



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University

The professional development certificate in peace and development studies is a one-year program that integrates theory, research, and practice for peace and development leaders who are from or who have worked in Africa. The ideal candidate already has 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.

Program overview

Location: Kampala, Uganda

Specialization: Certificate in Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation, and Development

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 region.

Language of instruction: English

Notable professors: Samson Barigye, John Barugahare, Paul Bukuluki, Dickson Kanakulya, Julius Kikoma, Hassan Tugume Lubowe, Charlotte Karungi Mafumbo, Veneranda Mbabazi, Paddy Musana, Paul Birevu Muyinda, Zahara Nampewo, Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala, Ashad Sentongo, Eria Sserwajja, William Tayeebwa, Isaac Tibasiima, Chris Tuhiriirwe

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 key government institutions and relevant nongovernmental and international organizations

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