



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University

The professional development course in peacebuilding and conflict transformation is a one-year program that integrates theory, research, and practice for peace and development leaders who are from Africa, have worked in Africa, work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent, or demonstrate a compelling interest in learning about peacebuilding approaches used in the region. The ideal candidate should have substantial experience in peacebuilding, conflict resolution, or development. Fellows will learn how to use their experience to influence policies and initiate action to transform society through Positive Peace.

"I can't explain what an amazing experience this has been for me. The fellowship has made me more determined to pursue my social change initiative on peace journalism. The instructors shared practical experiences that made it easy to grasp many theoretical approaches." — Patience Rusare (2021)

Program overview

Location: Kampala, Uganda

Specialization: Post-Graduate Diploma in Peace Building and Conflict Transformation

College: College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Department: Department of Religion and Peace Studies

Program: Fellows will focus on issues of particular relevance to Africa. They will systematically analyze situations to respond constructively and pragmatically, using case studies, role-playing, brainstorming, problem-solving, and the nonviolent practices of dialogue, mediation, and negotiation. They will put those skills into practice implementing projects focused on social change.

Curriculum modules: Fundamentals and Approaches; Human Rights, Governance, and Media; Identity; Human Security; Resources and Climate Change; Refugees, Migration, and Community Cohesion; Positive Peace workshops (implemented in partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace); Mediation Certification (implemented in partnership with regional certified mediators and Mediators Beyond Borders International); Leadership in Crisis Situations (implemented in partnership with the Makerere University Nyerere Leadership Institute); field study trips; individual project; capstone seminar

Field study: Two weeks of experience with visits to Kigali, Rwanda, via western Uganda and to the West Nile sub-region via the Acholi or North East Karamoja region

Language of instruction: English

Notable professors: Grace Bantebya, Samson Barigye, Paul Bukuluki, Mukadasi Buyinza, Dickson Kanakulya, Julius Kikooma, Charlotte Karungi Mafumbo, Patrick Mangeni, Veneranda Mbabazi, Paul Mukwaya, Zahara Nampewo, Saudah Namyalo, Eria Serwaija, Sylvia Antonia Nannyonga-Tamusuza, Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala, Sarah N. Ssali, William Tayebwa

Fellows: Up to 20 per cohort, two cohorts a year

Length: The one-year program includes a two-week online preliminary course, a 10-week on-site course with field studies, a nine-month implementation period for a social change initiative (with interactive online sessions), and an on-site capstone seminar.

Activities: Kampala city tour, visits to CBOs and CSOs, key government institutions and relevant nongovernmental and international organizations

Career paths of recent graduates:

- Gender Advisor for Care International, Uganda
- Head of Counter Terrorism, Office of the National Security, Somalia
- Bio-Medical Engineer, Engineering World Health
- Inspector of Police, Nigeria Police Force
- District Police Commandant, Uganda Police Force
- Director of Prevention and Humanitarian Action and Relief Operations, Burundi
- Senior Economist-Marketing Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Zambia
- Senior Programme Advisor, Finnish National Agency for Education
- Lecturer, Western Sydney University

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