



**Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR):
International Civilian Peace-keeping and Peace-building Training
Program (IPT)**

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the following training opportunities:

Type of Course	Date	Deadline for Receipt of Application
UN-IPT Specialisation Course on Child Protection, Monitoring and Rehabilitation	18 - 30 August 2008	14 June 2008
IPT Core Course	28 September - 11 October 2008	1 August 2008
IPT Specialisation Course Women in Armed Conflict*	12 - 24 October 2008	1 August 2008
IPT Core Course	1 -14 March 2009	6 December 2008
IPT Specialisation Course Project Management*	15 - 27 March 2009	6 December 2008

* The IPT SPECIALISATION COURSES will offer the opportunity of a recruitment interview with United Nations Volunteers (UNV).

Cost of Participation

The course fee is 1.260,- € per two weeks including half-board accommodation
Scholarships are available for applicants from non-OECD states.

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UN-IPT Specialisation Course on Child Protection, Monitoring and Rehabilitation

Date: 18 - 30 August 2008

Application Deadline: 14 June 2008

Aim & Content:

The overall objective of the UN-IPT Specialisation Course on “Child Protection, Monitoring and Rehabilitation” is to prepare experts in monitoring, advisory, and executive functions related to children in crisis areas. The course does not duplicate already on-going training efforts which mainstream the topic, but aims at the Specialisation of experts who are already involved or would like to become specifically engaged in child protection, monitoring and rehabilitation in the framework of UN field missions. Therefore this course is organized in cooperation with UN agencies involved in child protection.

The course will cover topics such as:

- Children Affected by Armed Conflict including basic concepts of childhood; structural and direct violence against children; different impact of armed conflict on boys and girls;
- Legal Framework and International Standards including international standards on human rights of children, international humanitarian and refugee law;
- The Evolution of Child Protection including tools and instruments developed by the Security Council and the Working Group on CAAC and their application by practitioners;
- Monitoring and Reporting including the Secretary General's Monitoring and Reporting Action Plan; child-focused situation analysis / investigation, child-focused monitoring and reporting;
- Protection from abuse, exploitation, separation, trafficking and forced recruitment; facilitation of humanitarian assistance to children;
- Rehabilitation including DDR of children associated with armed forces; reintegration of child refugees/IDPs; psychological support in the context of reconciliation efforts in peace processes, education in emergencies; child protection provisions in peace-agreements;
- Organisational and practical aspects of child protection in UN peacekeeping missions;
- Organisational and practical aspects of child protection in organisations other than UN;
- Mainstreaming of CAAC, working with other child protection actors in the field; issues of collaboration and complementarity; child rights advocacy and public information.

Target Group:

- People with relevant professional backgrounds in working with children who want to become experts for child protection, monitoring and rehabilitation of the UN in crisis areas (e.g. child protection officers).
- People who come from diverse professional backgrounds not directly related to child protection but plan to intensively include the topic in future activities in their respective areas of competence.

Basic knowledge on peace and conflict related topics, organizational and management skills, monitoring techniques, situation assessment and analytical skills, documentation as well as communication and networking skills are required. Participants should also have a basic understanding of international human rights and humanitarian law.

Applicants for admission will be selected on a competitive basis by an admissions committee. Preference will be given to applicants whose participation is supported by UN organisations.

IPT Specialisation Course on Women in Armed Conflict

Date: 12 October - 24 October 2008

Application Deadline: 1 August 2008

Aim & Content:

Women experience armed conflict in diverse ways as victims, survivors, leaders, peace workers and peacemakers. Violence against women in conflict zones is often an extension of the gender discrimination that already exists in peacetime. Because of their lack of status within society women are systematically excluded from decision-making opportunities, they are often stereotyped as victims and their experiences and contributions are virtually ignored in conflict zones and in nations emerging from war. The fact, that this has not only an adverse impact on women but also on durable peace and reconciliation was recognized by the historic UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000). This resolution reaffirmed the important role of women in prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peace-building, and stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, and the need to increase their role in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and resolution.

It is the overall objective of the Specialisation Course on "Women in Armed Conflict" to prepare experts who work already or plan to work in (post) conflict zones for focusing on the gender issues, either in relation to the situation and role of women affected by armed conflict or within the peacekeeping operation. With these foci, the course does not duplicate already on-going training efforts regarding the mainstreaming of gender issues but aims at the focused preparation of experts who want to become specialized in topics such as the impact of war on women, gender analysis and the application of gender (mainstreaming) in project management, women's contributions to conflict resolution, DDR, humanitarian assistance, reconciliation efforts, peace processes etc. as well as gender sensitive approaches and their implementation in peace missions.

The course will cover topics such as:

- Basic concepts of gender;
- Women affected by armed conflict by direct and structural violence;
- Legal framework and international standards (including the UN Security Council Resolution 1325);
- Protection of women in armed conflicts (including strategies, instruments, actors and activities for the protection of women in armed conflict such as protection from abuse, exploitation, trafficking and forced recruitment);
- Empowerment of women in armed conflicts (including strengthening women's roles in conflicting societies by legal, social, economical, political, and cultural means; strengthening women's participation in peace-building processes; gender mainstreaming in project management);
- Gender sensitive approaches and their implementation in peace missions (including gender mainstreaming in organizations, policies and programmes; issues of collaboration and complementarity).

Target Group:

- People with relevant professional backgrounds who want to become experts for addressing the problematic status of women in armed conflict in (post) crisis areas.
- People who come from diverse professional backgrounds but plan to intensively include the women's rights topic and gender perspective in future activities (e.g. project management) in their respective areas of competence.

Basic knowledge on peace and conflict related topics, organizational and management skills, situation assessment and analytical skills, documentation as well as communication and networking skills are required. Participants should also have a basic understanding of gender mainstreaming, international human rights and humanitarian law as well as project management.

IPT Specialisation Course on Project Management

Date: 15 – 27 March 2009

Application Deadline: 6 December 2008

Aim & Content:

The overall objective of this Specialisation Course is the improvement of the preparation of experts who like to become involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of projects in crisis areas. The purpose of this training is not limited to familiarising participants with the international standards, the project management circle, human resource management as well as concepts and best practices. The course also seeks to enable participants to exchange respective expertises, and therewith build capacity to improve the training on this topic. To this effect, the course will also serve as a training-of-trainers.

Sessions include:

- Development of a project vision
- Situation analysis and needs assessment
- Stakeholder- and participation analysis, analysis of problems and goals
- Conflict impact assessment
- Logical Framework Matrix
- Budget calculation, fundraising, writing of project proposal
- Management of a team, information and problems
- Monitoring and evaluation

Target Group:

- People who act as multipliers and trainers for others in their respective field missions.
- People who work or have worked in a project team, as project managers or consultants.
- People who have attended the Core Course and are interested in specializing in Project Management.

Basic project management experience is required.

IPT CORE COURSE, 28 September – 11 October 2008

Application Deadline: 1 August 2008

IPT CORE COURSE, 1 – 14 March 2009

Application Deadline: 6 December 2008

Aim & Content:

The Core Course aims at providing participants with the basic knowledge and skills required in post-conflict and crisis areas, independent of the specific function they will fulfill as experts in their own fields. All the modules should enhance desirable personal attitudes, stress the importance of active involvement in the host society and promote a reflective and critical approach with regard to the complex issues faced in peace-keeping and peace-building. Particular stress is put on the development of a co-operative attitude towards representatives and approaches of governmental and inter-governmental actors involved in peace-building, peace-keeping, development co-operation and humanitarian assistance as well as on the mainstreaming of a conflict sensitive approach.

The Core Course includes modules aiming at improving participants' qualifications for working in a multi-cultural and conflict prone society and for contributing to the transformation of conflicts. It gives a basic understanding of major functional tasks in the field as well as of the goals and approaches of actors involved. Participants will also get acquainted with various field-work techniques.

Target Group:

People working with national or international non-governmental organizations, international organizations (e.g. UN, OSCE), governments, the academic or private sectors who:

- want to prepare for field missions in post-conflict and crisis areas in other countries than their own and in their own countries;
- want to serve as multipliers in their own countries and communities, passing on the knowledge and skills obtained in the course.