



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, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent. 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.

“Makerere is located in the heart of the Great Lakes region, which has historically experienced the most strife in Africa. We’ve had frequent experience with conflict, which is why we established our peace program. We have a formidable faculty that understands and can educate others about conflict and peace.” — Barnabas Nawangwe, vice chancellor at Makerere University

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); 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: Josephine Ahikire, Grace Bantebya, Samson Barigye, Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala, Sylvia Antonia Nannyonga-Tamusuza, Sarah N. Ssali, Ashad Ssentongo, Prof. Paul Bukuluki, Prof. Julius Kikooma

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

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