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UNU Hub
Remote-Sensing & Sustainable
Innovations for Resilient Urban
Systems (R-SIRUS)

About the Workshop

The United Nations University Hub R-SIRUS, Remote Sensing and Sustainable Innovations for Resilient Urban Systems, is pleased to announce the launch of its Professional Development Workshop in Digital Earth and Artificial Intelligence for Sustainability.

This unique workshop offers participants an opportunity to develop cutting-edge skills at the intersection of remote sensing, geospatial technologies, artificial intelligence, and sustainable development. It is designed for professionals, researchers, and policymakers looking to harness digital innovation for global sustainability challenges.

This five-day micro-credential workshop provides hands-on training in Earth remote sensing and artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML) for forecasting and policy support. Participants will gain experience working with satellite data, applying machine learning techniques, and building reproducible workflows using Python and open science datasets. The program culminates in a capstone project designed to deliver real-world impact

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United Nations University Hub R-SIRUS

Professional Development Workshop in Digital Earth and Artificial Intelligence for Sustainability

January 12-16, 2026

9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST
The City College of New York

Certificate awarded at completion



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Who Should Apply?

Professionals and advanced students from:

- Government agencies and NGOs
- Research institutions and universities
- International organizations
- Private sector engaged in environmental tech or AI

Learning Outcomes

- Learn core Earth Remote Sensing (RS) systems
- Apply AI/ML to forecasting & real-world decision support
- Gain familiarity with diverse Earth Observation (EO) datasets
- Panel forums for engaged discussions
- Networking with global experts

Workshop Structure



Lecture Format - Day 1-2

EO Systems, Remote Sensing Theory, Products/Applications:

- Temperature, Water Vapor, Clouds, Aerosols, Vegetation
- Ocean Color, Surface Temperatures, Snow/Ice, Ozone
- Precipitation, Flooding, Nowcasting Imagery, Wildfires
- Situational Awareness, Decision Support, Risk Analysis, Disaster Management



Hands On (AI/ML) - Day 3-5

AI/ML for Geoscience, Environmental Data Science, Forecasting

- Coding labs & Model validation + reproducibility best practices

Open Science Platforms

- Building shareable workflows & research with open datasets

Applications in disaster risk reduction

- Flooding and urban heat

Registration Fees

Early Access before Dec. 1, 2025	In-person \$400	Online \$250
General Access before Jan. 1, 2026	In-person \$500	Online \$350
Onsite Start Day	In-person \$600	Online \$400



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