

TOOLS AND STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINING PEACE

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KEY CONCEPTS

Restoration of the rule of law; Security Sector Reform (SSR); Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR); Political dialogue and consensus-building; Electoral processes in post-conflict contexts; Institutional strengthening and governance; Human Security; Role of international and regional organizations.

ABSTRACT

This intensive **five-day course (40 hours)** provides specialized training in tools and strategies for peacekeeping, aimed at individuals interested in **governance, and peacebuilding in complex contexts**.

The course focuses on the analysis of the **political, institutional, and socioeconomic dimensions of peace operations**, addressing the political process, strengthening the rule of law, delivery of essential public services, support for core state functions, the role of international observers, economic revitalization, and livelihoods recovery.

In a global context marked by increasingly complex and protracted conflicts, peacekeeping requires a comprehensive approach that goes **beyond ceasefires** and incorporates coordinated responses before, during, and after conflict.

Throughout the course, participants will explore key activities related to political and institutional security processes, such as **elections**, inclusive dialogue, reconciliation, conflict management at national and subnational levels, mine action, **Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR)**, and **Security Sector Reform (SSR)**.

The course also examines the role of international and regional organizations such as the **United Nations, NATO, OSCE, and the African Union**, as well as the main UN peacekeeping policies and strategic frameworks, including Our Common Agenda and Action for Peacekeeping (**A4P**).

CONTENTS

The module focuses on the **main operational and strategic tools for peacekeeping**, with particular attention to:

- Security Sector Reform (SSR)
- Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR)
- Governance and institutional strengthening
- Electoral processes in post-conflict contexts
- The role of international and regional organizations such as the UN, NATO, OSCE, and AU

The module also incorporates an analysis of the triple nexus approach (humanitarian-development-peace), recognizing that conflicts do not follow linear processes and require coordinated and sustained responses from all relevant actors in order to generate lasting impacts in affected communities.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Analyze the role of political safety and security processes in building and sustaining peace.
2. Examine the role of various international and regional organizations in conflict prevention, peacekeeping and stability consolidation.
3. Understand key UN policies for sustaining peace, including our Common Agenda and Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) and their application in conflict settings.
4. Evaluate reconciliation approaches, inclusive dialogue, conflict management strategies and security sector reform at different levels of governance.
5. Identify the challenges and opportunities of the triple nexus approach (humanitarian-development-peace) in crisis management before, during and after conflict.
6. Critically reflect on the impact of cross-cutting factors such as human rights, gender equality, climate change and sustainable development in conflict prevention and resolution.

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LOCATION

- Alfaz del Pi, Alicante, Spain

MODALITY

- in Person

DATE

- 8-12 June 2026

COURSE DURATION

- 40 hours
- 8:30am-5:00pm Monday to Friday

LANGUAGE

- English

METHODOLOGY

The methodology combines expert lectures, structured debates, collaborative group work, case study analysis, role-playing exercises, and simulations, promoting **hands-on, participatory learning applied to real-world contexts**

This approach enables participants to develop both **solid theoretical knowledge and essential practical skills** for work in humanitarian contexts, peacebuilding, governance, and post-conflict processes.

DIPLOMA

Participants who successfully complete the course will obtain an official diploma from the International University Centre for Peace Missions of Helsinki España.

FEES AND PAYMENTS

The course fee is €1,200.

- Meals and accommodation are not included. Applicants are also responsible for any visa-related expenses.
- Payments may be made via **bank transfer or PayPal**. Participants are responsible for any bank transfer fees or currency exchange costs.
- Please note that in case of cancellation prior to the start date of the course, fees are non-refundable. However, the amount paid may be credited toward participation in a future course.
- All payments must be completed before the start of the course, without exception

BENEFITS



1. Hands-on training:

Gain **practical, immersive experience** in the humanitarian sector, honing the skills you need to excel in international organizations, succeed in your projects, and operate confidently on peace missions.



2. Experienced instructors:

Learn from **in-mission professionals** with real field experience. Receive expert guidance and mentorship to become job-ready or to specialize further in your area of interest.



3. Building community:

Join a **global, supportive network** of classmates and instructors. Access professional advice, career opportunities, and lasting collaborations that extend across organizations and continents.



4. Career advancement:

Boost your professional profile and stand out in the competitive international humanitarian field. These programs equip you with recognized certifications and practical competencies valued by leading organizations.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

- University degree or equivalent professional training.
- Fluency in English: B2+.
- Strong interest in international affairs.

ACCOMMODATION

- Participants organize their own accommodation. However, Helsinki España will inform selected participants of the different accommodation options available.

VISA PROCESS

HELSINKI ESPAÑA will provide full support throughout the visa application process, including guidance, an official letter of invitation, and assistance with the necessary steps to facilitate obtaining the visa. However, the responsibility for obtaining the visa rests with the participant, not HELSINKI ESPAÑA

In order to start with the visa process, participants must have paid all the course.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

- Registration form must be sent to iucpm@helsinkiespana.org.

MORE INFORMATION



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