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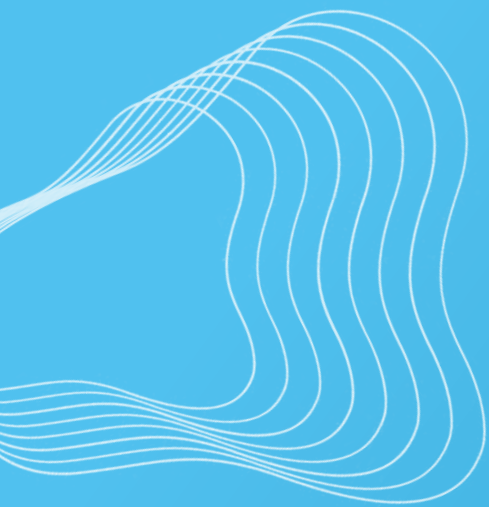


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Acronyms & Abbreviations

[ACTS](#) - Ghana Army's Combat Training School

[AI](#) - Artificial Intelligence

[AILCT](#) - Académie Internationale de Lutte Contre le Terrorisme

[AMAT](#) - Ammunition Management Advisory Team

[ASEAN](#) - Association of Southeast Asian Nations

[AU](#) - African Union

[BICC](#) - Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies

[CEDRE](#) - Centre de Documentation, de Recherche et d'Expérimentations sur les Pollutions Accidentelles des Eaux

[CMF](#) - Combined Maritime Forces

[CPST](#) - Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training

[CSOs](#) - Civil Society Organizations

[DCoC](#) - Djibouti Code of Conduct

[DCSD](#) - Directorate for Security and Defence Cooperation of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

[DDR](#) - Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration

[DHE](#) - Decarbonising Humanitarian Energy

[DPO](#) - Department of Peace Operations

[ECOWAS](#) - Economic Community Of West African States

[EMPABB](#) - École de Maintien de la Paix Alioun Blondin Beye

[ENVR](#) - École Nationale de Cybersécurité à Vocation Régionale

[FCDO](#) - Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office

[FDFA](#) - Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

[FPU](#)s - Formed Police Units

[GPA](#) - Global Platform for Action on Sustainable Energy in Displacement Settings

[IANSA](#) - International Action Network on Small Arms

[INGOs](#) - International Non-Governmental Organizations

[INL](#) - U.S. Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

[IMO](#) - International Maritime Organization

[IOM](#) - International Organization for Migration

[IPO](#)s - Individual Police Officers

[ISMI](#) - Interregional Maritime Safety Institute

[ISPS](#) - International Ship and Port Facility Security

[ITI](#) - International Tracing Instrument

[KAIPTC](#) - Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre

[KMKM](#) - Zanzibar Maritime Forces

[MAHAP](#) - Master Degree in Humanitarian Action and Peacebuilding

[MEPA](#) - Master Degree in Electoral Policy and Administration

[MGA](#) - Military Gender Advisor

[MINUSCA](#) - United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

[MONUSCO](#) - United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

[MOOC](#) - Massive Open Online Course

[MPTF](#) - Multi-Partner Trust Fund

[NGOs](#) - Non-Governmental Organizations

[NORAD](#) - Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation

[NORCAP](#) - Norwegian Capacity

[OIF](#) - Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

[PAPS](#) - African Union Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department

[PCCs](#) - Police Contributing Countries

[PMAWCA](#) - Port Management Association of West and Central Africa

[PoA](#) - UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat & Eradicate the Illicit Trade of Small Arms & Light Weapons

[READS](#) - Roadmaps for Energy Access in Displacement Settings

[SALW](#) - Small Arms and Light Weapons

[SDGs](#) - Sustainable Development Goals

[SRSGs](#) - Special and Personal Representatives and Envoys of the Secretary-General

[TOT](#) - Training of Trainers

[TPTC](#) - Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre

[UAE](#) - United Arab Emirates

[UK](#) - United Kingdom

[UN](#) - United Nations

[UNCDF](#) - United Nations Capital Development Fund

[UNDP](#) - United Nations Development Programme

[UNHCR](#) - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

[UNMISS](#) - United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan

[UNITAR](#) - United Nations Institute for Training and Research

[UNV](#) - United Nations Volunteers

[UOC](#) - Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

[WAM](#) - Weapons and Ammunition Management

[WPS](#) - Women, Peace and Security

[YPS](#) - Youth, Peace and Security

Message From the Leadership

Turning Knowledge Into Lasting Impact

The year 2024 was one of impact, growth, and collaboration for the Division for Peace at UNITAR. Across the globe, from Africa to Asia, Latin America to Europe, our work stood at the intersection of practice and innovation, helping governments, institutions, and communities translate knowledge into lasting impact. The Division for Peace consolidated its role as a key partner in advancing sustainable peace through capacity development, training, and research.

Across **189 countries and six continents**, we trained **37,479 individuals** through **273 events**, awarding **12,821 certificates**. Each of these figures represents not only scale, but also the diversity of our response to today's complex peace and security challenges.

Our delivery methods (face-to-face, online, and blended), ensured flexibility and inclusivity, while our curricula continued to evolve to address the realities of peace operations, conflict prevention, and post-conflict recovery.

Our portfolio in 2024 reflected the breadth of today's peacebuilding challenges. Our training offer was more diverse than ever. It combined master's degree programmes, free online courses open to a global audience, and highly specialized workshops, ensuring that partic-

ipants, from maritime forces to government officials and staff from other United Nations agencies, had access to high-quality, flexible, and inclusive learning.

Behind these numbers are stories of transformation: officers deploying with enhanced skills in protecting civilians or integrating gender perspectives into their operations, civil servants building inclusive electoral systems, young leaders promoting dialogue and equipped to mediate conflict in their communities. These individual transformations, multiplied across thousands of participants and further amplified by our training-of-trainers approach, are what give meaning to our mission.

Financially, 2024 demonstrated continued growth and resilience. Our Division strengthened its delivery capacity and donor base, ensuring the sustainability of our training and capacity-building initiatives. We extend our gratitude to our donors and partners whose commitment and trust enable us to innovate and expand our reach.

As we carry this momentum into 2025, we remain determined to turn learning into action, and action into lasting change. Our work in 2024 reminds us that peace is never built alone : it is a shared endeavour, and our journey continues with all of you.

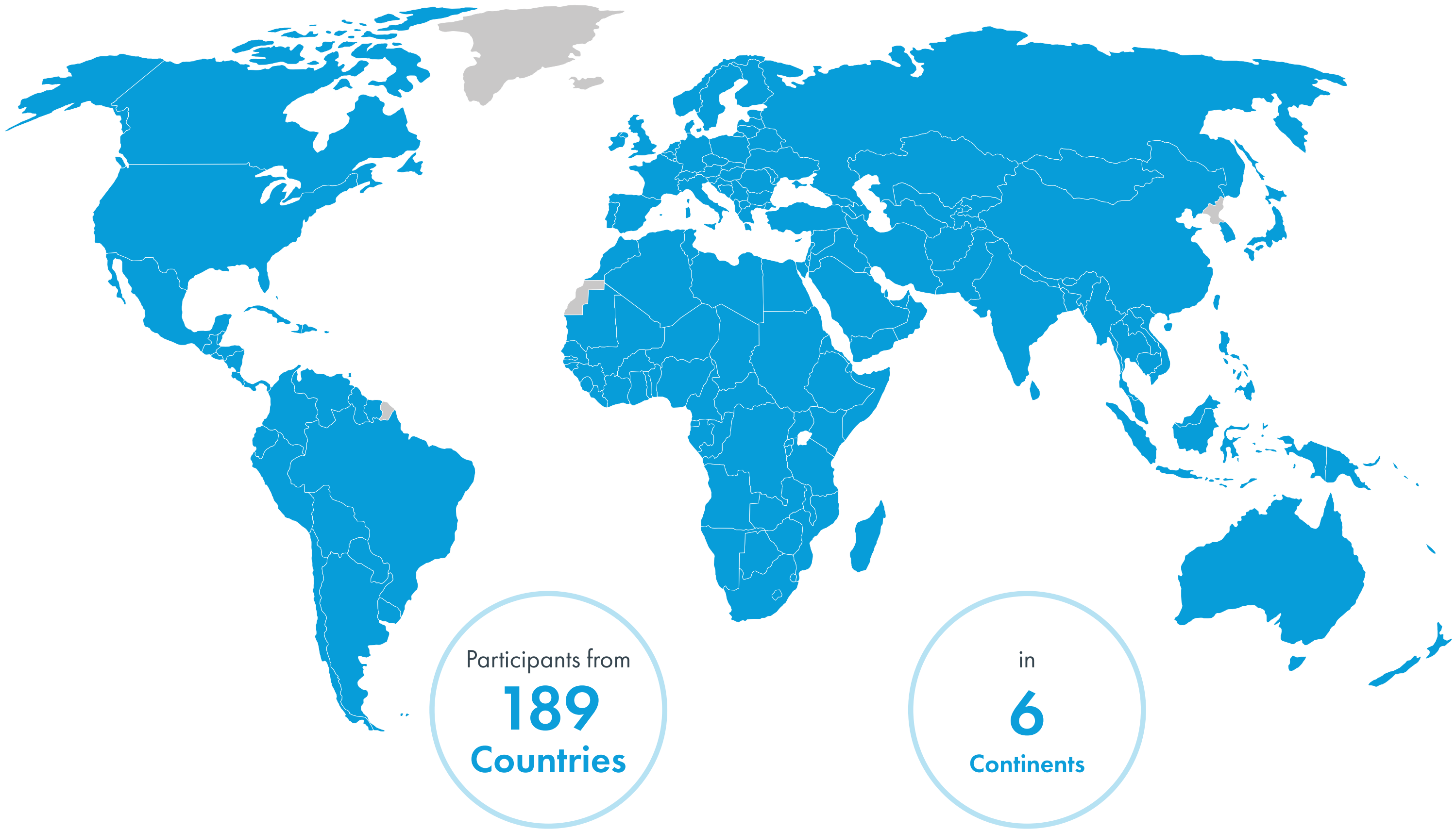
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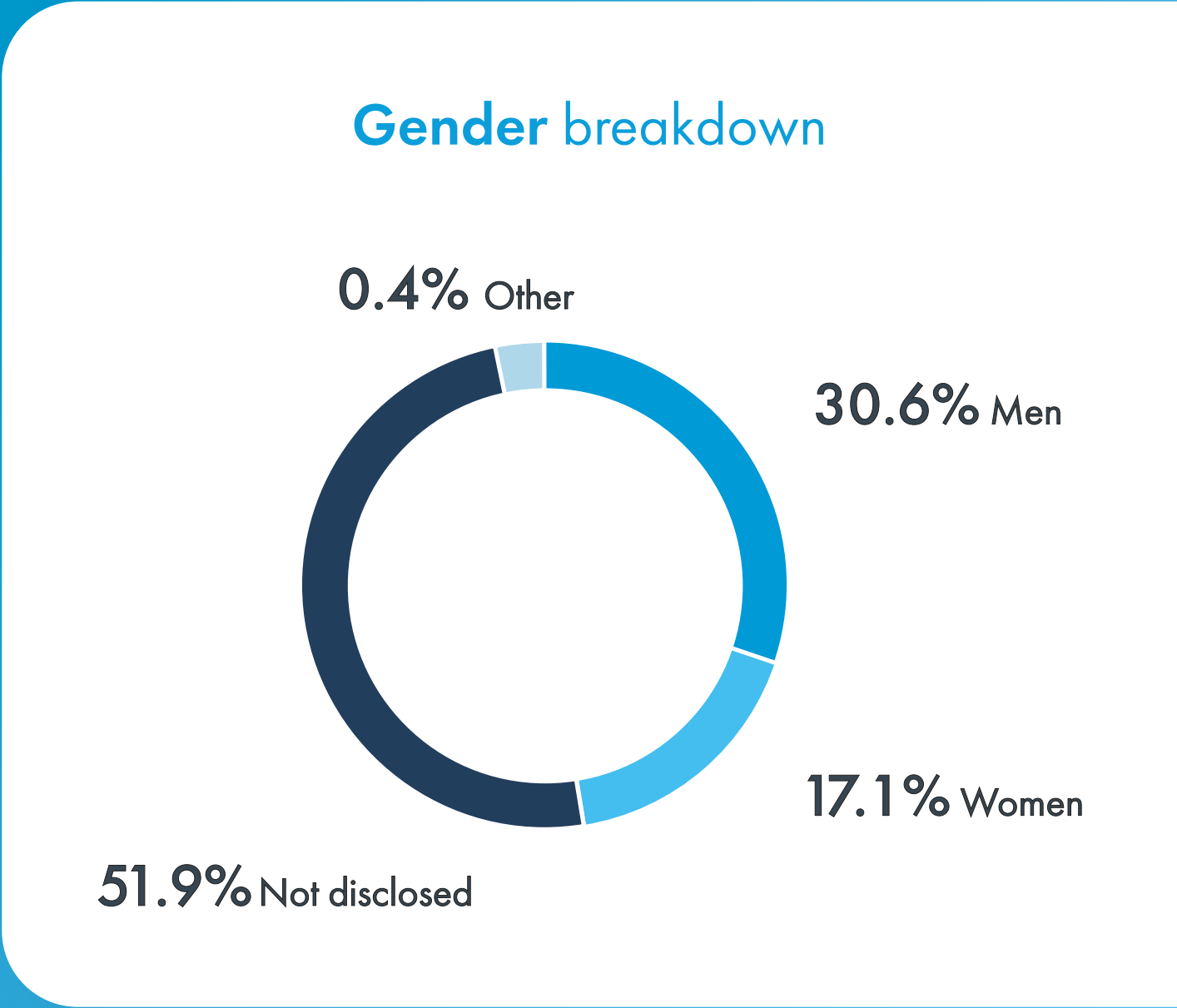
Evariste Karambizi
Director, Division for Peace
UNITAR

Our Global Reach



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2024: Reach Overview



Financial Performance

1.1 FUND COLLECTION VS. EXPENDITURES (2020-2024)

Over the Fiscal Year 2024, the UNITAR’s Division for Peace experienced significant growth in terms of both contribution income and in delivered. As seen in Table 1 and Chart 1, the past 5 years saw a **cumulative annual growth rate of 37% for income, and 10% for expenditure**. The Division was able to mobilise funds required each year to achieve its goals over the 5-year period. In 2024, **fund income covered over 100% of the funds required for the planned activities**.

Table 1: Income and Expenditure 2020-24 (US\$)

| Year | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Incomes - USD ('000) | 12'203 | 17'838 | 20'046 | 22'822 | 59'710 |
| Expenditure - USD ('000) | 12'775 | 15'006 | 20'122 | 22'428 | 20'994 |

Chart 1: Trends of income and expenditure 2020-24 (USD)



1.2 BIENNIUM BUDGET EXPENDITURE AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Each biennium, the Division has delivered beyond initial set targets on income and expenditure performance.

Table 2: Biennium Budget vs Actual Expenditure (US\$)

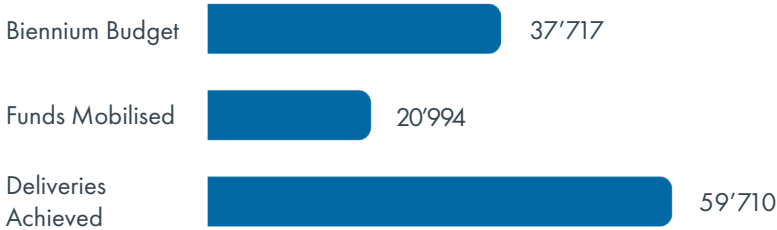
The table below compares the planned income (targets) and the actual income delivered over the past three biennia. The data above reveals that **the Division has achieved or exceeded its income targets** in each biennium, as illustrated in the graphic below.

| Biennium | Budget | Expenditure |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| 2020-2021 (Rev) | 24'315 | 28'326 |
| 2022-2023 (Rev) | 37'921 | 42'550 |

1.3 THE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE LAST BIENNIUM 2024-2025

The graphic below presents the financial performance for the first half of the 2024–2025 biennium. As of mid-2024, 35% of the biennium budget has been mobilised, while deliveries reached 55% of the total biennium target. This reflects a strong implementation pace during the first year, with expenditure levels already exceeding the proportion of funds received.

Chart 2: Biennium 2024 -2025: Budget vs Deliveries vs Income - in USD ('000)



Note: Figures reflect the first half of the biennium (fiscal year 2024 only), as the year 2025 is still ongoing.

1.4 TOP 10 PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2024

Over the 2024 period, UNITAR’s Division for Peace delivered activities and results with \$21 million in expenditure. UNITAR is financed entirely from voluntary contributions derived mainly from UN

Member States, other UN agencies, private sector, NGOs, CIFAL centre affiliation fees, and others, such as public institutions and universities.

UNITAR is grateful to all organizations, and individuals who support its work financially.

Chart 3: Income by Source

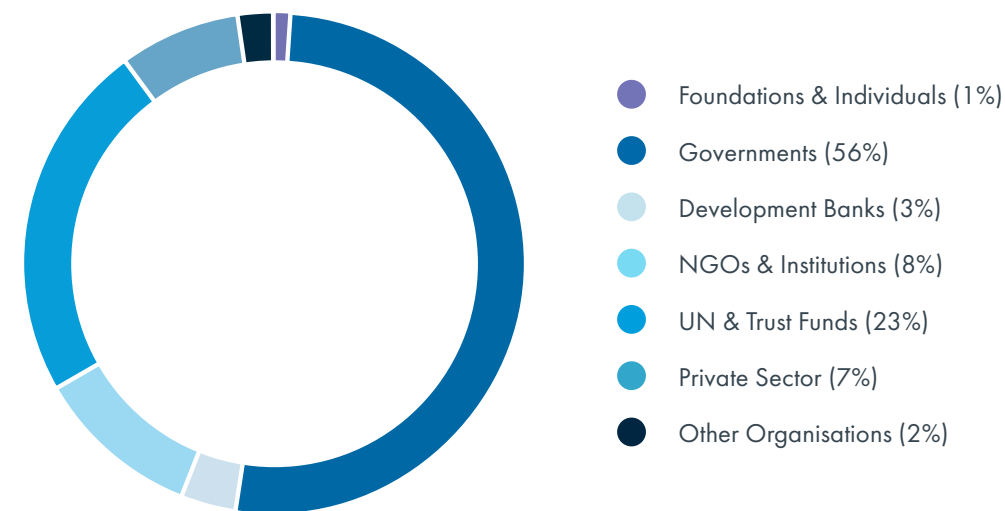


Table 3: 10 Largest Donor Contributions

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| German Ministry of Defence | 53.10% |
| German Ministry of Foreign Affairs | 29.3% |
| Canada | 5.95% |
| United States | 3.31% |
| Decarbonising Humanitarian Energy Multi-Partner Trust | 2.67% |
| Norway | 2.31% |
| European Union | 1.87% |
| World Bank | 0.82% |
| Switzerland | 0.81% |
| Sweden | 0.78% |

Our Impact Strategy and Goals

1 Working on the Peace Continuum

Expand the reach of the Division’s work, particularly in regions affected by conflicts and fragility and those in process of stabilisation and recovery.

Diversify the products and services of the Division to cover new thematic areas and ensure stronger alignment with SDG 16 targets and indicators and the objectives of the New Agenda for Peace.

2 Working Together

Reinforce institutions and networks to sustain peace and security efforts locally, regionally, and globally.

3 Working Inclusively

Reduce obstacles to full, equal and meaningful participation for all, both across its initiatives and within its team.

1 Working on the Peace Continuum

Seminar for Special and Personal Representatives and Envoys of the Secretary-General

What is the project about?

Preserving and passing on the valuable lessons and experience of Special and Personal Representatives and Envoys of the Secretary-General (SRSGs) is critical to ensure these are used to refine and enhance UN practice. The seminar provides **a unique and vital space for the Secretary-General to share his priorities, vision, and analysis and engage with the senior leadership of the UN Peace, Human Rights, Security and Development Architecture on strategies to address challenges, emerging trends and opportunities to strengthen UN practice.**

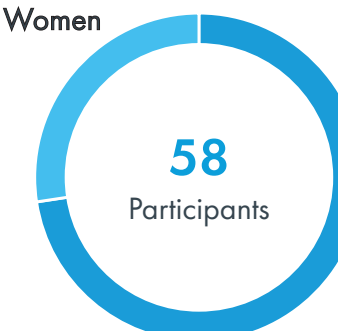
Project Impact

Our seminar is **the only opportunity for the Secretary-General to engage with his seniormost officials heading peace missions and operations carrying out this vital work to advance peace, political solutions, human rights and well-being in some of most challenging conflict contexts around the world.** Peer-to-peer exchange and sharing of lessons, strategies and practice form a key part of the deliberations.



SEMINAR PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

34% Women



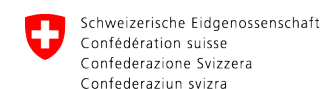
66% Men

Audience

This seminar aimed to empower seniormost headquarters leadership and heads of peace and political missions around the world.

Role of Partners/Donors

We are grateful to the **Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland** and the **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia** for making the Secretary-General's seminar possible. Their support and the valuable contributions of their senior leadership enriched the dialogue and strengthened the seminar's impact.



UNITAR Fellowship Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy

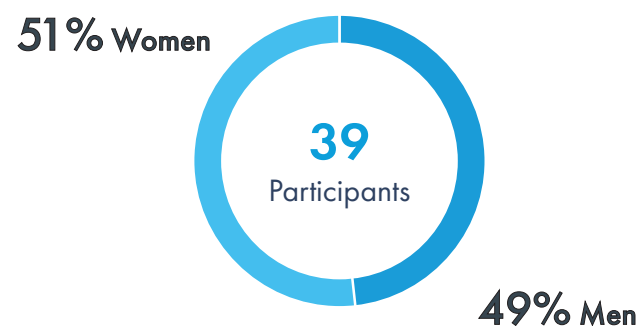
What is the project about?

Peaceful conflict resolution requires skilled personnel across the UN System Member States and regional organizations. Our intensive Fellowship Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy delivers **advanced training to strengthen the capacities of diplomats, regional organizations and UN mission staff, equipping them with tools to prevent conflict, support dialogue, and implement Article 33 of the UN Charter through inclusive and sustainable strategies for peace.**

Project Impact

Through peer exchange and high-level simulations, we equipped diplomats including Ambassadors and UN and regional organizations staff with essential peacemaking skills. Guided by senior mediators and negotiators, **participants strengthened their ability to address root causes, communicate constructively, and negotiate durable solutions, enhancing their impact in resolving complex conflicts across the world.**

PROGRAMME PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

This programme invites nominations from Member States, the UN and regional organizations to strengthen senior and mid-level staff capacities in peacemaking and preventive diplomacy.

Role of Partners/Donors

In partnership with the governments of **Norway** and **Finland**, we welcomed selected Fellows to strengthen their leadership in peace mediation. Finland also supported a valued session on disability inclusion in peace processes. Donors were invited to join opening events to engage directly with participants and foster continued collaboration.



Strengthening ASEAN's Role in Peace and Security - Confidence Building in the Region: A Matter of Urgency

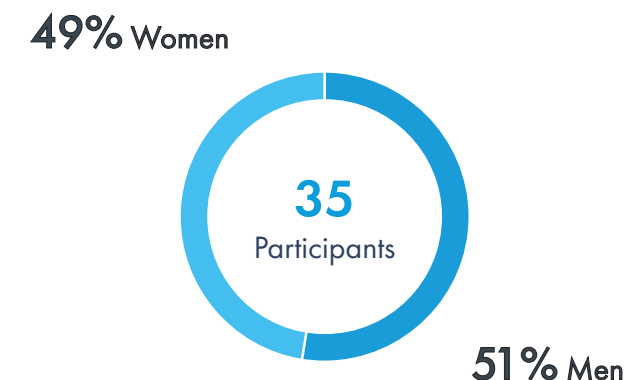
What is the project about?

ASEAN's shift toward building strategic trust is vital for regional stability and cooperation. **Our peace training combines theory, case studies, and practical negotiation skills, fostering peer exchange among government officials, civil society, and academics to transform their visions for peace into actionable, context-specific plans.**

Project Impact

Our training programme empowered participants to transform their visions for peace into actionable plans. In the recent ASEAN/Asia-Pacific programme, diverse participants from government, civil society, and academia built strong networks and shared concrete, globally relevant peace strategies, fostering collaboration for sustained peace in their respective contexts.

TRAINING PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

The programme addresses the needs of officials and representatives from the ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific regions.

Role of Partners/Donors

With the funding support from the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan**, the Regional Training Programme took place in the **Lao People's Democratic Republic** under its ASEAN Chairpersonship.



Vientiane,
Laos

Strengthening Operational Capacities of Troop Contributing Countries

What is the project about?

Troop-contributing countries deploy personnel to complex peacekeeping environments, yet many lack standardised pre-deployment training tailored to mission-specific challenges. This initiative **enhances operational readiness** by equipping troops with essential skills which help **improve performance, enhance discipline and ensure adherence to UN peacekeeping standards**.



Photo Credit: United Nations Peacekeeping

Audience

This programme is designed for military personnel and peacekeeping training centres.

Role of Partners/Donors

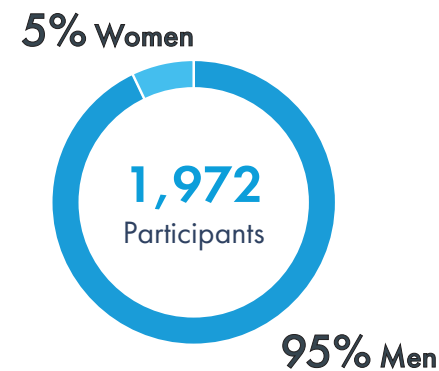
With partner support, we enhanced pre-deployment training by utilising standardised materials from the **UN Department of Peace Operations (UN DPO)**. Collaboration with national training centres ensured consistency, improved training quality, and reinforced UN standards. This joint effort strengthened peacekeeping capacity-building and contributed to the long-term sustainability of training initiatives.



Project Impact

The initiatives **strengthened the operational effectiveness** of troops by delivering standardised training, reinforcing adherence to UN guidelines, and thereby **improving mission effectiveness**. It addressed critical gaps in preparedness, ensuring personnel were **better equipped to operate in dynamic conflict environments**. The use of a specialized Reinforcement Training Package on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) **enhanced peacekeepers' ability to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, strengthening protection measures and accountability** in mission areas.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Rwanda,
Tanzania,
Malawi

Strengthening Operational Capacities of Police Contributing Countries

What is the project about?

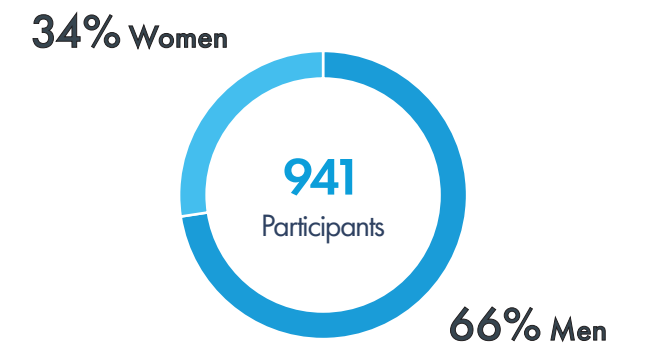
Police personnel play a critical role in UN peace operations, but they often deploy without mission-specific training. Since 2016 we have supported Formed Police Units (FPUs) and Individual Police Officers (IPOs) by **strengthening pre-deployment training, ensuring adherence to UN standards, and improving operational effectiveness**.



Project Impact

This initiative **enhanced police readiness** by implementing standardised guidance, providing specialized training, and certifying national trainers. In 2024, we expanded our geographical reach, refined methodologies, and developed new police training packages, leading to **improved accountability, strengthened policing capabilities, and enhanced in-mission performance**.

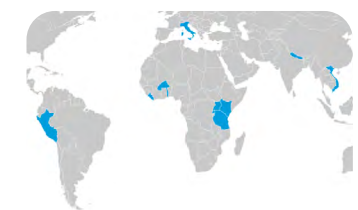
TRAINING PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

This programme is tailored for police personnel and peacekeeping training institutions.

PROJECT LOCATION



Rwanda, Burkina
Faso, Nepal,
Tanzania, Italy,
Kenya, Liberia,
Vietnam, Uganda,
Peru, Togo

Role of Partners/Donors

Germany and **Sweden** provided essential resources to develop tailored training for Police Contributing Countries (PCCs), deliver pre-deployment programmes, and implement Training of Trainers initiatives for sustainable capacity-building. We partnered with the **UN DPO Police Division**, **UN DPO Integrated Training Service**, International Police Peacekeeping Operations Support Program of **US Department of State**, and other partners to operationalise the Strategic Guidance Framework and standardise training approaches, strengthening police capacity in peace operations.



Reinforcement Training Package for Military Gender Advisors (MGA)

What is the project about?

Military Gender Advisors (MGAs) are essential for **integrating gender perspectives in peace operations**. Specialized training equips them to implement gender-responsive strategies, enhancing mission effectiveness and advancing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda. This initiative ensures MGAs are prepared to fulfill their mandate effectively within UN missions.

Project Impact

The initiatives improved the ability of military personnel to integrate gender perspectives into peace operations, **supporting the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS)**. The programme **enhanced leadership skills, promoted gender-responsive strategies, and contributed to the 2028 Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy**.



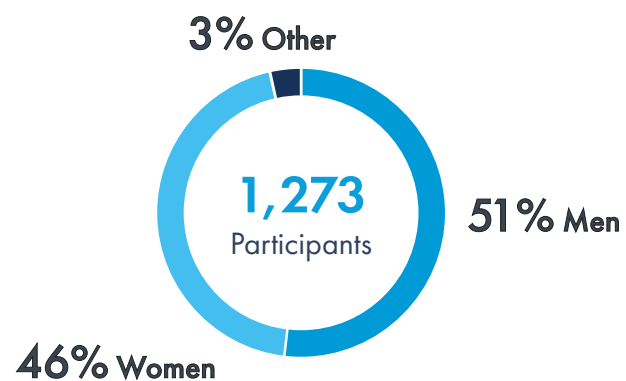
Audience

This programme is crafted for military personnel, military gender advisors and peacekeeping training institutions.

Role of Partners/Donors

With support from **Canada, France**, the **Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)**, and in collaboration with **UN DPO**, we expanded the MGA training, strengthening capacity-building for gender-responsive peace operations. In 2024, Canada enabled the development of the Training of Trainers component and course rollout, while France and OIF facilitated the French iteration, advancing the WPS Agenda through sustainable training initiatives.

TRAINING PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



France,
Tanzania,
Malaysia,
Ghana

Enhancing Capacities of Medical and Paramedical Personnel Deploying to Peace Operations

What is the project about?

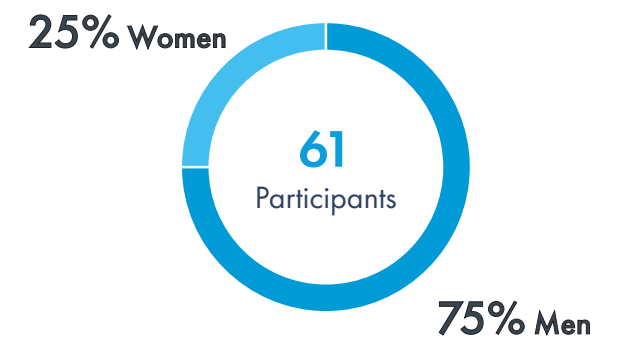
Modern peacekeeping involves significant risks, with over 3,500 UN personnel lost since 1948. **Medical and paramedical personnel** play a critical role in reducing casualties, yet gaps in training and resources persist. This initiative **strengthens their capacities through specialized training, ensuring they are better prepared for deployment in high-risk UN missions**.



Project Impact

The initiative **enhanced the readiness of medical and paramedical personnel deploying to MINUSCA, MONUSCO, and UNMISS** by providing trauma-informed, gender-responsive medical training. **Advanced modules, including Training of Trainers, improved emergency response, reducing fatalities and injuries, and strengthening the overall security and effectiveness of peacekeeping operations**.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

This programme has been developed for military and police medical and paramedical personnel.

PROJECT LOCATION



Rwanda,
Tanzania, Ghana,
Kenya, Senegal

Role of Partners/Donors

With support from the **Government of Canada**, we delivered hands-on training to military and police medical personnel from across several African countries, enhancing their operational readiness. This initiative strengthened medical capacities in peacekeeping missions, ensuring better emergency response and improved healthcare support for personnel and affected communities in conflict settings.

Enhancing Port Resilience Through Safety, Law, and Cybersecurity

What is the project about?

Ports face risks from hazardous cargo, terrorism, legal disputes, and cyber threats. **We strengthen maritime safety, security, legal capacity, and digital resilience by training port authorities, magistrates, and professionals.** These efforts reduce accidents, combat trafficking, enhance legal consistency, and protect infrastructure, ensuring safer, more efficient, and secure global maritime operations.

Project Impact

We strengthened the capacity of port professionals, auditors, magistrates, and Information Technology Staff by enhancing their skills in hazardous goods management, port security auditing, marine pollution response, maritime law, and cybersecurity. **These trainings improve emergency preparedness, legal consistency, and digital resilience, ensuring safer, more efficient, and legally sound port operations.**



Photo Credit: ISMI

Audience

Participants included staff from maritime and port administrations, private sector operators, magistrates, and regional security personnel from eligible Gulf of Guinea countries and Yaoundé Architecture entities.

Role of Partners/Donors

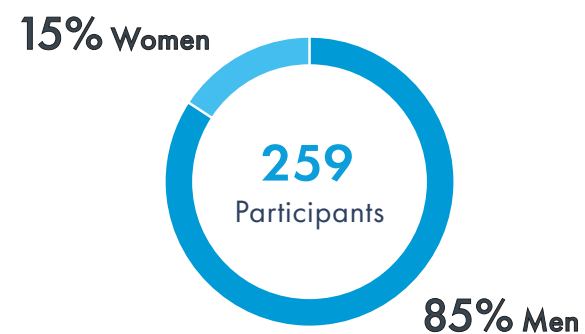
With strong support from the **German Federal Foreign Office**, the **Port Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA)**, the **Interregional Maritime Safety Institute (ISMI)**, **Centre de Documentation, de Recherche et d'Expérimentations sur les pollutions accidentelles des eaux (CEDRE)**, and the **École Nationale de Cybersécurité à Vocation Régionale (ENVR)**, we enhanced port safety, security, legal capacity, and cyber resilience through the SAFE PORT project.



Auswärtiges Amt



PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Senegal
Côte d'Ivoire,
Cameroon,
Benin

Maritime Security Conference in Cabo Verde

What is the project about?

To address the critical maritime security issues facing the **Atlantic region**, we took part in the **Maritime Conference organized in Cabo Verde with the Atlantic Centre and the International Maritime Organization (IMO)**. This high-level event fosters innovation, cooperation, and investment in sustainable maritime security, addressing technological, legal, and socioeconomic challenges facing the Atlantic region's Blue Economy.

Project Impact

We supported the development of a report that enhances understanding of maritime security challenges in the Atlantic and offers actionable recommendations. **By fostering cross-sector collaboration, the report strengthens international cooperation and promotes innovative solutions to improve regional resilience and address complex security threats.**



CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Cabo Verde

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Role of Partners/Donors

With support from the **German Federal Foreign Office** and in collaboration with **IMO**, the conference report reflects joint commitments to regional cooperation, innovation, and capacity-building, offering clear recommendations to enhance governance and strengthen security across the Atlantic region.



Auswärtiges Amt



Strengthening Maritime Capacity and Collaboration in Zanzibar

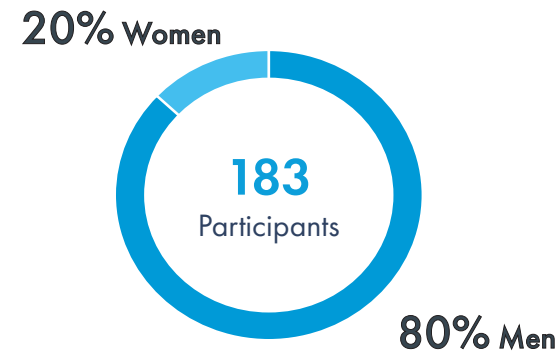
What is the project about?

Critical skill gaps among Zanzibar Maritime Forces (KMKM) limit mission effectiveness. **Through targeted training in seamanship, navigation, and maritime law, we strengthened operational capacity.** By adopting a civilian-focused approach, we engaged key stakeholders via workshops, building a network that promotes inclusive maritime security and raises civil society awareness.

Project Impact

We provided essential technical training to seafaring personnel, enabling them to meet international standards and operate more safely and effectively. The project also fostered coordination by bringing together previously disconnected local and international stakeholders, laying the groundwork for a more cohesive maritime security network.

TRAINING PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Zanzibar,
Tanzania

Role of Partners/Donors

With support from the **German Federal Foreign Office** and close collaboration with **the Zanzibar Maritime Forces (KMKM)** and the **Ministry of the Blue Economy**, we designed and delivered tailored training programmes, recruited expert trainers, and mobilised key stakeholders.



Auswärtiges Amt



Strengthening Maritime Security Readiness in Rwanda Through ISPS Capacity-Building

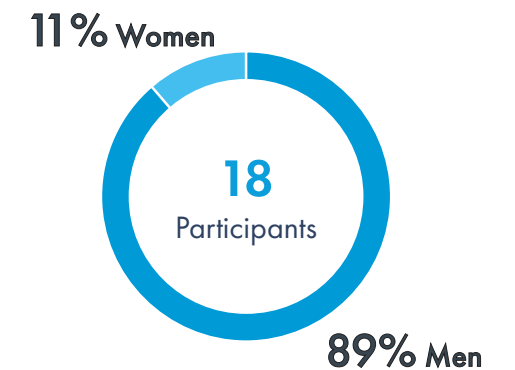
What is the project about?

Rwanda's Marine Police face increasing maritime responsibilities and lacks familiarity with International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) regulations. **This training strengthens their operational readiness by enhancing knowledge of port and ship security standards, equipping officers with tools to align with international norms, thereby boosting cross-border trade, tourism, and maritime security in the region.**

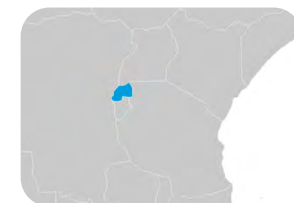
Project Impact

We trained 18 Rwandan police officers on ISPS Code requirements, enhancing their understanding of international maritime security standards. While ISPS regulations do not formally apply to Rwanda, **the training equips officers with essential knowledge to strengthen port security practices and align with regional efforts to ensure safe and secure maritime operations.**

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Rwanda

Role of Partners/Donors

This training was delivered with the generous support of the **German Federal Foreign Office**.



Auswärtiges Amt

Supporting Italy's Youth, Peace and Security and Mediation Efforts

What is the project about?

Hybrid

Italy develops its first National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security while simultaneously working to strengthen its mediation capabilities. **The programme blends self-paced online courses with a two-day workshop, equipping mediators and youth professionals through collaborative, specialized training.**

Project Impact

The project strengthens Italy's youth-inclusive mediation capacity by **fostering collaboration, building a task force, and enabling implementation of the upcoming National Action Plan.**

Audience

This project is intended for mediators and youth empowerment professionals.

Role of Partners/Donors

With Italy's Foreign Ministry, we strengthened mediation capacity and advanced the Youth, Peace and Security agenda in line with national priorities.



PROJECT LOCATION

Italy



The Premier League Changemakers

What is the project about?

Enabling girls and young women to develop self-assurance and leadership skills is crucial for fostering positive change and progress. We empower participants aged 11 – 18 with confidence, leadership skills, and safe spaces to grow.

Project Impact

The project enhanced well-being, raised leadership aspirations, and **empowered participants and staff to grow as confident leaders and mentors** in advancing gender equality and personal development.

Audience

This project empowers:

- Girls and young women aged 11-18 who were already participating in Premier League funded programmes.
- Club Community Organization Staff who received the ToT and trained participants.

Role of Partners/Donors

With support from the **Premier League**, the **Premier League Charitable Fund**, and **Sport Relief**, we trained Club Community Organizations staff to deliver the programme across 43 club organizations.



PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

784
Participants

100%
of primary
beneficiaries are
Women

PROJECT LOCATION



England & Wales

Shaping the Next Generation of Peacebuilders

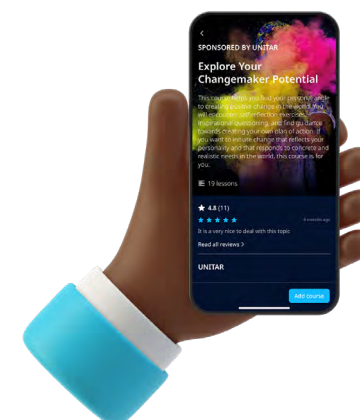
What is the project about?

Online

Youth play a vital role in advancing peace and security. **We empower young changemakers by equipping them with practical tools through updated, accessible courses**, such as the "Youth and Peacebuilding" course and the multilingual Massive Open Online Course "Explore your Changemaker Potential", **to foster inclusion, dialogue, and sustainable transformation** in line with UN Resolution 2250.

Project Impact

We equipped over 5,700 participants with practical tools and renewed content to drive meaningful change in their communities. By strengthening collaboration between youth and their partners, **we empower young changemakers to lead real-world peace initiatives and foster sustainable impact through updated, action-oriented learning experiences.**



PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

5,700+
Participants



Audience

The courses are designed for young people and youth supporters/partners dedicated to driving meaningful change.

Role of Partners/Donors

Thanks to the **Educate All** initiative, we advance our commitment to leaving no one behind by making high-quality learning tools accessible to a broad and diverse audience.



Advancing Women, Peace and Security Through Gender-Responsive Action in Africa

What is the project about?

We supported the recalibration of Africa's Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda by contributing to the 5th High-Level African Union Forum and reviewing a Gender-Responsive Conflict Analysis curriculum, strengthening the capacity of AU staff and practitioners to integrate inclusive, gender-responsive approaches into conflict prevention and resolution across the continent.



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Audience

This initiative strengthened capacities of African women leaders, gender experts, and gender and conflict analysis experts working on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda at state, civil society organization (CSO) at continental levels.

Role of Partners/Donors

The AU Gender, Peace and Security Programme played a critical role by providing logistics, resources, and expertise.



Project Impact

We strengthened the leadership of African women in peacebuilding by advancing the WPS agenda and promoting gender-responsive conflict analysis. This initiative enhanced strategic alignment, built leadership capacities, and laid the groundwork for inclusive policies and training that support more effective, gender-aware approaches to conflict across the continent.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia

The UNITAR International Research Conference

What is the project about?

Hybrid

Every year, we organize the UNITAR International Research Conference bringing together academics, researchers, and policymakers to explore the role of higher education in advancing conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and sustainable development. **Held in Brussels in 2024, the event fostered collaboration and knowledge exchange to support global peace efforts and policy innovation.**



Audience

The conference builds capacities of academics and researchers in conflict, peace, and development fields; policymakers, diplomats, and international organizations; students and professionals in higher education; experts and practitioners in peacebuilding, security, and sustainable development; individuals interested in the role of higher education in global peace and development efforts.

Role of Partners/Donors

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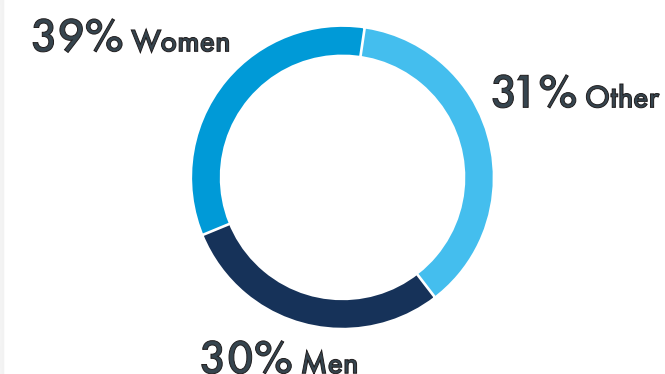
The conference fostered partnerships between universities, international organizations, and UNITAR, strengthening academic involvement in climate security and peacebuilding. By collaborating on curriculum development, research initiatives, and training modules, these partnerships ensured that academic expertise was integrated with global frameworks like the UN Global Pact for the Future, driving impactful solutions.



Project Impact

The series explores how higher education can act as a catalyst for addressing global challenges, ranging from conflict prevention and climate resilience to digital innovation, inclusive governance, and human security. Central to its ethos is the promotion of cross-disciplinary research, plurilingualism, and inclusive educational models aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the UN 2.0 vision. This edition expanded these conversations by examining the evolving role of higher education in conflict resolution, community-based peacebuilding, and sustainability.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION

Brussels,
Belgium



Online Master's Degrees

Master's Degree in Electoral Policy and Administration (MEPA)

[Learn more](#)

What is the master's about?

Many countries face a shortage of trained electoral professionals, hindering democratic processes. Our Master in Electoral Policy and Administration (MEPA) with Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna addresses this gap. The programme builds global expertise and promotes gender equality in electoral leadership.

Audience

The master's degree is crafted for current and aspiring election professionals, policymakers and decision-makers in electoral processes, stakeholders seeking expertise in electoral systems and individuals aiming to advance careers in inclusive and transparent elections.

Our Impact

The Master's programme equips election professionals with critical skills to strengthen electoral systems worldwide. It enhances the operational capacity of policymakers and decision-makers, fostering more effective, inclusive, and credible electoral processes across diverse contexts.

Master's Degree in Humanitarian Action & Peacebuilding (MAHAP)

[Learn more](#)

What is the master's about?

Humanitarian and peacebuilding actors often lack integrated training across the triple nexus. We partnered with Oxford Brookes University to deliver the Master in Humanitarian Action and Peacebuilding (MAHAP), strengthening individual and institutional capacity. **This programme empowers local actors and promotes sustainable, context-driven approaches to complex humanitarian and peacebuilding challenges.**

Audience

The master's degree is tailored for humanitarian and peacebuilding practitioners, military and police officers preparing for field operations, civil servants including diplomats handling humanitarian affairs, academics teaching humanitarian or peacebuilding topics, journalists covering related issues and professionals from other sectors exploring opportunities in humanitarian action and peacebuilding.

Our Impact

MAHAP promotes inclusive, community-driven approaches. Its impact extends to local stakeholders, fostering ownership and sustainability. **This initiative supports long-term peace by advancing a deeper, collective understanding of the principles essential to building and maintaining harmony.**

Master's Degree in Lifelong Learning in Conflict, Peace & Security

[Learn more](#)

What is the master's about?

Peacebuilding professionals often face complex challenges requiring both academic and field-based knowledge. We partnered with Universitat Oberta de Catalunya to offer this programme which **equips students with practical skills and theoretical insights to strengthen global conflict resolution capacities through flexible, online learning.**

Role of Partners/Donors

The master's degree is designed for professionals in conflict-prone environments working with international, regional, governmental, or non-governmental organizations; graduate students, young researchers, and academics aiming to deepen their understanding of conflicts; conflict resolution specialists; international development practitioners; policy analysts and researchers; humanitarian aid workers.

Our Impact

The programme equips graduates to navigate conflict and post-conflict challenges with practical expertise and confidence. By combining theory with real-world application, it deepens understanding of peace and security while building strong global professional networks that support long-term impact in the field.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Role of Partners/Donors

For all master's programmes, our academic partners play a vital role in co-designing, delivering, and implementing the curricula. Their excellence in education, research, and training ensures high academic standards and real-world relevance, enriching the learning experience and equipping students with globally recognised, practice-oriented expertise.



Massive Open Online Courses

[Learn more](#)

What is the course about?

Many professionals lack accessible training in peace and security. We offer Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in English, French, and Spanish to **build global capacity in trauma healing, gender equality, and UN peacekeeping.** These flexible courses support inclusive learning and advance SDGs 4, 16, and 17 through high-quality, multilingual education.

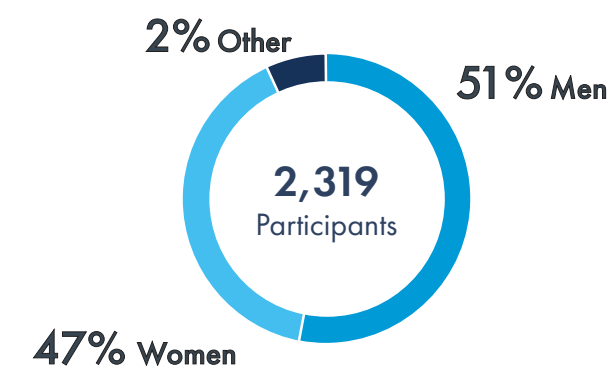
Our Impact

Our MOOCs empower learners with critical thinking and practical skills to address global peace and development challenges. They strengthen personal growth, promote peaceful societies, and foster collaboration, enabling individuals to make meaningful, real-world contributions to peacebuilding and sustainable progress.

Audience

These courses are aimed to equip professionals in conflict, peace, and security sectors; individuals seeking knowledge in global peacebuilding efforts; learners from diverse backgrounds with an interest in SDG-related topics; policymakers, humanitarian aid workers, and academics; anyone interested in acquiring practical skills for effective peace and security interventions.

COURSES PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



UNV Online Courses

What is the course about?

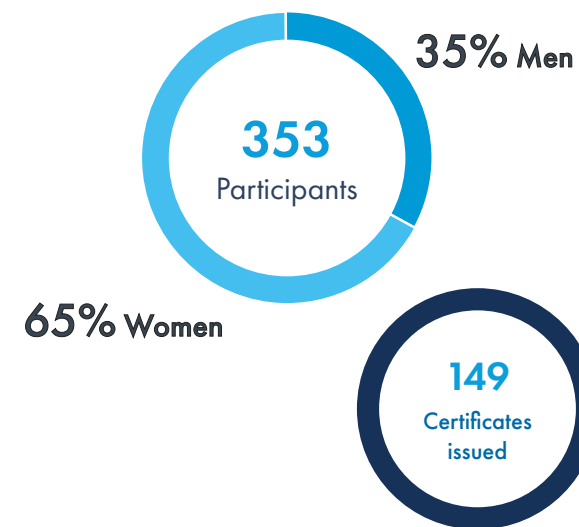
United Nations Volunteers (UNV) often face complex peace and security challenges without tailored training. **We partnered with UNV to deliver 15 self-paced courses, equipping volunteers with critical skills in leadership, peacebuilding, electoral security, and conflict prevention, enhancing their impact and readiness for field deployment.**

Project Impact

The courses equip UN Volunteers with a deep understanding of key issues such as gender dynamics, conflict resolution, and environmental sustainability. This initiative enhances their ability to contribute effectively in the field, ensuring they are well-prepared to address the challenges they face while making a meaningful impact in their communities.



COURSES PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

This initiative is aimed at UN Volunteers seeking to enhance their expertise and professional skills.

Role of Partners/Donors

UNITAR collaborates with the **UN Volunteers Programme (UNV)** to deliver high-quality, self-paced online courses tailored to the needs of UN Volunteers. This partnership enables the development of a comprehensive learning platform that empowers volunteers with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively serve communities and advance peacebuilding efforts worldwide.



[Learn more](#)

Humanitarian Energy Conference 2024

What is the conference about?

The Humanitarian Energy Conference provides a vital forum to evaluate progress on energy access for displaced populations. It fosters cross-sector collaboration on decarbonising humanitarian energy systems, supporting refugee-led enterprises, scaling clean cooking and healthcare solutions, and advancing climate adaptation through renewable energy and public-private partnerships in displacement settings.

Project Impact

The humanitarian Energy Conference convened over 300 participants to **accelerate energy access in displacement settings, fostering collaboration, innovation, and sustainable humanitarian operations** through shared expertise and coordinated action.

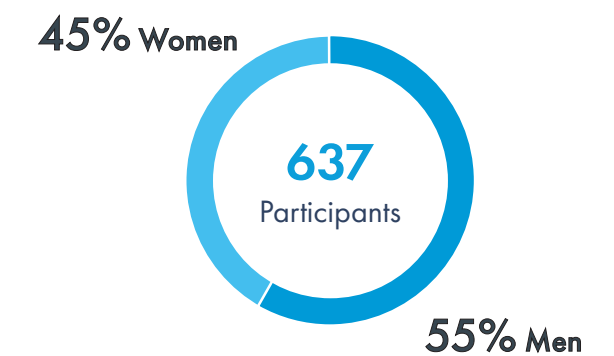


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Audience

The conference invited governments, UN agencies, international organizations, private sector leaders, and people with displaced background.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Nairobi,
Kenya

Role of Partners/Donors

In partnership with **NORCAP**, **SNV**, and **Practical Action**, we co-hosted the conference with support from the **German Federal Foreign Office**, the **Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)**, the **Mercy Corps** and the **IKEA Foundation**, who contributed expertise, sponsorship for displaced participants, and critical support to advance sustainable energy access in humanitarian settings.



[Learn more](#)

COP29: De-Risking Mechanisms for Energy Investment in Displacement Settings

What is the event about?

Climate-induced displacement heightens the urgency of sustainable energy access. This COP29 side event addressed investment barriers by **promoting de-risking tools, public-private partnerships, and scalable approaches that strengthen energy resilience for displaced communities and foster safe, dignified living conditions.**

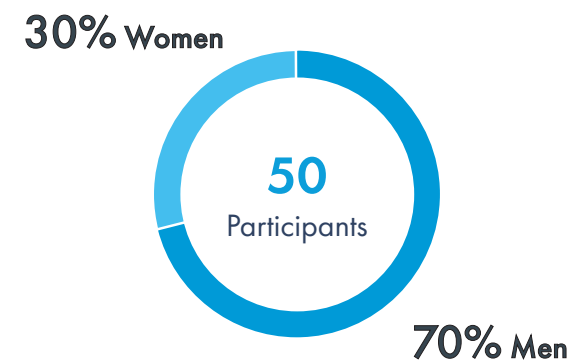
Project Impact

We highlighted the **socio-environmental benefits of clean energy in humanitarian settings, emphasising inclusive policymaking and innovative financing.** The session catalysed cross-sector collaboration and advanced strategies to accelerate sustainable energy access for displaced communities, addressing key barriers to investment and impact.



UNITAR/GPA - Paola Aceveda

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

The side event was primarily targeted at governments, UN agencies, international organizations, private sector leaders, and people with displaced background.

PROJECT LOCATION



Baku,
Azerbaijan

Role of Partners/Donors

IOM, UNCDF, UNITAR, the Government of the Republic of Uganda, GOGLA, Last Mile Climate, and Mercy Corps shared case studies and strategies and discussed the socio-environmental impact of clean energy transitions in humanitarian settings.



[Learn more](#)

Decarbonising Humanitarian Energy (DHE): Workshop for Energy Champions in Nigeria

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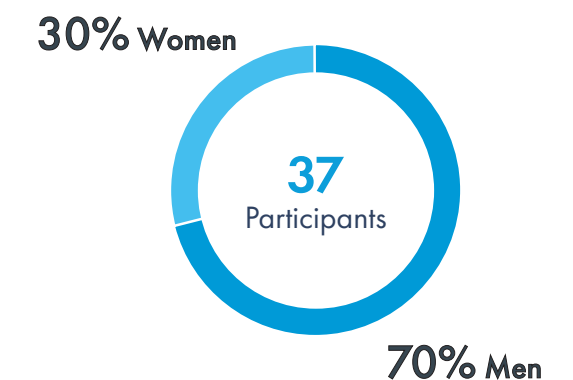
Humanitarian operations often rely on costly, polluting energy sources, limiting sustainability. We partnered with the Decarbonising Humanitarian Energy (DHE) Programme Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) to scale sustainable energy solutions. **This multi-year initiative supports organizations serving displaced populations, enhancing energy access while reducing emissions and operational costs.**

Project Impact

The workshop enhanced stakeholder capacity to implement sustainable energy solutions by introducing the DHE Programme, UNDP 7-Step Process for Smart and Green Energy Solutions implementation, and sensor-based technologies for energy efficiency. It supported knowledge transfer and practical application, contributing to greener, more efficient humanitarian energy systems.



PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

Staff members from eight UN and INGOs attended the workshop.

PROJECT LOCATION



Abuja and Maiduguri,
Nigeria

Role of Partners/Donors

These efforts were funded by The Decarbonising Humanitarian Energy (DHE) Multi Partner Trust Fund, implemented by UNITAR, UNDP and NORCAP. The DHE Fund was established with seed funding from Germany's International Climate Initiative (IKI) through the **German Federal Foreign Office.**



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Roadmaps for Energy Access in Displacement Settings (READS)

Online

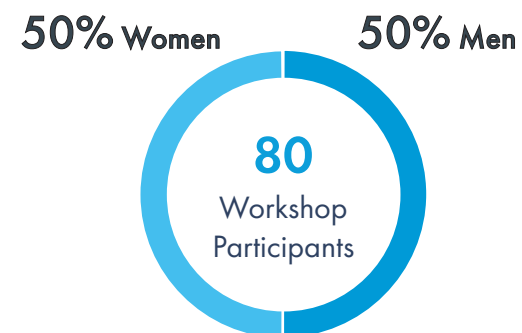
What is the project about?

Displacement settings face critical energy gaps, yet scalable solutions and investments remain limited. The READS project aims to develop a series of “roadmap reports” and workshops for ten refugee-hosting nations. **These comprehensive reports provide an overview of each country’s energy landscape, highlighting existing challenges and presenting potential project opportunities to enhance sustainable energy access.**

Project Impact

We advanced energy access in displacement settings, delivering reports in Lebanon and Ethiopia and convening workshops in Jordan and Nigeria. A donor engagement workshop was also convened in the Netherlands. **These efforts mapped key energy stakeholders, developed project concepts, and fostered collaboration, supporting inclusive, scalable solutions to improve energy access for displaced and host communities.**

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Nigeria, Jordan & Netherlands

Audience

The project is tailored to involve representatives from displacement-affected communities, UN agencies, local and international NGOs, government representatives, and private sector companies.

Role of Partners/Donors

The READS project is funded by the **IKEA Foundation** and contributes towards their objectives of gathering evidence on energy needs to strengthen refugee livelihoods. The READS Nigeria workshop was funded by The **Decarbonising Humanitarian Energy (DHE)** Multi Partner Trust Fund.

IKEA Foundation



[Learn more](#)

Breaking Cycles of Violence Through Inclusive Learning

What is the event about?

Countries affected by armed conflict in Africa face critical education challenges. **We organized this side event during the African Union Summit to strengthen regional and national conflict prevention through human rights-based early warning systems, supporting the African Union Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department’s (PAPS) efforts to foster resilience and peacebuilding.**



“Many community-level reintegration support programs already incorporate skills training, basic education, and access to children. The challenge lies in mainstreaming and supporting recovery and development programs at the national level, ensuring their sustainability, and integrating them into post-war economies”.

Lina Imran – Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Officer, DPAPS, African Union

Project Impact

The practitioners and experts in Africa discussed **concrete recommendations to influence policy and shared insights on the pivotal role that education plays in breaking and preventing cycles of violence.**

EVENT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

A wide range of stakeholders involved in conflict prevention, education, and peacebuilding efforts in Africa took part to the discussion, especially representatives from the African Union, its Member States, think tanks, the United Nations agencies, the World Bank Group, academia, and African training centres.

PROJECT LOCATION



Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Role of Partners/Donors

The event was part of the 2023-2025 Joint **African Union-World Bank-United Nations programme**, supported by the **UK Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO)**. The programme aims to enhance operational linkages between AU Early Warning and Conflict Prevention efforts, integrating a human rights-based approach at national and regional levels.



Strengthening Operational Linkages between Early Warning and Conflict

What is the project about?

Knowledge-sharing and coordination are essential for tackling the root causes of conflict and advancing effective prevention strategies. **We held technical meetings and a Geneva panel to link early warning, Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR), and human rights, while a midline workshop strengthened African Union coordination.** This initiative enhances rapid response capacity and fosters innovative, collaborative approaches to sustain peace in Africa.

Project Impact

We strengthened global peacebuilding by fostering cross-regional dialogue and finalizing key deliverables, including the Midline Report. **By enhancing early warning systems and deepening collaboration on DDR and conflict prevention, we supported timely responses, regional stability, and the African Union's capacity to sustain peace** through shared strategies and institutional partnerships.

PEACEBUILDING PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

The panel and the workshop gathered representatives from 18 countries and key institutions to exchange on conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

PROJECT LOCATION



Geneva,
Switzerland

Role of Partners/Donors

With **United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office** support, we facilitated cross-regional exchanges on conflict prevention, linking Colombian and African DDR experiences in collaboration with the **African Union Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department (DPAPS)**.



Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a Changing DDR Context

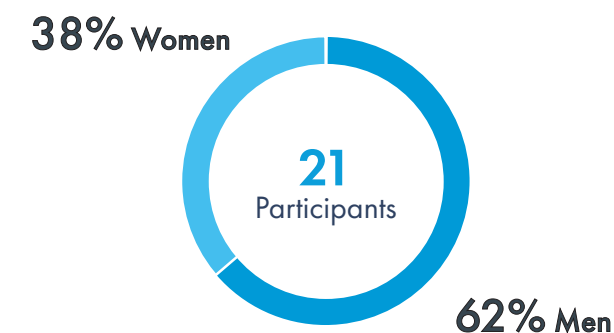
What is the event about?

Since 2018, we have supported the Department of Peace Operations and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in improving weapons and ammunition management (WAM) in DDR contexts. **This training enhances practitioners' ability to safely handle, store, and dispose of arms, aligning operations with global standards and international commitments to strengthen security and stability in DDR settings.**

Project Impact

The training enhanced DDR practitioners' expertise in WAM, equipping them to design effective arms management operations. **By fostering knowledge exchange, practical exercises, and alignment with international standards, the project filled critical gaps in safely managing DDR weapons, reducing risks of armed violence, and supporting sustainable peace in conflict-affected countries.**

TRAINING PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

The training included a diverse group of professionals from the UN system and non-UN entities. Participants included DDR officers, gender specialists, researchers, international NGOs (e.g., the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), the Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC)), African Union representatives, and government officials involved in DDR, security, and social affairs, all focused on conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

PROJECT LOCATION



Accra,
Ghana

Role of Partners/Donors

The project partners, including the **Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT)**, the **Folke Bernadotte Academy**, the **Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC)**, and the **Ghana Army's Combat Training School (ACTS)**, have collaborated to design and implement effective training. Their combined expertise enhanced the programme, with revisions made to course methodology and content for the 2024 iteration.



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GHANA ARMY

2 Working Together

Institutional Capacity-Building of Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre

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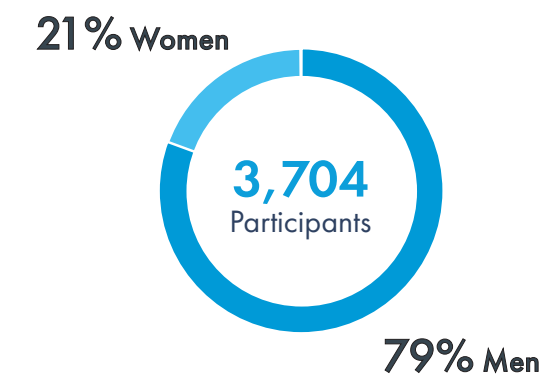
Strengthening the Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre (TPTC) is critical to **ensuring sustainable, high-quality training for peacekeepers**. This initiative enhances TPTC's capacity to deliver pre-deployment training through institutional support and curriculum development.

Project Impact

This initiative enhanced TPTC's ability to deliver standardised training by integrating digital learning tools and strengthening collaboration with regional centers. These efforts **improved training efficiency, expanded TPTC's role in regional peacekeeping initiatives, and supported its long-term sustainability in developing and delivering high-quality peacekeeping training programmes.**



PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

The programme is beneficial to military and police personnel of the Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre (TPTC).

PROJECT LOCATION



Role of Partners/Donors

With **Germany's** support, we helped strengthen TPTC's capacity to deliver training, support institutional development, and foster national capacity-building. This partnership reinforced TPTC's role as a key regional training hub, enhancing the centre's ability to provide sustainable, high-quality peacekeeping training and contribute to broader peacekeeping initiatives.



Enhancing Coordination and Training Support for Peace Operations

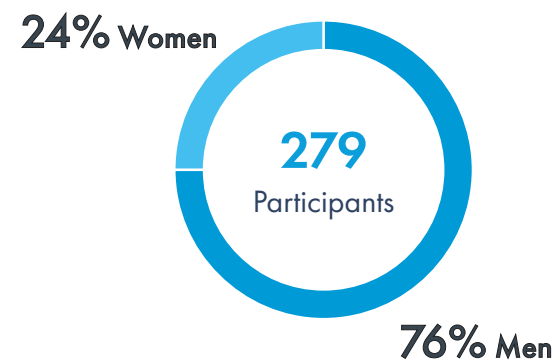
What is the project about?

Strengthening coordination between UNITAR and UN agencies supporting peace operations enhances training effectiveness. This initiative ensures that our training programmes align with evolving mission needs and contribute to broader peacekeeping strategies. By integrating advanced pedagogical methods, we enhance the quality, accessibility, and impact of training materials for peacekeepers.

Project Impact

The initiative improved knowledge-sharing, the development of standardised training materials, and aligned our training with UN peacekeeping priorities. By applying our expertise in training methodology, we introduced innovative pedagogical methods to enhance engagement and retention, ensuring that training is both effective and adaptable to diverse mission environments.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Italy, Kenya,
Senegal, Sweden,
Argentina, Uganda

Audience

The programme supports police personnel.

Role of Partners/Donors

With Germany's support, we worked closely with UN DPO Police Division, UN DPO Integrated Training Service and other partners to support peacekeeping training development, ensuring that programmes remain relevant and mission-driven. Through our methodological expertise, we contributed to refining training materials with evidence-based pedagogical approaches, strengthening learning outcomes across peacekeeping structures.



Turning Insight Into Action: Lessons Learned for Impactful Peacekeeping

What is the project about?

The evolving complexities of UN peacekeeping demand a systematic approach to capturing, collecting, and analysing lessons learned. This initiative enhances knowledge management, improved operational readiness, and ensures best practices are effectively analysed, shared, and implemented, thereby strengthening peacekeeping training, performance, and mandate delivery.

Project Impact

The initiative enhanced institutional learning by establishing a structured system for capturing and sharing lessons learned to improve training methodologies. It strengthened operational effectiveness, decision-making, and collaboration. Documented best practices were integrated into training programmes, ensuring more adaptive peacekeeping strategies that enhanced mandate delivery, protection of civilians, and women's meaningful participation in peace operations.



Audience

The programme seeks to serve UN peacekeeping training centres and mission leadership.

Role of Partners/Donors

With national peacekeeping training centres, we established a digital repository for lessons learned, enhancing knowledge management in peacekeeping. This initiative improved operational readiness by ensuring best practices were systematically captured, analysed, and integrated into training, ultimately strengthening peacekeeping performance and mandate implementation.

Enhancing Maritime Security and Fighting Against Terrorism in the Gulf of Guinea Region

What is the event about?

Terrorism undermines basic human rights, the rule of law and the power of the State. It has negative effects on the freedom of individuals and communities, on the cultural, social and economic development of States. Effective measures to prevent the spread of, and to combat, terrorism is an important task of governments in Africa, whether directly affected by terrorism or not (yet). National efforts based on a professional, coordinated intervention of all actors are paramount and regional cooperation in the fight against terrorism is necessary to achieve the desired impact. **The project is needed to strengthen the capacities of African national and regional institutions to prevent and combat terrorism.**



Audience

This project is designed for police officers, military officers, judges, prosecutors, and other practitioners involved in the prevention and combat of terrorism.

Role of Partners/Donors

The Directorate for Security and Defence Cooperation of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs assumes a leadership and coordinating role for support directed to the AILCT and its activities. Our cooperation with the DSCD and the AILCT ensures that the latter can enhance its capacity for training in counter-terrorism. With the generous support from the **German Government, represented by the Federal Foreign Office**, the project enabled infrastructure upgrades, equipment procurement, and improved training delivery, significantly strengthening regional counter-terrorism capabilities.



Project Impact

The project supports the activities of the Académie Internationale de Lutte contre le Terrorisme (AILCT), which increases the capacity of governments in Africa, including in West Africa and the Gulf of Guinea, to improve their actions in the area of counter-terrorism. The project strengthens the AILCT's capacity as a regional training hub for counter-terrorism practitioners by supporting infrastructure upgrades, the procurement of equipment (e.g., ambulance boat, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles), and support for training delivery. Increased training in counter-terrorism will lead to more effective national, regional and global responses to prevent and counter-terrorism in West Africa and in the Gulf of Guinea. The project contributed to strengthening the capabilities of African regional/national institutions and partners engaged in the context of counter-terrorism as a reaction to internal and external threats in the region.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

100% Men



PROJECT LOCATION



Côte d'Ivoire

Building Core Skills and Regional Maritime Interoperability

What is the projet about?

Strengthening coast guard capacities through a civilian and pragmatic approach involving host countries is essential to support safer maritime spaces in the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) region. By training personnel in essential techniques and enabling Yemeni coast guards to join the Combined Maritime Forces' (CMF) Compass Rose exercise, we enhance regional maritime security and cooperation.



Audience

Participants included officers, non-commissioned officers, and sailors.

Role of Partners/Donors

With support from the **German Federal Foreign Office** and in coordination with the **CMF**, we enabled Yemen's Coast Guard to join the Compass Rose exercise. This partnership provided critical funding and logistical support, reintegrated Yemen into regional maritime cooperation, and enhanced operational skills of participating officers.



Project Impact

We enhanced the skills and professional outlook of Zanzibar Maritime Forces (KMFM) and filled a critical gap by delivering the first CMF-related training to Yemeni officers. This initiative offers tangible value for Yemen and strengthens its engagement within the CMF, despite longstanding barriers of limited resources and political will.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

100% Men



PROJECT LOCATION



Zanzibar,
Bahrain

Collaboration with UNODA on the Fellowship Training Programme on Small Arms and Light Weapons Control

What is the projet about?

Illicit trade in small arms and light weapons (SALW) fuels conflict and instability, particularly in developing countries. **Through specialized training, this programme strengthens government capacities to implement international SALW control frameworks, contributing to global peace, security, and the reduction of armed violence.**

Project Impact

The project strengthened national capacities for SALW control, equipping government officials with specialized skills to combat illicit arms trade. **By addressing gaps in knowledge and fostering international collaboration, it reduced the risk of armed violence and promoted global peace and security, particularly in regions heavily impacted by SALW proliferation.**



UN Photo/Sophia Paris

Audience

The fellowship is aimed at mid-career practitioners working in the field of small arms and light weapons with direct responsibilities for national implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (PoA) and the International Tracing Instrument (ITI).

Role of Partners/Donors

In close collaboration with **UNODA**, we designed and implemented the training programme, combining our expertise in capacity-building with UNODA's specific expertise on SALW and regional insights. This partnership ensured a globally standardised yet regionally tailored curriculum, effectively addressing Member States' capacity-building needs and fostering impactful SALW control practices.

Supporting the Académie Internationale de Lutte Contre le Terrorisme (AILCT)

What is the projet about?

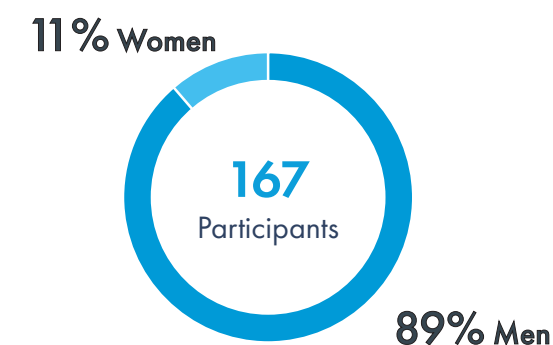
Victims of terrorism often remain overlooked in counter-terrorism strategies. **We support AILCT by enhancing victim assistance training and building infrastructure, including a 4x4 driving track and transport bus.** This initiative improves training quality, supports victim rights, and strengthens preventive counter-terrorism efforts across the region.



Project Impact

We strengthened AILCT's capacity to deliver high-impact counter-terrorism training by enhancing infrastructure and equipping practitioners with victim support and crisis response skills. **This initiative improves regional cooperation, empowers professionals across sectors, and ensures more effective, victim-centred counter-terrorism strategies in West Africa and the Gulf of Guinea.**

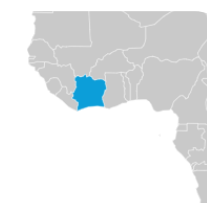
PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

This project is intended to facilitate access to training for senior officers from the armed forces, gendarmerie, police commissioners, civilian personnel, magistrates, and counter-terrorism practitioners from across Africa.

PROJECT LOCATION



Côte d'Ivoire

Role of Partners/Donors

Support from the **French Directorate for Security and Defence Cooperation, Italy** and funding from the **U.S. Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)** are critical to strengthening AILCT's counter-terrorism training.



Training and Advanced Training of West African Security Forces

What is the projet about?

It is vital to address critical gaps in peacekeeping readiness, and stabilisation efforts across Africa. **This project strengthens institutional capacities, equips personnel with specialized skills, and promotes collaboration to tackle emerging threats, manage crises, and ensure sustainable security frameworks.** The project also responds to the need to foster the rule of law through the creation of police and law enforcement agencies, which fully respect human rights. Effective peace operations and accountable rule of law insitutions are vital to ensuring peace, security and stability.

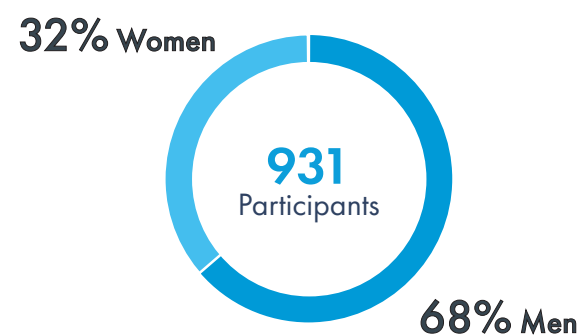
Project Impact

The project provided specialized training for military, police, and civilian forces, strengthening Africa's security and crisis management capabilities. It emphasized women's role in peacekeeping and promoted their increased participation in training, fostering regional stability, improved collaboration, and sustainable development through enhanced readiness in peace operations and rule of law.



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TRAINING PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

This project is targeted at members of all law enforcement agencies, military personnel and civilians who are supposed to join a peacekeeping mission.

Role of Partners/Donors

The support of the **German Federal Foreign Office** has been critical to support the delivery of the training courses to all law enforcement agencies of Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS). The donation has been used to organize and finance all costs associated with the training, such as accommodation and meals for the participants, as well as their travel expenses. Other costs associated with the training, such as the necessary equipment, were also covered.



PROJECT LOCATION



Ghana,
Gambia,
Nigeria,
Liberia,
Sierra Leone

Supporting the École de Maintien de la Paix Alioun Blondin Beye (EMPABB) Annual Programme

What is the projet about?

Peacekeeping missions face numerous challenges such as inadequate resourcing, ineffective mandate implementation, and the increasing complexities of threats. **By enhancing the skills and preparedness of personnel, this project enables effective conflict-to-peace transitions. It promotes the rule of law through the creation of human rights-respecting police and law enforcement agencies, ensuring effective peace operations and accountable institutions crucial for peace, security, and stability.**

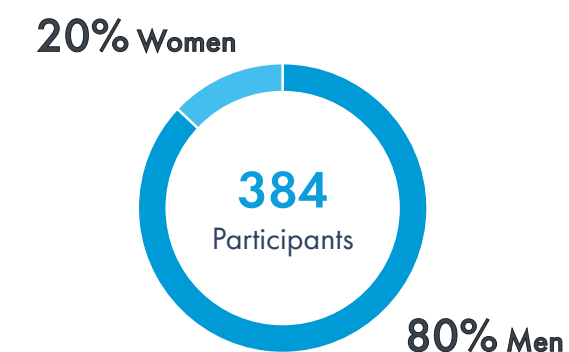
Project Impact

The project improved African peacekeepers' effectiveness in UN and non-UN operations, strengthening EMPABB's training programmes. It fostered stability, security, and the rule of law while enhancing law enforcement capacity. The project also promoted women's participation in training, highlighting their vital role in peace missions and strengthening legal frameworks.



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PROGRAMME PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



Audience

This project targets military and civilian personnel and other actors working in the area of peace operations and/or rule of law.

PROJECT LOCATION



Mali

Role of Partners/Donors

Funded by the **German Federal Foreign Office**, this generous contribution enabled us to strengthen EMPABB's capacity to deliver impactful training programmes to equip African peacekeepers.



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3 Working Inclusively

Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda

What is the project about?

Gender-responsive approaches are essential to effective peace operations and advancing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda. **We integrate gender perspectives into pre-deployment training, leadership development, and operational planning to ensure inclusive and equitable participation** in peacekeeping. These efforts strengthen **women's meaningful participation**, enhance mission effectiveness, and support gender-responsive mandate implementation.



Audience

Our efforts target peacekeeping personnel, police personnel, gender focal points, national security institutions.

Role of Partners/Donors

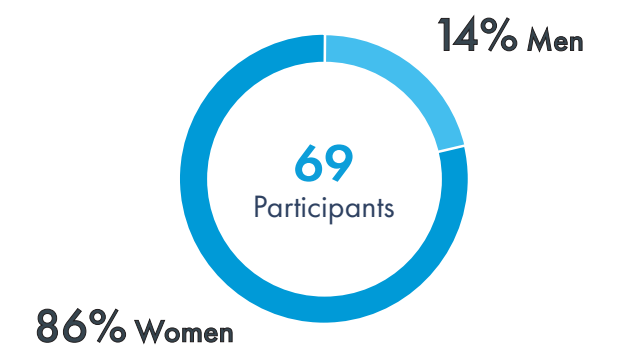
In collaboration with **International Police Peacekeeping Operations Support Program of US Department of State, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Germany**, and other partners, we facilitated dialogue and knowledge-sharing to advance the WPS agenda in peacekeeping. The partnership identified key priorities, strengthened coordination among stakeholders, and supported concrete actions, such as leadership training and gender-sensitive deployment policies, to enhance women's meaningful participation in peace operations.



Project Impact

These initiatives **strengthened the integration of gender perspectives in peacekeeping** by equipping personnel with practical skills to promote gender equity. Through gender-responsive training, leadership development, and institutional support, they **enhanced participation, fostered inclusive decision-making, and mainstreamed gender** in peace operations, contributing to **more effective, equitable, and sustainable missions**.

PROJECT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Nepal,
United Arab
Emirates

Women's Leadership for Peace Intensive Programmes

What is the projet about?

Women remain underrepresented in peace leadership and targeted support is limited. **Our Women's Leadership for Peace Programme, which consists of initiatives such as the She Leads for Peace Summer School and the Emerging Leaders Course, aims to equip young women and midcareer professionals with practical skills, networks, and confidence to lead for peace.** This initiative empowers women to lead inclusive peace efforts and advance gender-responsive leadership in the peace and security sector.



Audience

The She Leads for Peace Summer School is tailored for young women transitioning from academia to their professional careers, while the Emerging Leaders course targets women with 7 to 15 years of experience in the peace and security field.

Role of Partners/Donors

The **Kroc Institute** and the **Albright Institute** support the Women's Leadership for Peace programme by nominating and supporting students and alumnae to participate. Their engagement strengthens the programme's impact and expands a global network of women peacebuilders.



Project Impact

We supported women from 17 countries who are now driving change in peace and security within their communities and professions. Alongside practical tools, networks, and mentorship, they gained confidence, resilience, and clarity to grow as leaders. Exposure to the Geneva ecosystem and guidance from experts helped them strengthen their careers and amplify their impact at both local and global levels.

PROGRAMME PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



UN Secretariat Learning Conference 2024

What is the conference about?

In January 2024, we participated in the UN Secretariat Learning Conference, hosted by IE University in Madrid, Spain. The workshop brought together Learning Managers from across the UN to discuss the implementation of the UN Secretariat Learning Strategy 2022-2025.

Discussions focused on important topics such as how Artificial Intelligence is transforming learning and seeing how the UN can collectively leverage a forward-thinking culture to support UN 2.0 and the Quintet of Change: Data, Digital, Behavioural Science, Innovation and Strategic Foresight.



Audience

This workshop specifically addressed the needs of UN Learning Managers.

Project Impact

Participation in the workshop gives UNITAR a valuable glimpse at how other UN learning units are integrating learning and development strategies. Finally, it gives the Division important visibility with key stakeholders and decision makers in the UN's learning community, and UNITAR will now be included in important conversations going forward, such as the next UN Secretariat Learning Strategy from 2025 and beyond.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



PROJECT LOCATION



Learn more about the conference



Watch the official video of the conference

Training of Trainers

eLearning Training of Trainers

What is the course about?

[Learn more](#)

The eLearning Training of Trainers course empowers trainers, educators, and professionals to design and implement impactful training programmes. The course offers a comprehensive online learning experience, equipping participants with the skills to create effective and engaging training events in diverse contexts.

Audience

This course is specifically designed for Trainers and Facilitators, Educators, Leaders, Professionals working towards SDGs.

PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

14,170
Participants

Our Impact

The eLearning Training of Trainers course reached 155 participants from around the world. The course supported participants to become catalysts for change, empowering others to learn and grow, thereby amplifying their impact within organizations and communities while advancing progress toward the SDGs.

Micro Training of Trainers

What is the course about?

The Micro Training of Trainers is a free course that equips professionals with essential facilitation skills in a flexible microlearning format. Accessible via the EdApp mobile platform and available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic, it ensures global reach, empowering trainers to deliver impactful learning experiences anytime, anywhere.

Our Impact

In 2024, the Micro Training of Trainers reached 13,992 learners across five languages, addressing the need for accessible, mobile-based training solutions. By empowering trainers worldwide with key facilitation skills, the course strengthened their ability to design and deliver impactful and high-quality learning experiences.

Training of Trainers Masterclass

What is the course about?

The Training of Trainers Masterclass addresses the critical need for professionalised training delivery. Designed for high-level participants nominated through the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST), the programme strengthens skills, enhances confidence, and fosters excellence in training using UNITAR's innovative, inclusive, and results-driven methodologies.

Our Impact

The Masterclass empowered 23 trainers to design and deliver impactful training programmes tailored to VIP and institutional needs. By embedding participatory and results-based methods, it enhanced collaboration and capacity-building across government institutions and training bodies in Africa, supporting SDG 16 and sustainable development.

PROJECT LOCATION

Arusha,
Tanzania



Audience

This course trained participants from the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST).

Learning Design and Facilitation Masterclass

What is the course about?

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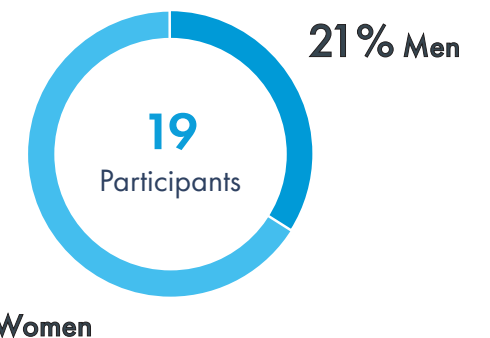
The Learning Design and Facilitation Masterclass equips professionals with cutting-edge strategies in learning design and facilitation. Covering topics like AI in learning, strategic problem-solving, and inclusive facilitation, the programme provides tools to create impactful training programmes and inclusive, dynamic learning environments.

Project Impact

The Masterclass equipped professionals worldwide to drive innovation in training design. Through AI, conflict-sensitive facilitation, and strategic methodologies, participants gained advanced skills to address challenges effectively. The programme strengthened their ability to create transformative learning experiences, fostering alignment with SDGs 4 (Quality Education) and 10 (Reduced Inequalities).



MASTERCLASS PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



"The Masterclass on Learning Design and Facilitation was robust, full of new theories, concepts and models, which I really enjoyed learning about. It was also very practical, and I enjoyed the way the facilitators managed the session virtually and found it refreshing and insightful."

Cindy Hancock, participant of the masterclass

Audience

This masterclass is designed for Learning Specialists, Trainers, Facilitators, others.

| SDG Game Changer Awards

What is the award about?

Our work on Digital Training of Trainers Solutions has been named as a Top 20 finalist in the prestigious SDG Digital GameChanger Awards organized by International Telecommunication Union, UNDP and the UN Secretary General's Envoy on Technology. The project stood out among over 1180 global entries from over 126 countries and was recognised in the "Peace" category at the SDG Digital Event in New York 20-21 September.

Project Impact

Our Digital Training of Trainers Solutions have empowered thousands globally, strengthening organizational capacity through accessible, scalable learning. This innovation continues to advance sustainable development and long-term impact.

This recognition reflects the potential of digital learning to drive sustainable development and lasting impact and the innovative work of the Division's Learning Solutions team, who will continue their commitment to developing impactful, high-quality, and innovative solutions going forward.

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