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## MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR



The 2026 Graduation Ceremony of the University for Peace Africa Programme, held in Mogadishu, Somalia, offers an important moment of collective reflection for the entire UPEACE community, our students and alumni, faculty, partners, policymakers, and friends across Africa and beyond.

This occasion goes beyond the conferment of academic credentials. It affirms the enduring relevance of peace education as a pillar of governance, state-building, and human security. The presence and engagement of national leadership, regional and international partners, and academic peers underscore a shared recognition that peace, education, and ethical leadership are not peripheral ambitions, but foundational requirements for sustainable societies.

We gather at a time of profound global and continental uncertainty. Africa is confronting intersecting crises: accelerating climate change, deepening socio-economic inequalities, food insecurity, protracted conflicts, and a weakening international system upon which many fragile contexts have historically relied. These dynamics create a complex and often contradictory environment—one that demands both intellectual clarity and moral courage.



As Charles Dickens once observed in describing a similarly turbulent era, we live in a time marked simultaneously by hope and despair, wisdom and uncertainty. This paradox defines the moment Africa now faces. In this context, the role of institutions such as the University for Peace becomes even more critical. Our mandate is not to provide static answers, but to cultivate adaptive thinkers, ethical leaders, and reflective practitioners capable of navigating complexity. While knowledge itself evolves rapidly, the deeper capacities we seek to instill critical inquiry, systems thinking, humility in leadership, and principled decision-making remain enduring.

The academic and professional trajectories represented within the UPEACE community illustrate this mission in practice. Our scholars and alumni are not detached observers of conflict and governance; they are actively shaping policy, leading institutions, managing humanitarian responses, and contributing to peacebuilding across Africa. The depth and diversity of recent doctoral and postgraduate research spanning governance, regional integration, debt relief, power-sharing, human rights, gender, and post-conflict recovery reflect a growing body of African-led scholarship grounded in lived realities and rigorous analysis

Knowledge production remains central to our institutional identity. The University's policy series and forthcoming publications, including work focused on Somalia's state reconstruction authored by alumni and practitioners, demonstrate the practical relevance of engaged scholarship. They reaffirm our conviction that Africa's challenges are not rooted solely in scarcity of resources, but in governance choices, institutional capacity, and ethical leadership, an insight long emphasized by Africa's own intellectual traditions

As an academic community, we therefore reaffirm a shared responsibility, to approach peace not as an event, but as a sustained, patient, and ethical practice; to treat governance as a moral endeavor; and to recognize that leadership demands both technical competence and deep respect for human dignity.

I extend sincere appreciation to our partners, host governments, faculty, staff, alumni associations, and the many individuals whose commitment often unseen sustains our work across the continent. Their collective efforts ensure that UPEACE remains a space where rigorous scholarship meets African realities, and where ideas are translated into meaningful action.

As we look ahead, the University for Peace Africa Programme remains steadfast in its mission to nurture thoughtful leaders, advance African-led knowledge, and contribute to just, resilient, and peaceful societies. Together, we carry a responsibility not only to respond to today's crises, but to shape the ethical and institutional foundations upon which future generations will depend.

**Prof. Samuel Kale Ewusi**  
**REGIONAL DIRECTOR, UPEACE AFRICA**



## WHO WE ARE



### About the University for Peace

The University for Peace (UPEACE) is an international institution of higher learning established by the United Nations General Assembly through Resolution A/RES/35/55 of 5 December 1980. UPEACE advances peace through education, research, and ethical leadership, grounded in the belief that sustainable peace is built through knowledge, justice, environmental stewardship, and inclusive governance.

UPEACE's main campus is in Costa Rica, serving as a global hub for peace education, research, and international academic exchange. The University delivers its mission through integrated programmes of teaching, training, research, and publications. Equipping individuals to prevent conflict, promote human rights, address climate and environmental risks, and contribute to sustainable development.

### UPEACE Africa Programme

Established in 2002, the UPEACE Africa Programme responds to Africa's distinct peace and security challenges by strengthening the capacity of African stakeholders across peacebuilding, conflict governance, security, development, and environmental sustainability. Its regional office is based in Addis Ababa, with campuses and institutional partnerships in Somalia, Uganda, and Dakar, enabling context-specific and policy-relevant engagement.

The Programme emphasizes postgraduate education, doctoral training, executive programmes, applied research, and publications, convening policymakers, academics, civil society, and practitioners to address issues such as state fragility, governance reform, post-conflict recovery, regional integration, human security, and climate-related insecurity.

As part of UPEACE's global network with regional offices in Africa, Europe, Asia, and Southeast Asia UPEACE Africa facilitates cross-regional collaboration while remaining locally grounded. The Programme is expanding its engagement in the Sahel, Central Africa, and West Africa in response to evolving conflict dynamics and growing demand for African-led, policy-relevant peace education.

Guided by principles of ethical leadership, academic rigor, and practice-oriented learning, UPEACE Africa contributes to building just, resilient, and environmentally sustainable peace across the continent and beyond.



# UPEACE GRADUATION 2026

**HONOURING AFRICAN SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP FOR PEACE.**



On 24 January 2026, the University for Peace held its fifth graduation ceremony in Mogadishu, Somalia, marking a significant milestone for peace education and higher learning in the country.

The ceremony celebrated the academic achievements of 166 postgraduate students, including 142 Master's degree graduates from six MA programmes and 24 PhD graduates. The graduates successfully completed rigorous academic training in peace and conflict studies, governance, development, human security, and related fields central to Africa's contemporary challenges.

Students came from across the African continent, including Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Ireland, America and several other countries, reflecting the University's continued commitment to pan-African education and cross-regional collaboration.

By hosting the ceremony in Mogadishu, the University for Peace demonstrated confidence in Somalia's progress and reaffirmed its mission to advance peace through education in fragile and post-conflict settings. Senior government officials, academics, diplomats, and representatives of international organisations attended the event.

During his keynote address, Francisco Rojas Aravena, Rector of the University for Peace, described the occasion as a moment of institutional pride. He said the University remained committed to producing graduates equipped with the knowledge, ethical grounding, and leadership skills required to address conflict and promote sustainable peace.



Somalia's Prime Minister, Hamza Abdi Barre, and the Minister of Education, Ali Haji Mohamed, both graced the ceremony, signaling strong government support for peace education and international academic cooperation.

In their remarks, Somali leaders congratulated the graduates and emphasised the role of higher education in rebuilding institutions, strengthening governance, and supporting long-term stability. They highlighted the importance of producing leaders capable of responding to Africa's evolving political, social, and security challenges.

Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1980, the University for Peace continued to expand its Africa Programme, with Somalia playing an increasingly central role in its academic and institutional activities. University officials said the graduates would now return to their respective countries and professional roles prepared to contribute to peacebuilding, governance reform, and sustainable development across Africa and beyond.



## MEET THE GRADUATES

### Dr. Assefa Abiyu Shirango

**Inspector Director General, Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - UPEACE Ph.D Graduate, From Ethiopia**

I chose to pursue my doctoral studies at the University for Peace because I believe that sustainable peace and effective governance require rigorous scholarship grounded in real-world realities, particularly those of Africa. UPEACE provided an academic environment that challenged me to think critically, link theory with practice, and engage deeply with peace and governance from both African and global perspectives.

The experience strengthened my analytical discipline, sharpened my research skills, and deepened my sense of responsibility as a scholar-practitioner. Beyond advancing my professional career, UPEACE reshaped how I approach leadership, policy, and service reinforcing peace as a lifelong commitment, not merely an academic pursuit.



### Dr. Esther L. Ndotu epse Mungui

**UPEACE Africa, Regional Programme Manager and Senior Researcher - UPEACE Ph.D Graduate. From Cameroon**

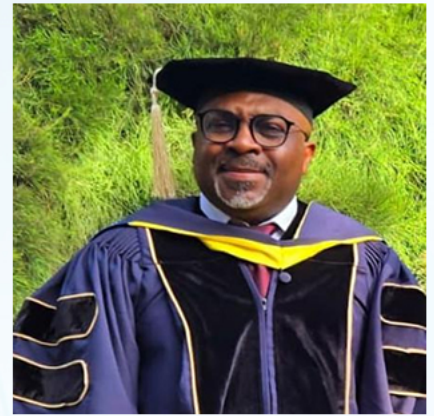
I came to the University for Peace seeking an academic environment that values purpose, excellence, and ethical leadership. I wanted a space that would challenge me intellectually while grounding my work in real-world peace and development practice.

My experience at UPEACE profoundly shaped both my professional journey and personal growth. It strengthened my confidence as a leader, refined my analytical and research skills, and deepened my ability to bridge theory, policy, and practice. Beyond advancing my career, UPEACE nurtured resilience, clarity of purpose, and a strong sense of responsibility in my contribution to peacebuilding in Africa and beyond.



**Dr. Andreas Wose Mokake,  
Executive Manager, Education & Integration. Spirasi –  
National Centre for the Rehabilitation of Survivors of Torture-  
Ireland. UPEACE Ph.D Graduate from the Republic of Ireland**

My decision to study at the University for Peace came from a need to unlearn as much as to learn. I was seeking an academic space that encouraged deep listening, critical reflection, and the courage to move beyond dominant narratives.



UPEACE transformed both my thinking and my practice. It sharpened my analytical focus, expanded my global outlook, and reshaped my professional identity from researcher to advocate and bridge-builder. Beyond my career, the experience has continued to influence how I engage with questions of justice, responsibility, and peace as a lifelong commitment.



**Dr Antonetta Lovejoy Hamandishe  
Country Director, Electoral Institute for Sustainable  
Democracy in Africa, Tanzania. UPEACE Ph.D Graduate  
Zimbabwe**

UPEACE sharpened my critical thinking, deepened my ethical commitments, and strengthened my resolve to contribute meaningfully to peacebuilding in Africa.

Pursuing my PhD in Peace, Governance, and Development at the United Nations University for Peace (UPEACE) has been among the most intellectually rigorous and personally transformative experiences of my life. I chose the University because of its unique capacity to unite academic excellence, ethical leadership, and practical relevance.

Building on more than a decade of professional engagement in electoral assistance, governance reform, and gender equality in fragile contexts, my research on the illusion of gender equality in post-conflict political transitions with a focus on Somalia benefited from UPEACE's interdisciplinary, global, and context-sensitive approach. The experience strengthened my ability to connect theory, policy, and practice, while renewing my commitment to evidence-based action, principled leadership, and service to institutions and communities striving for sustainable peace.

**Dr. Lawanego Ghislain TOE, Judicial Affairs Officer United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. UPEACE Ph.D Graduate Burkina Faso.**

I decided to pursue my doctoral studies at the University for Peace after learning about the programme through a colleague, motivated by its strong emphasis on peace, governance, and development, as well as its international recognition within the United Nations system. Enrolling in October 2021 through CISPAIX in Dakar was a defining step in my academic and professional



journey, providing rigorous doctoral training, dedicated academic mentorship, and valuable exposure to high-level research and policy platforms. The successful completion of my thesis on international interventionism and the sovereignty of fragile states significantly strengthened my analytical skills, deepened my understanding of contemporary geopolitical challenges, and enhanced my capacity to integrate academic research with professional practice, leaving a lasting impact on my career and intellectual outlook.



**Dr. Beleteze Akwabeng Foretia, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). From Canada**

I opt to study at the United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) because it offered a unique opportunity to directly connect academic knowledge with my lived professional experience in peace & security

within fragile and conflict-affected contexts. After years working in diplomacy and later as a Political Affairs Officer with UN peacekeeping missions in South Sudan and the Central African Republic, I sought an institution that could complement my operational experience with a strong theoretical foundation.

UPEACE's focus on peace and conflict, governance, and development closely aligned with my work supporting political processes and peace agreement implementation in South Sudan and the Horn of Africa. My MA in International Peace Studies and PhD research on power-sharing in South Sudan significantly strengthened my analytical and strategic capacities, while personally reinforcing my commitment to dialogue, inclusion, and evidence-based peacebuilding as guiding principles of my professional and intellectual life.



## COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP

### UPEACE Africa and America Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Strengthen Peacebuilding Collaboration through Strategic MoU



The University for Peace Africa Programme formalised a strategic partnership with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at advancing peace, justice, and evidence-based advocacy across Africa.

Signed in the UPEACE Africa Regional Office in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, the MoU establishes a framework for collaboration grounded in the shared commitment of both institutions to peacebuilding, social justice, and the strengthening of African

capacities in education, research, and policy engagement. AFSC brings decades of experience in peace advocacy and civil society strengthening, while UPEACE Africa contributes academic excellence and a strong mandate to advance peace education and research on the continent.

The partnership focuses on key areas of cooperation, including the exchange of knowledge and best practices, joint research initiatives, and the promotion of evidence-based advocacy addressing the root causes of conflict and migration in Africa. It also prioritises close collaboration with Africa-based civil society organisations, faith-based institutions, and government stakeholders to support sustainable peace and stability.

A central pillar of the MoU is academic and professional development. The agreement provides for collaboration on intensive professional training programmes, Master's and PhD degrees, and the joint management and execution of research projects in peace, security, development, disaster risk reduction, and humanitarian response. A Joint Action Plan will guide implementation and support joint fundraising initiatives for research, training, and capacity-building activities.

The July 2025 MoU underscores UPEACE Africa's continued commitment to building strategic partnerships that bridge scholarship and practice. By combining rigorous academic engagement with grounded peace advocacy, the collaboration reinforces a shared vision of peace rooted in dignity, justice, and inclusive development across Africa.



## Strengthening Continental Partnerships: UPEACE Africa at the AU Studies Symposium in Johannesburg, South Africa



The UPEACE Africa Programme continues to expand its continental partnerships and policy engagement through active participation in strategic knowledge platforms. From 8–10 October 2025, our Regional Director, Prof. Samuel Ewusi, joined leading scholars, diplomats, and institutional actors at the 3rd African Union Studies Annual Symposium in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Held under the theme “AU and the New Scramble for Africa: Conflict, Reparations, and Resource Sovereignty,” the symposium provided an important forum for dialogue on Africa’s evolving geopolitical environment and the role of continental institutions in safeguarding peace, justice, and development.

The event was co-organised by the University of Johannesburg’s Department of Politics and International Relations and the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation, in partnership with TrustAfrica. Discussions took place at the Radisson Blu Hotel Sandton and convened representatives from the African Union system, Regional Economic Communities, civil society, and research institutions.

Prof. Ewusi’s engagement highlighted UPEACE Africa’s commitment to bridging research, policy, and practice. Through bilateral meetings and thematic exchanges, the Africa Programme strengthened relationships with universities, think tanks, and continental actors working on reparative justice, resource governance, and institutional resilience.

These interactions opened avenues for future collaboration in joint research, executive training, policy dialogue, and the co-development of initiatives aligned with Agenda 2063 and African-led solutions to peace and security challenges.

UPEACE Africa’s participation in the symposium reinforces its role as a trusted partner in shaping forward-looking, evidence-based approaches to continental priorities while deepening networks that enhance African ownership of development pathways.



## UPEACE–AFSC Partnership Advances Policy Engagement on Peace and Security in the Horn of Africa



Building on the strategic partnership formalised in July 2025, the University for Peace (UPEACE) Africa Programme and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) continue to translate scholarship into high-level policy engagement on peace and security in Africa.

On 11 December 2025, Professor Samuel Kale Ewusi, Regional Director of the UPEACE Africa Programme, delivered a policy-focused presentation on peace and security dynamics in the Horn of Africa during a high-level briefing organised by AFSC in collaboration with the African Council of Churches.

The session formed part of a briefing to the European Union Select Committee on the Horn of Africa, bringing together practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to examine evolving regional challenges. Professor Ewusi's presentation drew on UPEACE's long-standing engagement in peace education, governance research, and regional security analysis. He highlighted key trends shaping the Horn of Africa, including protracted conflicts, political transitions, climate-related pressures, and the implications for regional stability and human security. His contribution underscored the importance of evidence-based, locally grounded approaches to peacebuilding and policy formulation.

Introducing the session, Dr Pauline Kumau, Research Director at AFSC, emphasised Professor Ewusi's extensive expertise in peacebuilding, governance, and regional security. She highlighted his sustained contributions to policy research and capacity-building across Africa, noting the value of UPEACE's academic insights in informing international policy discussions. The briefing reflects the practical outcomes of the UPEACE–AFSC Memorandum of Understanding, which prioritises joint research, knowledge exchange, and evidence-based advocacy on the root causes of conflict and migration in Africa.

By linking academic scholarship with policy platforms such as the EU Select Committee, the partnership demonstrates a shared commitment to ensuring that African-centred research informs global decision-making processes.

This engagement reinforces UPEACE Africa's role as a bridge between academia, civil society, and policy actors, and illustrates how strategic partnerships can amplify African perspectives in international peace and security discourse.



## AFSC – UPEACE Partnership Advances Water Governance for Peace at AU Summit



During the 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union, a high-level side event brought renewed attention to the political and peacebuilding significance of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) across the continent. Convened by the American Friends Service Committee in partnership with the Norwegian Church Aid and HEKS/EPER, the dialogue gathered policymakers, practitioners, diplomats, and researchers to examine how water governance shapes inclusion, legitimacy, and stability. The event further demonstrated the continued and growing collaboration between AFSC and the University for Peace Africa Programme, reinforcing a shared commitment to connecting academic knowledge, policy engagement, and field practice in support of African-led peacebuilding.

### Reframing WASH within peace governance

Dr. Esther L. Ndotu, Programme Manager and Senior Researcher at the University for Peace Africa Programme, participated as a panel expert on Peace Governance and Development. Her intervention argued that the continent must move beyond treating water primarily as a matter of technical service delivery.

Instead, she noted, water represents a relationship between citizens, communities, and the state. Where that relationship is unequal or contested, water becomes political, influencing grievances, patterns of exclusion, and conflict dynamics.

Participants were encouraged to move from narratives of scarcity toward frameworks of governance. Under such an approach, WASH practice becomes preventive diplomacy, capable of strengthening cooperation, trust, and everyday peace.



## Governance across all levels

A key message of the intervention was that effective water governance must operate simultaneously at local, national, regional, and global levels.

Local arrangements determine legitimacy and daily cooperation. National policies shape allocation, investment, and regulation. Regional frameworks are essential for managing shared basins and cross-border mobility. Global partnerships influence financing, norms, and climate adaptation strategies. Misalignment across these levels can undermine stability, while coherence can reinforce resilience.

## From infrastructure to legitimacy

Dr. Ndutu emphasised that water systems should be recognised as critical peace infrastructure and embedded within early-warning mechanisms, mediation processes, climate-security responses, and cross-border collaboration.

Drawing from fragile and pastoral environments, she highlighted the conditions under which community-managed water points reduce tensions: legitimate leadership, inclusive representation, financial transparency, and meaningful authority for women and youth. Without these foundations, local institutions risk becoming arenas of competition rather than cohesion.

Advancing continental priorities

The discussion resonated strongly with ambitions championed by the African Union under Agenda 2063. Participants agreed that achieving sustainable water availability and sanitation requires not only infrastructure, but stronger and fairer social contracts.

Closing reflections

In his closing remarks, Moses Chasiah, Director of the AFSC Salama Hub Program, thanked panelists for the rich and forward-looking discussions. He called for continued engagement, deeper partnerships, and sustained interventions in the water-peace-governance nexus, emphasising that collaboration between research institutions, civil society, and policymakers remains vital for long-term impact.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### UPEACE Announces Launch of Bachelor's Degree Programmes Under Africa Programme



#### **The University for Peace (UPEACE) announced the forthcoming launch of Bachelor's degree programmes**

under its Africa Programme, following a decision adopted by the UPEACE Council. The initiative marks a strategic expansion of the University's academic mandate in Africa and reinforces its commitment to advancing peace through inclusive, high-quality higher education.

The introduction of undergraduate programmes extends UPEACE's long-standing focus on postgraduate and doctoral training to earlier stages of academic formation. The Bachelor's programmes will equip young people with foundational knowledge, ethical leadership skills, and critical analytical capacities essential for peacebuilding and sustainable development.

With a particular emphasis on Africa and the Sahel region, the programmes will respond to persistent challenges including conflict, political fragility, climate change, environmental degradation, and socio-economic pressures. The interdisciplinary curricula will integrate peace and conflict studies, governance, development, human security, and environmental sustainability, combining academic learning with practical, context-sensitive approaches. The new programmes will complement UPEACE's existing Master's and PhD offerings, creating a coherent academic pathway across all levels of study.

Implementation will be coordinated through the UPEACE Africa Programme, under the oversight of its regional office in Addis Ababa, in collaboration with academic institutions, policymakers, and regional partners. UPEACE leadership has described the launch as a long-term investment in sustainable peace, recognising that durable peace depends not only on advanced training but also on early intellectual formation grounded in ethics, critical thinking, and social responsibility. Further details on programme structures, admissions, and timelines will be announced in due course.



## UPEACE Africa Programme to Expand Campus Presence in the Sahel and Francophone Africa

The University for Peace (UPEACE) has announced plans to expand its Africa Programme through additional campus activities and partnerships in the Sahel, with a particular focus on Burkina Faso, Cameroon & other French-speaking countries in Africa. The expansion



The expansion will strengthen access to postgraduate education, doctoral training, executive programmes, and policy-oriented research, while supporting the development of context-responsive curricula integrating peacebuilding, governance, human security, environmental sustainability, and development studies. Burkina Faso and Cameroon have been identified as strategic locations due to their regional influence, linguistic reach, and growing demand for advanced peace and governance training. The initiative will complement the Africa Programme's existing presence, coordinated from its regional office in Addis Ababa, and reinforce pan-African collaboration and cross-regional learning within UPEACE's global network. University leadership has described the move as a long-term investment in sustainable peace, emphasising the role of education in building ethical leadership, resilient institutions, and inclusive pathways toward peace and development.

Further details on implementation and partnerships will be announced in due course on the university website at [www.upeace-africa.org](http://www.upeace-africa.org).

## UPEACE Africa Programme to Launch Unified Alumni Platform



The University for Peace will be launching the UPEACE Africa Programme Alumni in December 2026, a unified platform designed to bring together all alumni of the Africa Programme from its earliest cohorts to the most recent graduates. The initiative will strengthen lifelong engagement with graduates and recognise alumni as essential partners in advancing peace, governance, and sustainable development across Africa and beyond.

The Alumni platform will adopt a holistic and inclusive approach, connecting UPEACE graduates from past to present into a single community of practice. By consolidating a diverse network of professionals working across peacebuilding, diplomacy, governance, humanitarian action, development, climate and environmental policy, academia, and related fields, the platform will promote collaboration, knowledge exchange, mentorship, and professional networking among alumni. Beyond networking, the initiative will aim to reinforce the link between UPEACE's academic mission and real-world impact.



The Alumni platform will create opportunities for graduates to contribute to policy dialogue, applied research, training activities, and programme development, while supporting alumni-led initiatives aligned with UPEACE's mandate and values. It will also serve as a space to preserve institutional memory and amplify African-led expertise.

To ensure broad participation, a dedicated alumni registration link will be shared through the UPEACE website and the UPEACE Africa Programme WhatsApp channel, enabling graduates across regions and generations to join the platform and remain actively engaged.

UPEACE leadership has highlighted alumni as one of the University's most valuable assets. By formally coordinating alumni engagement under the Africa Programme, the University will strengthen pan-African collaboration, expand its institutional impact, and nurture a dynamic community committed to ethical leadership and peacebuilding. The forthcoming launch of the UPEACE Africa Programme Alumni reflects the University's vision of peace education as a continuous journey extending beyond graduation and sustained through collaboration, shared responsibility, and collective action in support of just, resilient, and peaceful societies.

## UPCOMING CERTIFICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS



### UPEACE to Offer Upcoming Certification Courses in 2026

The University for Peace (UPEACE) will offer a series of upcoming certification short courses in 2026, designed to strengthen professional capacity in peacebuilding, governance, climate security, human

rights, and diplomacy. These courses form part of UPEACE's commitment to accessible, practice-oriented education that responds to contemporary global and African challenges. Delivered through hybrid and online formats, the certification courses combine academic rigour with applied learning and offer UPEACE Master's-level credit, making them particularly valuable for practitioners, policymakers, and emerging leaders seeking flexible, high-impact training.



## Gender, Peace, and Development

**Dates: 2–18 April 2026 | Duration: 3 weeks (Hybrid: Online + Field-Based Gender Analysis)**

**Credits: 3 UPEACE Master's Credits | Cost: Registration \$50 | Tuition \$200**

This course will examine the central role of women and gender perspectives in conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and development. It will address gender-based violence, legal protection frameworks, and strategies for mainstreaming gender in governance and policy.

Participants will engage with case studies on UN Women's gender-focused interventions in conflict zones, using gender analysis tools, participatory workshops, and feminist peace research methodologies. Target participants include gender advocates, policymakers, development practitioners, and security personnel.

## Climate Change, Environment, and Conflict

**Dates: 4–20 June 2026 | Duration: 3 weeks (Online with Field-Based Research Option)**

**Credits: 2 UPEACE Master's Credits | Cost: Registration \$50 | Tuition \$200**

Focusing on the growing links between climate change, environmental stress, and insecurity, this course will explore climate-induced conflict, natural resource governance, environmental justice, and resilience-building strategies. Participants will analyse case studies such as the Lake Chad water crisis and Sahel desertification, using climate-conflict mapping, environmental policy workshops, and research presentations. The course is designed for environmental policymakers, researchers, community leaders, and NGO practitioners.

## Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, and International Justice

**Dates: 6–27 August 2026 | Duration: 3 weeks (Online + Legal Case Study Analysis)**

**Credits: 3 UPEACE Master's Credits | Cost: Registration \$50 | Tuition \$200**

This course will provide in-depth understanding of international human rights frameworks, humanitarian law, and accountability mechanisms. It will cover humanitarian intervention, the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), and transitional justice in post-conflict settings. Case studies will include the International Criminal Court (ICC) and Africa and UN Human Rights Council interventions. Through legal analysis and advocacy training, the course targets diplomats, human rights advocates, legal experts, and researchers.

## Diplomacy and International Negotiation Strategies

**Dates: 1–17 October 2026 | Duration: 3 weeks (Hybrid: Online + Simulation Workshops)**

**Credits: 3 UPEACE Master's Credits | Cost: Registration \$50 | Tuition \$200**

This course will focus on modern diplomacy and negotiation in international relations. Participants will develop skills in bilateral and multilateral negotiation, conflict mediation, and diplomatic protocol, supported by case studies on African Union negotiations and UN peace processes. Learning will be delivered through diplomatic role-play simulations, negotiation workshops, and case study analysis. The course is aimed at international relations students, diplomats, government officials, foreign service officers, and representatives of international organisations.



Through these certification courses, UPEACE continues to advance its mandate of promoting peace through education, research, and capacity building. The 2026 offerings provide flexible, credit-bearing opportunities for professionals and students to strengthen their expertise while contributing to peace, justice, and sustainable development at local, regional, and global levels.

Further information on course content, registration procedures, and enrolment timelines will be made available in due course. All official updates will be published on the UPEACE Africa Programme website at [www.upeace-africa.org](http://www.upeace-africa.org), which will serve as the primary source of information

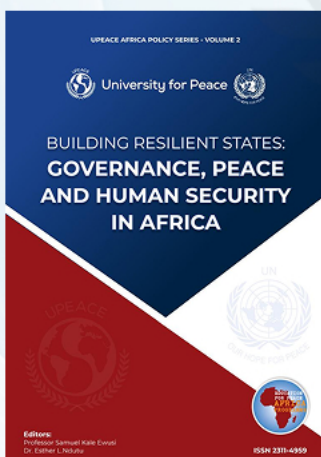
## UPEACE PUBLICATIONS

### UPEACE Strengthens African Peace Discourse with New Policy and Country Publications

The University for Peace (UPEACE) will be launching, in April this year, two major publications under its expanding research and policy engagement portfolio, reinforcing the University's commitment to advancing peace, governance, and human security through African-led, policy-relevant scholarship. The forthcoming publications include UPEACE Africa Policy Series, Volume 2, titled Building Resilient States: Governance, Peace, and Human Security in Africa, and a flagship book titled Rebuilding Somalia: Critical Issues in Peace, Governance and Security. Together, these works will reflect UPEACE's mission to bridge rigorous academic research with practical policy insights grounded in African realities.

#### UPEACE Africa Policy Series – Volume 2

#### Building Resilient States: Governance, Peace, and Human Security in Africa



Scheduled for launch in April, the second volume of the UPEACE Africa Policy Series will examine the institutional, political, and social foundations required to build resilient states across Africa. Drawing on multidisciplinary perspectives, the volume will explore the interconnections between governance reform, peacebuilding processes, and human security outcomes. The publication will feature contributions from UPEACE alumni, government officials, policy practitioners, scholars, and development partners, combining academic analysis with real-world governance experience.

Contributors will address challenges such as state fragility, political inclusion, security governance, climate and environmental pressures, and socio-economic inequality, while offering evidence-based policy recommendations aimed at strengthening state capacity and accountability.



## A Book Titles: **Rebuilding Somalia: Critical Issues in Peace, Governance and Security**



Also launching in April, *Rebuilding Somalia: Critical Issues in Peace, Governance and Security* will provide an in-depth examination of Somalia's peacebuilding and state reconstruction efforts. The book will bring together contributions from UPEACE alumni, Somali and international government officials, scholars, and practitioners with direct experience in Somalia's governance, security, and peace sectors. The volume will analyse themes including political settlements, federalism, institutional reform, security sector governance, international engagement, and the role of local actors in sustaining peace. By integrating scholarly research with practitioner perspectives, the book will offer an advanced assessment of Somalia's progress, persistent challenges, and future pathways toward sustainable peace.

### **Advancing Knowledge for Policy and Practice.**

UPEACE leadership has noted that the April launches will represent a significant contribution to continental and global debates on peace, governance, and human security.

The publications will reaffirm the University's role as a convening platform that brings together alumni, policymakers, and scholars to generate knowledge that informs policy and practice. The releases form part of UPEACE's broader strategy to strengthen its research and publications portfolio, elevate African perspectives in global discourse, and support evidence-based approaches to peacebuilding and state resilience. Further details regarding launch events and access to the publications will be communicated through official UPEACE channels in due course.

### **UPEACE Alumna and Staff Member to Launch Book Title: *The Paradox of Aid in Africa***



The University for Peace community will be marking an important intellectual milestone with the forthcoming launch of a new book, *The Paradox of Aid in Africa*, authored by Esther L. Ndotu, a UPEACE alumna and staff member.

The book launch will highlight UPEACE's enduring commitment to critical scholarship, African-led knowledge production, and policy-relevant research on development and governance. Drawing on rigorous academic inquiry and lived experience, *The Paradox of Aid in Africa* examines the complex and often contradictory impacts of international aid on African development, state capacity, and human security.



In the book, Dr. Ndotu interrogates why decades of development assistance have coexisted with persistent poverty, inequality, and institutional fragility in many African contexts. She explores how aid can simultaneously support social services and undermine local ownership, accountability, and long-term sustainability, offering a refined analysis that moves beyond simplistic pro- or anti-aid narratives.

The publication reflects UPEACE's academic ethos of fostering critical thinking and ethical leadership. As both an alumna and a member of staff, Dr. Ndotu's work exemplifies the University's mission to bridge scholarship and practice, and to encourage research that speaks directly to Africa's development realities and policy debates.

UPEACE officials have noted that the book contributes meaningfully to ongoing discussions on aid effectiveness, governance reform, and development financing, particularly at a time when African countries face mounting fiscal pressures, climate-related shocks, and complex peace and security challenges. The forthcoming launch of *The Paradox of Aid in Africa* will provide a platform for dialogue among scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and students, reinforcing UPEACE's role as a space where critical ideas are debated and translated into practical insights. Further details regarding the book launch event, including date and venue, will be communicated through official UPEACE channels in due course.

## MEET OUR ALUMNI

**Dr. Modou Diagne- Director General of Police in Republic of Senegal  
Permanent Secretary of the Interministerial Committee for the  
Fight against Irregular Migration (CILMI) of Senegal.**

I chose UPEACE with a clear ambition to understand security in a broader, more human, and global way. Its international mandate and multidisciplinary approach linking political science, international relations, human rights, and conflict resolution enabled me to move beyond the traditional boundaries of policing and to rethink security within wider governance and societal dynamics.



The strong focus on human security, placing the protection of people at the center of public action, has had a lasting influence on how I approach my responsibilities, particularly in contexts shaped by fragility and transnational challenges. Equally impactful was the multicultural learning environment, where exchanges with professionals from diverse regions and sectors deepened my perspective and encouraged comparative thinking. Completing my doctorate became a turning point in my journey, opening the doors of the Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences at Cheikh Anta Diop University, where I now serve as a lecturer and continue to carry forward the values of critical inquiry and commitment to peace that UPEACE represents.



**Dr. Abibata Tientega Barry- Head of the Constitutionalism and Rule of Law Unit -African Union Commission.**

I graduated from UPEACE in January 2025, having deliberately chosen the University because of its unique mandate as the only institution within the United Nations system devoted exclusively to peace education. For the responsibilities I carry, credibility, rigor, and international recognition associated with UPEACE are indispensable, ensuring that the knowledge I rely upon is authoritative, reliable, and globally grounded.

Since completing my studies, I have cultivated an even stronger commitment to research excellence and systematic source verification. This discipline informs my work daily, enriches the quality of my policy engagement, and reinforces my confidence when advising member states and collaborating with partners. Beyond academic achievement, my UPEACE experience has refined my professional judgment and continues to influence how I contribute to advancing constitutionalism, governance, and sustainable peace.

**Col. Hamdi Hassan -Director of Security at Mogadishu Somalia Airport**

The knowledge I gained from UPEACE has transformed both my life and my leadership. As a mother, it deepened my understanding of human security, dignity, and what safety truly means for families, strengthening my determination to build systems that protect future generations, not only borders. As Director of Security at Mogadishu's airport and a Colonel within Somalia's national security architecture, my education enhanced my capacity to combine operational command with legal awareness, accountability, and internationally recognized standards.



I now lead with greater strategic patience, clearer ethical judgment, and the confidence to defend difficult security decisions before government authorities, international partners, and the communities we serve. UPEACE did not change who I am as a security professional; it expanded my influence, credibility, and responsibility.

## UPEACE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES



The University for Peace (UPEACE) is a United Nations-mandated with a mission to educate, research, and train professionals committed to peace, security, human rights, governance, and sustainable development.

UPEACE Africa postgraduate programmes include a broad range of Master's and Doctoral degrees that integrate interdisciplinary theory with practical insights for addressing contemporary Africa and global challenges.

### MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAMS

#### MA in Environmental, Development and Peace

This program is envisaged to advance the development of the full spectrum of knowledge. Skills and related capacities of students in environment, development and peace. This program will guide students to develop their functional competencies of advance reflection and critical analysis of various theoretical and practical applications in peace, development and the environment.

- Specialization Environmental Security and Governance
- Specialization Sustainable Natural Resource Management
- Specialization Climate Change Policy
- Specialization Sustainable Food systems

#### MA in Peace Governance and Development

The online MA in Peace, Governance and Development in Africa is envisaged to advance the development of full spectrum of knowledge, skills and related capacities of students. The program offers a holistic selection of courses that critically examines the academic concepts, theories, contemporary debates and practices of the interdisciplinary studies of peace, conflict, governance and development in Africa.



### **MA in International Law and Human Rights**

The Master of Arts in International Law and Human Rights (MA-ILHR) seeks to build human capacity in International Law and Human Rights. The program works towards building international relations that allow nations to cooperate with one another, pool resources and share information to face global issues that go beyond any country or region.

### **MA in Disaster Resilience, Leadership and Humanitarian Action**

The Master of Arts (MA) degree in Disaster Resilience, Leadership and Humanitarian Action (DRLHA) emphasis the development of a generation of disaster resilience leaders (DRL) as well as strengthening the capacity of existing leaders in the field of DRM.

### **MA in Energy, Economics and Governance**

The Master of Energy Economics and Governance program is intended to develop a pool of specialists with energy -sector specific skills and equip future leaders, policy planners and the current dynamics and highly globalized energy markets. The program aims at producing competency and professionals for managerial, advisory and academic positions in the energy sector.

### **MA in Sustainable Water Resources Management & Climate Change Adaptation**

The Master of Arts in Sustainable Water Resources Management and Climate Change Adaptation (MA-SWCA) seeks to build human capacity in Water Resources Management and Climate Change to highly vulnerable communities to save lives and alleviate suffering. It is systematically done by strengthening existing capacity, supporting the development of future leaders and working towards sustainability through a global network of academic public and private stakeholders more effectively.

### **Admission Requirements**

1. Complete admission form
2. Bachelor's Degree University certificates and transcripts certified
3. A 1000-word statement of purpose
4. Proof of English Proficiency
5. An updated Curriculum Vitae CV
6. Two recommendation letters ideally sent electronically or if in hard copy must be signed, sealed and dated with valid contact information. Valid referees include former/current professors and employers
7. Passport size photographs
8. Copy of passport

### **FEE STRUCTURE**

The fee for MA is structured as follows.

1. Admission and registration fees-US\$500
2. Functional fees which include examination, research and thesis fees-US\$500
3. Tuition fees -US\$5000
4. Total fees-US\$6000 which can be paid in instalments.



## Doctor of Philosophy in Peace, Governance & Development (PGD)



The Ph.D in Peace, Governance & Development offers a unique opportunity for students to have an interdisciplinary examination of governance, power, authority, conflict, peace and development in the global and African contexts. The program interrogates the concepts, tools, and assumptions that have served scholars and practitioners in the past and assesses new approaches for addressing contemporary and future challenges. Graduate students in the program will examine the variety of actors, institutions, ideas, rules and processes that contribute to governance, development, and security management. The program fits in Sustainable Development Goal 16 which targets 'Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions'. SDG 16 focuses on the promotion of peaceful societies, the provision of justice for all and the building of effective and accountable institutions at all levels.

### Doctor of Philosophy in Blue Economy & Maritime Security (BEMS)

Ph.D in Blue Economy and Maritime Security is an innovative and specialized program designed to equip students with an in-depth understanding of the multidisciplinary dimensions of the global Blue Economy and the crucial role of Maritime Security. This program targets professionals, researchers and policy-makers who aim to understand, design and implement strategies for sustainable development, governance and security of the Waterbodies resources. The programme entails mandatory coursework and an extensive research project. The programme is targeted towards middle & high-level academics and practitioners seeking to consolidate their knowledge in the field of Blue Economy & Maritime Security. The programme is administered by the UPEACE Uganda office but supervised by UPEACE headquarters in Costa Rica which will issue the Degrees.

### Doctor of Land Degradation and Desertification (LDD)

The Ph.D in Land Degradation and Desertification offers a unique opportunity for students to have an examination of land management practices that can combat the high rate of land degradation and desertification through the various research projects that will be carried out. Graduate students on the program will examine the causes, impacts and processes of land degradation as well as the development and implementation of sustainable land management practices.



The Ph.D in Land degradation and desertification also fits Sustainable Development Goal 13 on climate action, which targets improving education, impact reduction and early warning. The programme also fits well in SDG 2 on zero hunger, which targets ensuring sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production.

### **Doctor in Leadership and Sustainable Development (LSD)**

The Ph.D in leadership and sustainable development focusses on providing interdisciplinary and multicultural opportunities to study topics related to leadership and sustainable development.

Through in-depth analysis of the latest business environment, management theory and business philosophy, it aims to enable doctoral students to explore, understand and criticize theories, concepts, competencies and values, ethics related to leadership. Along the way, students are encouraged to develop and critically explore specific strategies for implementing

### **Programme Structure and Timeline**

1. Programme duration: 3years 1st year compulsory coursework organized in 2 sessions

### **Admission Requirement**

- Primarily holders of a Master's in any Social Science Field.

### **Programme Costs**

- 20.000 USD (3 years) (25% tuition discount for UN and international organization staff, and 50% discount for citizens of UPEACE Mandate-ratifying countries).
- Application and Registration Fees (\$1500USD) in single payment (non-refundable).

The maximum number of candidates per cohort is 15

### **Degree Award**

The degree is awarded by the United Nations mandated University for Peace based in Costa Rica ([www.upeace.org](http://www.upeace.org)) and implemented by the Africa Regional Programme [www.upeace-africa.org](http://www.upeace-africa.org).



# INTERNSHIP CORNER – UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE AFRICA PROGRAMME REGIONAL OFFICE

The University for Peace Africa Programme Regional Office offers a dynamic internship platform that bridges academic knowledge with real-world peace practice. Working at the intersection of research, policy, and capacity development, interns contribute to programme implementation, event coordination, and knowledge production that informs continental and global conversations on governance and conflict prevention.

Former interns consistently describe the experience as formative. Many highlight the trust placed in them to take on meaningful responsibilities, the close mentorship from staff, and the opportunity to engage with diplomats, scholars, and practitioners. Others point to the multicultural environment, where daily collaboration strengthens professional confidence, communication skills, and the ability to translate theory into practice.

## MEET OUR CURRENT INTERNS

### Favour Nalowa Etah-Ako Intern at Upeace Regional Office

As a PhD Fellow on internship at UPEACE, I am gaining practical experience that continuously strengthens my work in Peace, Governance, and Development while allowing me to connect academic learning with real institutional practice. The programme is significantly improving my research capacity as I learn how to locate credible sources, analyse information more critically, relate theory to policy discussions, and construct stronger and more persuasive academic arguments. Staying informed about global developments has become an essential part of my routine, helping me link world events to the debates and priorities within my field.



At the same time, the internship supports my technical and organizational growth. I am becoming more confident in using Microsoft Word and contribute to the coordination of academic activities, including the organization of webinars through Zoom, experiences that sharpen my planning ability and strengthen my attention to detail.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the internship is the opportunity to work with colleagues from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds. Through daily collaboration and the exchange of ideas, I continue to develop my communication skills, adaptability, and appreciation for teamwork, all of which broaden my perspective and enable me to contribute meaningfully to a respectful and productive work environment.



## Anne Mojoko Lifongo Intern at Upeace Regional Office

I was opportune to join the University for Peace Africa Regional Programme as an intern to grow my professional portfolio and life in general. Working in a multicultural environment has made me more open, interactive, and able to collaborate effectively with people from diverse backgrounds.

With a BSc in Marketing Management, I applied my skills to support student outreach, audience segmentation, and communication strategies that highlight the value of UPEACE programmes. At the same time, the University's mission to promote peace and stability inspired me to build knowledge in conflict resolution that I can later use in organizations and communities.

The internship strengthened my interest in understanding the root causes of global conflicts and the dynamics that keep major powers influential over time. I also became more confident in public speaking, strategic communication, and teamwork, while improving my ability to address organizational challenges constructively.

UPEACE is a truly global institution, bringing together students from over 120 countries. Established through a mandate of the United Nations General Assembly, it prepares leaders to tackle climate change, advance human rights, and promote diplomacy.

### Who can apply?

The Internship Corner seeks motivated and talented individuals who demonstrate:

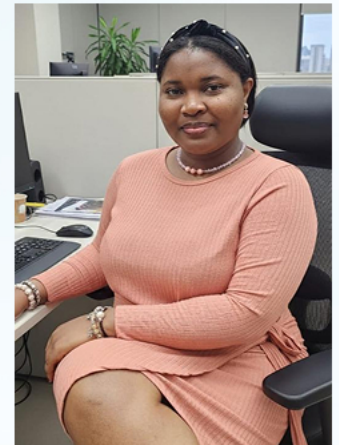
- Academic background in peace and conflict studies, governance, international relations, law, development, or related fields
- Strong research, writing, and organizational skills
- Ability to work in multicultural and multidisciplinary environments
- Commitment to ethical leadership & the values of peace
- Proficiency in English (additional languages are an asset)

### Call for Applications – Internship Corner

The University for Peace Africa Programme Regional Office welcomes applications from highly motivated students and young professionals eager to gain practical experience in peacebuilding, governance, and conflict prevention.

### Internship areas may include:

- Research and policy analysis
- Programme and project support
- Event and training coordination
- Communications and knowledge management



**Duration:** Typically 3-12 months (flexible depending on programme needs).

**Location:** Africa Programme Regional Office Addis Ababa Ethiopia Status: Competitive selection.

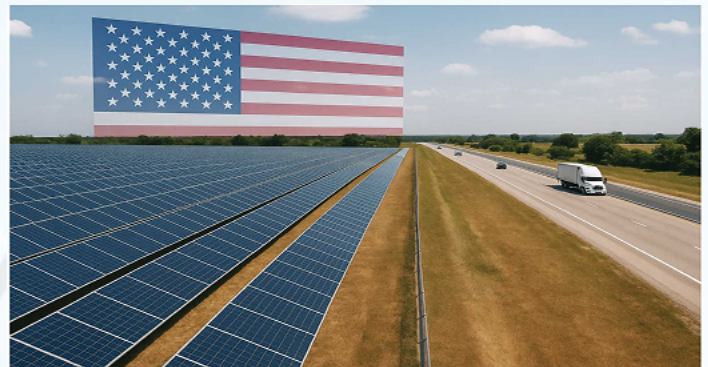
### Applicants should submit:

- A CV
- A short motivation letter
- Academic transcripts
- Writing sample (recommended)

By investing in emerging professionals, the Regional Office not only supports career development but also strengthens its mission to prepare a new generation capable of linking knowledge, policy, and practice in the service of sustainable peace.

## POLICY CORNER

**Shifting Structures: U.S. Immigration Restrictions, UN Funding Retrenchment, and Africa's Imperative for Strategic Leadership.** By Dr. Esther L. Ndufu



The operating environment that has shaped African peacebuilding and development since the end of the Cold War is changing. Policy adjustments in the United States most visibly in immigration access and multilateral financing reflect a broader reprioritization of national commitments. Though domestically framed, these decisions redistribute risk across the international system. African states, deeply connected to global mobility, aid, and security arrangements, will experience the impact quickly.

Recent visa suspensions affecting a large group of countries, including many in Africa, illustrate the shift. The argument emphasizes border control, vetting capacity, and fiscal responsibility. Yet migration regimes function as economic and social infrastructure. They connect labour markets, universities, innovation systems, and families across continents.

Research on displacement and mobility consistently shows that restrictions rarely eliminate movement but redirect it. When regular channels narrow, irregular routes expand, costs rise, and protection risks intensify. Smuggling markets grow and states lose visibility over who is moving and why.

The financial consequences are immediate. According to World Bank 2023 report, remittances to Sub-Saharan Africa are close to \$60 billion per year. In several countries they exceed foreign direct investment and, in some cases, rival export earnings. At household level, surveys from the International Organization for Migration in its 2022 report show remittances paying for food, rent, education, and medical care. At macro level, central banks rely on them to stabilize currency markets and manage balance-of-payments pressure. Even modest disruption can therefore transmit stress across entire economies. None of this negates the argument that Africa must build growth from within. Expanding productive sectors, strengthening tax systems, and improving governance remain essential. But structural transformation is gradual. Mobility restrictions can alter income streams in a single budget cycle. Governments then face adjustment burdens without adequate buffers.

Educational circulation carries similar weight. More than 400,000 students from Sub-Saharan Africa are enrolled in tertiary institutions abroad at any given time (UNESCO, 2023). Many return with specialised skills in public finance, engineering, medicine, and digital governance, contributing to domestic capacity formation and institutional reform (World Bank, 2019).



Alumni and diaspora professional networks frequently underpin reform coalitions, facilitate knowledge transfer, and connect governments to international standards and financing opportunities (International Organization for Migration, 2022). Limiting access to international education therefore risks slowing the renewal of administrative and technical expertise just as rapid demographic expansion increases demand for public services and employment (African Development Bank, 2021).

A parallel contraction is visible in multilateral finance. The United States has traditionally provided roughly one-fifth of the UN regular budget and more than a quarter of peacekeeping resources. Payment uncertainty, even when temporary, forces agencies to delay recruitment, postpone procurement, and shorten operational horizons.

In fragile and conflict-affected settings, predictability matters as much as volume. Peace operations support electoral logistics, civilian protection, police reform, and disarmament. Interruptions weaken deterrence and embolden spoilers. Development partners then spend more later to rebuild what earlier instability eroded.

Longstanding African policy thinkers warned about this exposure. They argued that dependence on volatile external flows leaves reform hostage to political and economic cycles elsewhere. Their prescription instead emphasised the construction of capable institutions, the expansion of regional markets, and the recovery of policy autonomy (Thandika Mkandawire, 2001; 2010). Today, those insights resonate strongly. External retrenchment is uncomfortable, but it can also accelerate overdue reforms in revenue mobilization, trade facilitation, and industrial coordination. Pressure can produce clarity.

Climate change intensifies urgency. Extreme weather, drought, and flooding are already costing African economies tens of billions of dollars annually. Agricultural productivity is under strain. Urban infrastructure faces repeated damage. Humanitarian needs are rising faster than available grants. Fiscal space is narrowing precisely when investment requirements are expanding. Security, in practical terms, becomes the ability of states to maintain services under stress. Where budgets tighten, access to food systems, health provision, and employment opportunities become more fragile. Social contracts weaken. Political volatility follows.

Important counter-movements are nevertheless underway. The African Continental Free Trade Area seeks to create a market of 1.3 billion people with a combined GDP above \$3 trillion. If implemented effectively, it could raise intra-African trade by more than 50 percent over the coming decade. Governments are also experimenting with digital taxation, sovereign wealth mechanisms, blended finance, and diaspora bonds. These are early but significant steps toward diversified resilience.

### **What, then, does leadership require?**

First, realism about the trajectory of global politics. Traditional partners will remain important, but their commitments will fluctuate. Second, investment in administrative competence so that new resources whether domestic or external translate into outcomes. Third, coordination at regional level to avoid fragmented bargaining positions. The international order is not collapsing; it is recalibrating. Influence will belong to actors who adapt to institutions faster than circumstances change. Africa's task is to convert exposure into leverage, protect human security, and enter the next phase of global cooperation with stronger foundations than the last.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### HEAD OF RESIDENT COORDINATOR OFFICE, P5

**Job Code Title: SENIOR DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION OFFICER, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND RCO TEAM LEADER**

**Department/Office: Resident Coordinator System**

**Duty Station: YANGON**

**Posting Period: 13 February 2026-14 March 2026**

**Job Opening Number: 26-Sustainable Development-RCS-272156-R-YANGON (X)**

**Staffing Exercise ID: N/A**

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### EVALUATION OFFICER, P4

**Job Code Title: EVALUATION OFFICER**

**Department/Office: United Nations**

**Sustainable Development Group System-Wide Evaluation Office**

**Duty Station: NEW YORK**

**Posting Period: 12 February 2026-28 March 2026**

**Job Opening Number: 26-Management and Analysis-UNSDGSWE-271337-R-NEW YORK (X)**

**Staffing Exercise ID: N/A**

**For more information visit website**

### PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OFFICER

**Department/Office: United Nations Environment Programme**

**Duty Station: NAIROBI**

**Posting Period: 13 February 2026-14 March 2026**

**Job Opening Number: 26-Programme Management-UNEP-266760-R-NAIROBI (X)**

**Staffing Exercise ID: N/A**

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### SENIOR DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION OFFICER, STRATEGIC PLANNING & RCO TEAM LEADER

**Department/Office: Resident Coordinator System**

**Duty Station: ASMARA**

**Posting Period: 13 February 2026-14 March 2026**

**Job Opening Number: 26-Sustainable Development-RCS-272064-R-ASMARA (X)**

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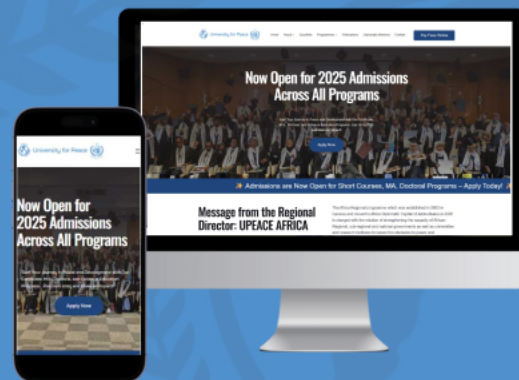
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