apply for one or more courses. If you decide to apply for more than one course, you will be asked to provide preference for one course.

For further information, please refer to our website:

<https://www.merit.unu.edu/training/capacity-development/moving-the-migration-policy-agenda-forward-mmpaf-programme/>

We invite you to forward this invitation to any potential interested candidates for the MMPAF courses.

If you have further questions on the application procedure or any other general questions related to the programme, please email the Capacity Development Office of UNU-MERIT: cdo@merit.unu.edu

Best regards,
The MMPAF Admissions Team

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