



PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION COURSE

Language of facilitation: English

Dates: 13th to 17th December 2021

Venue: Online

Charges: US\$ 450: The amount covers tuition, soft copy resource materials and an e-certificate of Completion.

Participants: These will be practitioners working in the fields of Peacebuilding, Peace Keeping Operations, Development, Humanitarian Relief, Human Rights and Post War Recovery in Africa.

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About the Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation Course

This course is ideal for: a) Practitioners interested in having a deeper understanding on the contemporary conflicts in the Horn, Eastern Africa and Great Lakes regions, b) Practitioners who are implementing projects in volatile and complex environments, c) Practitioners interested in designing and implementing peacebuilding projects in post conflict settings, d) Practitioners who have some level of basic peacebuilding training.

Training Objectives

- 1) Increase participants understanding of various contemporary conflicts in the Greater Horn, Eastern Africa and Great Lakes regions
- 2) Increase participants understanding of conflict and peacebuilding theories relevant to the contemporary contexts in the Horn, Great Lakes and Eastern Africa regions and how they inform programming
- 3) Enhance participants understanding of designing post conflict peacebuilding programmes
- 4) Increase participants awareness of workable peacebuilding strategies for post conflict settings

Expected Training results

At the end of the training, participants will:

1. Have a deeper understanding of various real-time conflicts in Eastern Africa, the Horn and Great Lakes regions
2. Be able to use different tools to analyze various real time conflicts
3. Be able to articulate the different theories of conflict and peacebuilding that inform the fore-mentioned real time conflicts as well as their peacebuilding interventions
4. Be able to design peacebuilding projects relevant to their contexts
5. Be aware of strategies that can be replicated in their projects/programmes

Trainers/facilitators of the course will be peacebuilding practitioners with accumulated years of experience in designing and implementing peacebuilding programmes and also in designing and facilitating different levels of peacebuilding trainings in Africa and beyond.

The online learning infrastructure will be accessible and easy to use by all participants. Each day will comprise 5 hours of active learning. The training will be practical, drawing examples from post conflict contexts in the Greater Horn, Eastern Africa and Great Lakes regions. The training will make use of use of a wide range of participatory adult learning models including inquiry, case study analysis, individual and online group tasks and reflections from participants' experiences. Everything will be focused on finding practical pathways and responses to real problems through an inspiring and hopeful process. We encourage participants to read the resources that will be offered before and during the course and to keep a learning diary throughout the 5 days.

All those who successfully complete the course will be issued with a virtual certificate via email. **Full attendance on the course is a requirement for the certificate.**

The Course Content

1. Contemporary conflicts in the Greater Horn, Eastern Africa and Great Lakes regions

This section is aimed at broadening participants understanding of various conflicts that have been experienced in different countries in the Greater Horn, Eastern Africa and Great Lakes regions. Participants will be introduced to different tools of analysis that will help them to better understand among other things the conflicts historical background, actors, root causes, disputed issues, entry levels for interventions among other things.

2. Conflict and Peacebuilding Theories

This section will explore the various theories that explain conflict causes and inform peacebuilding interventions. During the sessions participants will be given the opportunity to:

- Identify theories that inform some of the real time conflicts in the Great Lakes, the Horn and Eastern Africa regions
- Identify context specific peacebuilding interventions
- Work in teams to practice new theories and concepts

3. Post Conflict peacebuilding programming

This session will focus on the key components of post conflict peacebuilding programmes. Components to be explored will include but will not be limited to: political dialogue/reconciliation, security frameworks in post-conflict arrangement, including Disarmament, Demobilization & Reintegration (DDR), Institutional strengthening and support, women and youth participation in post conflict peacebuilding among others.

4. Peacebuilding Strategies

This session will include case studies of successful post conflict peacebuilding interventions at the community and national levels. Participants will draw key lessons from each of the cases as well as extract strategies that are relevant to their implementation contexts.

Selected organizations in Africa whose staff members have attended some of COPA trainings;

1. American Friends Service Committee-Kenya, Somalia & Zimbabwe
2. Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)-Uganda
3. GIZ/CPS-Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Sudan,
4. Network of Traditional & Religious Peacemakers organization-Somalia
5. Saferworld-South Sudan and Somalia
6. SOS Sahel-Sudan
7. Tearfund-South Sudan, Sudan & Nigeria
8. Trocaire-South Sudan

9. Different Universities in Sudan-(Al-Fasher, Blue Nile, Daraj, Diling, Gadarif, Khartoum, Nyala and Red Sea)
10. AGIAMONDO-Burundi and the Central Africa Republic
11. UNICEF-Mali
12. UNFPA-Burundi
13. Ministry of Youth & Sports-Liberia
14. United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur-UNAMID-Sudan
15. UNDP-DRC, Libya, Mali, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania
16. United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization mission in CAR
17. United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in DRC (MONUSCO)
18. United Nations Mission in South Sudan-UNMISS
19. UN Women- Burundi, South Sudan, Sudan and Tanzania
20. ZOA-Ethiopia, Liberia, South Sudan and Sudan

Selected organizations that have contracted COPA to conduct in-house trainings;

1. Danish Demining Group-Somaliland
2. Eastern Africa Standby Force Coordination Mechanism
3. Intergovernmental Authority on Development-IGAD
4. Oxfam-Kenya
5. Social-Life & Agricultural Development Organization-Somalia
6. UNFPA-Uganda
7. UNDP-African Union Project/Peace & Security Project-Ethiopia
8. Community Organization Practitioners Association-Kenya

Selected comments from some of the trainings participants

- ❖ *Each and every session was a learning point for me. I liked the discussions held and examples shared, these connected the theory to the practical-Participant from Liberia in the Peacebuilding & Conflict Transformation Course*
- ❖ *I will keep referring to the resources that were provided-A participant from South Sudan*

- ❖ *I appreciated the organizational aspects of the course from the registration, the obtaining of visas, the airport pick-up and the reception at the Convent International hotel. It was all very well planned-A training participant from Somalia*

Application process

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 any of the following emails:

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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 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 in Peacebuilding Practice, (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, and Ghana among other countries

4. **Training of Trainers in peacebuilding and conflict transformation, Nairobi (2013-2021):**

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, Libya, Tunisia, Comoros, Central Africa Republic, Djibouti, Ivory Coast, Germany, Italy, Finland, Mali and Sudan.

5. **Practitioners in Conflict: Refreshing Skills & Creating Strategies for Change Course (2019& 2020)**

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& 2020, participants to the course were drawn from Kenya, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Sudan, Finland, Zimbabwe, Yemen, South Sudan 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 a membership of over 800 individuals and organizations and supports their efforts through trainings, advocacy, and research initiatives throughout the African continent.

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