



GENDERING HUMAN SECURITY, PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION COURSE

Language of facilitation: English

Dates: 7th to 11th May 2018

Venue: Nairobi, Kenya

Charges: US\$1300

(The amount covers tuition, full board accommodation at the training centre, a certificate of participation and airport pickups & drop offs or \$800 for those with alternative accommodation)

Target number of participants:10-15

Target Groups:

Practitioners from around the continent engaged in engendering peacebuilding processes, gender mainstreaming and the prevention of sexual violence against women in situations of conflict and those interested in understanding how UNSCR 1325 and CEDAW relates to their work.

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Introduction

The purpose of the training will be to develop an understanding of gender and violence prevention in post-conflict transitions and how to integrate women in the peacebuilding processes. The participants will explore the various International Human Rights Instruments that support gendering human security, conflict transformation and peacebuilding. The meaning and impact of violence as experienced by women in various conflict contexts will be discussed and conflict transformation activities identified and planned to reduce the impact of all forms of violence against women in the participants' contexts. As an addition, there will also be a session on how to integrate human security into participants projects as a strategy towards achieving reduced cases of gender based violence and increase cases of women in peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

The Course Content

1. **Understanding violence against women:** Violence is one way of dealing with conflicts (Galtung (1990, 1996) and is represented in three separate types distinguished as physical, structural or cultural. Among the issues to be looked at the training will be the escalation of violence against women in situations of violent conflicts and representing tragic development in which women are targeted in all forms of Gender Based Violence (GBV).
2. **Linking Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Human Security and Peacebuilding:**Current international standards addressing GBV in conflict and post conflict areas draw upon a wide array of provisions contained in a variety of human rights instruments that safeguard women and girls. The course will help participants identify relevant provisions in selected CEDAW articles which they can advance towards the prevention of sexual violence against women in situations of conflict.
3. **Gendering Conflict transformation around UNSCRs:** In reference to grassroots based cases studies benefiting indirectly and directly from the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008), the participants will look at what these resolutions are, their various provisions, relation to women in conflict areas, and how to incorporate them in ongoing peacebuilding and reconstruction work with the participants contexts.

4. **Human security paradigm and its relevance to women violence prevention:** Human security paradigm perceives the ordinary citizen including women as a purpose and not as a means to security. The training will identify and emphasize the considerations for human security as integrated approach to conflict transformation and peacebuilding.
5. **Gender Mainstreaming in peacebuilding:** Women continue to be underrepresented in peacebuilding processes, be it in conflict prevention, management or post conflict reconstruction, yet research shows that where women engage in the above, violence often declines and it becomes easier to build more sustainable peace. The session will explore the various strategies that programmes/organizations can put in place to ensure effective participation and contribution of women in the processes.

Expected Outcome

Application to Participants Contexts:The course will enable the participants to analyze their contexts, envision sustainable peace and draw plans for their conflict transformation and peacebuilding framework.

Trainers

Dr. George Kut

Dr. George Kut has a PhD in International Studies and Social Sciences at Coventry University, U.K and is also a holder of an MA degree in Peace and Reconciliation Studies. His experience in training in multicultural contexts for over 20 years spans across Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa. He has developed a number of courses and training materials on peacebuilding for civil society organizations, local community groups and UN agencies. He has also developed several training modules on the application of CEDAW and UNSCRs 1325 in peacebuilding, gender based violence prevention, conflict transformation and human security work.

In addition, he has designed and facilitated processes for conflict early warning and response systems, peacebuilding policy analysis and advocacy with governments including designing and conducting several researches and documentation for civil society organizations and UN agencies. He also offers technical support on conflict and gender sensitive programming.

Dr. Babu Ayindo

For over two decades, Babu has been involved in the designing and facilitation of conflict transformation and peacebuilding processes and projects with various agencies in different parts of the world. Most of his work focuses on program design, implementation and management; evaluation of peace and social justice initiatives; teaching and training; facilitation of peace processes; building of healthy organizations; writing and experimenting with arts approaches to peacebuilding in diverse cultural contexts in Africa, North America and Asia.

In addition, he has taught in a number of peace institutes including: the Summer Peacebuilding Institute of Eastern Mennonite University, Virginia (USA); the Peace and Development Institute of the American University, Washington, DC; the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute, the Philippines; and, the Canadian School of Peacebuilding. In Africa, he is one of the main trainers for the Coalition For Peace in Africa (COPA).

Some of his publications include: co-authoring *When You Are the Peacebuilder* (published by United States Institute of Peace, 2001); “Arts Approaches to Peace: Playing Our Way to Transcendence” published in Barry Hart (ed) *Peacebuilding in Traumatized Societies* (University of America Press, Inc., 2008); “Trauma Awareness and Healing in the Somali Cluster: A Report on the Status of Achievements, Lessons and Outcomes” (published by Pact, 2010); *Mpatanishi: A Handbook for Community Based Mediators* (published in 2010 by PeaceNet Kenya); and, *In Search of Healers* (published by the Coalition of Peace in Africa in 2011).

How to Apply

Filled in application forms should be sent to COPA by email. All received applications will be acknowledged and if successful a corresponding letter of admission and other necessary documentations will be sent to the applicant. Please send your completed application to copa@copafrica.org and a copy to martha@copafrica.org

Payment Details

Kindly note all payments should be made before the commencement of the training and can be done by either cheque payable to the Coalition for Peace in Africa or by direct bank transfers (please ask for banking details).

Selected COPA trainings in 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012

1) *Peacebuilding & Conflict Transformation training*, 13th to 17th April 2015, Nairobi, Kenya: The training aimed at building participants knowledge in the broad area of PBCT. Participants to the course were drawn from Kenya, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia and Uganda

2) *Gendering Human Security, Peacebuilding & Conflict Transformation Training*, 25th to 29th Sept 2012, 25th to 29th Nov 2013, 30th June to 4th July 2014, & 18th to 22nd May 2015 Nairobi; The training attracted participants working in peacebuilding, gender and development in Sudan, Kenya, South Sudan, Burundi, DRC, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia, Somaliland, Liberia and Lebanon.

3) *Fundamentals in conflict analysis and Resolution Training*; held for 60 partners and staff members of the Danish Demining Group from 23rd to 26th February 2014 and from 31st May to 4th June 2014 in Somaliland

4) *Strengthening Policy and Practice; Meeting the challenges of working in complex environments Course*; 7th to 11th April 2014, Entebbe, Uganda, 1st to 5th June 2015, Nairobi, Kenya; This training that aimed at broadening practitioners knowledge to link practice and policy and attracted participants from Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Liberia, Tanzania, Somaliland and DRC

5) *Interrupting cycles of violence; Integrating healing and emotional wellbeing into peacebuilding & development initiatives*; Nairobi, 1st to 5th July 2013; The training aimed at enabling participants to better understand linkages between cycles of violence and unhealed trauma and how it relates to peacebuilding and conflict transformation. Participants were drawn from Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia and DRC

6) *Training of Trainers in peacebuilding and conflict transformation*, Nairobi, 6th to 10th May 2014, Nairobi, 13th to 18th May 2013; The training aimed at building capacities of trainers in designing, facilitating and evaluating trainings. Participants were drawn from Kenya, Somalia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, South Sudan, Ghana, Liberia, Ethiopia and Sudan.

7) *Training of Trainers course in peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation for IGAD Partners*: The training took place in Nazareth, Ethiopia and brought together 15 IGAD South Sudan partners representing the government and civil society organizations. This was from 17th to 21st April 2012

8) *Building Capacities for Peace training*; a series of 10 day trainings held thrice in 2011 for 51 peace and development practitioners from Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia,

Liberia, Nigeria, Comoros, Djibouti, Zimbabwe and Ivory Coast. The trainings were held from 28th March to 7th April, then from 11th to 21st July and lastly from 21st November to 1st December

9) *Enhancing Local Capacities for Peace Training*, a 5 day course held in Gulu, Uganda for 31 peace, development and humanitarian aid partners of UN agencies operating in Northern Uganda in the period 20th to 24th June 2012

10) *Conflict Analysis and Peace Building training* for the African Union held in Nairobi, Kenya from 31st October to 2nd November 2012

Selected views from COPA Alumni

- ~ I found the training to be an eye opener, both conceptually and practically, as I was introduced to systematic analysis, how to come up with alternative solutions, and concrete examples from various parts of Africa.
- ~ I learned the roles of different actors and different levels (e.g., the role of other regional or international actors) and how to network or to link the civil society or community work to various policy levels.
- ~ The training has had a major impact on my work. In particular, I have used the tools and skills of analysis and strategising, which has greatly helped to reflect with communities and strategies on our work
- ~ The skills I got have given me the confidence to play a useful role in conflict, including designing intervention strategies, conducting my own trainings, and helping to establish new structures to bring conflicting sides together and to make grassroots views accessible to policy-makers.

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