



GENDERING HUMAN SECURITY, PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION COURSE

Language of facilitation: English

Dates: 14th to 18th December 2020

Venue: Online

Charges: US\$400

Target Groups: These are expected to be from within the NGOs sector, civil society, government agencies and other institutions supporting or learning peace issues, gender mainstreaming, CEDAW, UNSCR 1325 and GBV prevention in fragile environments.

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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.

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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.

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

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Payment Process

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 (only for Kenyan organizations) or by direct bank transfers (for international participants) (please ask for banking details).

Selected Partners in the 2019 Trainings

1. Himilo Organization-Somalia

2. United Nations Mission in South Sudan
3. United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central Africa Republic-MINUSCA
4. GIZ Civil Peace Service-Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo and Ethiopia
5. Envision Zimbabwe Women Trust
6. Haki Yetu Organization-Kenya
7. Dorcas Aid International-Ethiopia
8. UNDP-South Sudan, Tanzania, Sudan and Mali
9. ZOA International-Sudan, South Sudan and Liberia
10. Social-Life & Agricultural Development Organization-Somalia
11. Catholic Diocese of Torit-South Sudan
12. Centre National d'Appui au Développement et à la Participation Populaire" (CENADEP)-DRC
13. Finn Church Aid-Somalia and South Sudan
14. Cordaid-South Sudan
15. University of Khartoum
16. UN Women-Ethiopia, Sudan and Tanzania
17. Equal Opportunities Commission-Uganda
18. War Child Canada-Uganda
19. Saferworld-Somalia
20. Ejo Youth-Rwanda
21. SOS Sahel-Sudan & Somalia
22. Interpeace-Somalia & Great Lakes Programmes
23. Ministry of Youths and Sports-Liberia
24. UNFPA Burundi
25. Kituo Cha Sheria-Kenya

26. Rural Women Peace Link-Kenya
27. Awareness Against Human Trafficking-Kenya
28. Refugee Consortium-Kenya
29. Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle-Rwanda
30. American Friends Service Committee-Somalia Programme
31. Turning the Tide /Alternatives to Violence Programme-Kenya Trust

Selected COPA trainings

1. Gendering Human Security, Peacebuilding & Conflict Transformation Training (2013-2019).

For six years this course has run in Nairobi, Kenya for a range of participants working in peacebuilding, gender, human rights and development in Uganda, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Kenya, South Sudan, Burundi, DRC, Somalia, Somaliland, Ethiopia, Liberia, Mali, Iraq, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Lebanon. The training aims at enabling participants get a broader understanding of the various UNSCRs that are supportive of women participation in peacebuilding processes, UNSCRs that are supportive of initiatives aimed at prevention of gender based violence especially in conflict contexts and Human Rights Instruments that support substantive equality across genders such as CEDAW.

2. Strengthening Policy and Practice; Meeting the challenges of working in complex environments Course (2014-2017)

This training aims at broadening practitioner's knowledge in linking practice and policy and also in exploring how their work informs policies. It has been held in Entebbe Uganda and in Nairobi, Kenya as a partnership between COPA, Responding to Conflict and Peace Direct-UK. Participants for the course have come from Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Liberia, Tanzania, Somaliland, UK, Rwanda, Burundi and DRC

3. Monitoring Evaluation, Reporting and Learning, (2015-2019), Nairobi.

This training is ideal for practitioners who are engaged in MERL activities of their programmes. It introduces participants to M/E from a peacebuilding perspective and also introduces them to relevant tools. Participants to the course have in the past come from Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Liberia, Mali, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, DRC, Nigeria, Ghana among other countries

4. Training of Trainers in peacebuilding and conflict transformation, Nairobi (2013-2019):

The training has been held in Arusha, Tanzania and in Nairobi, Kenya for practitioners keen to build their capacities in designing, facilitating and evaluating trainings. Participants have been drawn from Kenya, Somalia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, South Sudan,

Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, DRC, Ethiopia, Comoros, CAR, Djibouti, Ivory Coast and Sudan.

5. **Practitioners in Conflict: Refreshing Skills & Creating Strategies for Change Course (2019)**

This bespoke training is a joint undertaking between Coalition For Peace in Africa (COPA) and Peace Direct (PD). It has been designed as a stimulating refresher for practitioners who are dealing regularly with the effects of conflict and violence. Among other things, the course responds to the main challenges and questions faced by practitioners in the course of their everyday work and also explores building resilience especially among practitioners working in fragile and complex environments. In 2019, participants to the course were drawn from Kenya, South Sudan, DRC, Sudan, Somalia, Zimbabwe and Burundi.

Information on COPA

The Coalition for Peace in Africa (COPA) is a network of peace builders in Africa formed in 1995 when a group of concerned Africans met in Kenya to exchange their insights and experiences on the prevention of the escalation of violent conflicts in Africa. They were convinced that they needed to offer continual practical support to people and organizations on the ground faced with volatile and potentially violent conflict situations. They also recognised conflict as a major contributor to Africa's deplorable state of poverty and underdevelopment.

The practitioners who came together found that there were no appropriate support networks in Africa for them to access and work together. Initial membership of the network came from different parts of Africa mainly alumni of Responding to Conflict (RTC) *Working with Conflict Course* offered once or twice a year in England. Later on, membership expanded to include other individuals and organizations interested in peace and security all over Africa.

Currently COPA is a registered in Kenya and has close relationship with regional and local organizations and practitioners in Africa and with collaborative activities in the Southern, Eastern, Horn, Central, and Great Lakes regions of Africa. Today COPA has memberships of over 600 individuals and organizations and supports their efforts through trainings, advocacy, and research initiatives throughout the African continent.

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 strategizing, 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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