United Nations Approach to DDR (ESS.2019.008)

Peace

Deadline: Closed

Type: Course
Location: Web Based
Date: 1 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019
Duration of event: 4 Weeks
Programme Area: Peacekeeping
Specific Target Audience: No
Website: https://www.unitar.org/ptp/
Price: $250.00
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BACKGROUND

The United Nations Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (UN IDDRS) bring together knowledge, lessons learnt and good practices on a wide range of issues from concepts, policies and strategies to programme planning, design, management, and monitoring and evaluation. In addition to outlining the basics of each phase of DDR, the IDDRS offer detailed guidance on key issues, such as information and sensitization, food aid and food security, women and gender, children and youth, health and HIV/AIDS and important linkages with other peacebuilding processes.

In response to changing conflict contexts and calls for updated guidance, in occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Integrated Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS), the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on DDR recognized it was time to proceed with a review of the IDDRS in its entirety. In 2017 the IAWG on DDR formally launched the review of the IDDRS through a series of workshops, known as Stockholm I, II and III.

Thanks to the review process, the IDDRS will provide guidance also to practitioners operating out of traditional conflict settings, such as those where comprehensive peace agreements may be lacking or in non-mission contexts. Although DDR practitioners have recognized that most of the IDDRS are still applicable in traditional contexts, the Standards have undergone major changes, new guidance has been developed and the new version will be launched in the second half of 2019.
Although most of the content is still valid and applicable, current students and perspective applicants should know that this online course will undergo some revision and update coherently with the IDDRS. The revision of the course will affect the course structure and will include some new information. Participants already enrolled will still have access to the content and resources without losing their progress, however they will be required to verify their knowledge of the new modules and content.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The goal of the course is to provide participants with an interactive, practical and engaging overview of the IDDRS, familiarizing them with the various components.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Define DDR concepts and identify relevant policies and strategies, including the United Nations integrated approach to DDR;
- Describe integrated DDR planning and programme design;
- Analyze DDR operations, programmes and support activities, more specifically the processes of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration;
- Integrate cross-cutting issues pertinent to DDR policies and strategies into DDR policies and strategies;
- Link DDR programmes with other peace-building processes.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course is structured in six modules that will be covered over four weeks:

- **Module 1**: The UN approach to DDR
- **Module 2**: Integrated DDR planning and programme design
- **Module 3**: Disarmament and demobilization
- **Module 4**: Reintegration
- **Module 5**: Cross-cutting issues
- **Module 6**: Linkages with other processes

METHODOLOGY

UNITAR PTP adopts an approach to training that highlights experiential and collaborative learning. This approach focuses on the learning needs, interests and styles of participants to ensure the relevance and retention of content and puts particular emphasis on the active participation of learners through practice-oriented learning environments.

UNITAR PTP’s approach allows participants to share knowledge and experiences and contribute dynamically to the learning process. Through this process, participants not only acquire information but also contribute to the construction of knowledge in a way that is meaningful and directly applicable to the reality of peace operations. Instructors guide participants through this process, delivering and conveying information, clarifying doubts and supporting participants through different activities.

UNITAR PTP’s approach to training puts particular emphasis on monitoring and evaluation. This process continuously develops course structure and activities to better suit participants’ areas of interest. This also allows for a review process that systematically improves course design and implementation for future versions of the course.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The course is open to anyone interested in the processes of disarmament and demobilization, including practitioners working in post-conflict contexts, field workers, and international volunteers. United Nations Volunteers, holding a
valid contract, can benefit from a reimbursement from the UNV Programme. **Students are entirely responsible for ensuring their eligibility and requesting their reimbursement directly with the UNV office.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Technical Requirements**

UNITAR recommends the following as a minimum in hardware and software to take our e-Learning courses. Please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

**Platform:**
- Windows XP, 7 or superior;
- MacOS 10.6 (Snow Leopard) or superior;
- Linux.

**Hardware:**
- Intel Core 2 Duo – or AMD – 3 GHz processor;
- 3 GB of RAM (4 GB recommended);
- Hard drive: 160 GB minimum.

**Software:**
- Adobe Acrobat Reader;
- Adobe Flash Player.

**Browser:**
- Google Chrome 30.0 or superior;
- Mozilla Firefox 25.0 or superior;
- Safari 7 or superior;
- Internet Explorer 8 or superior.

Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Popups must be enabled

**Mobile:**

- **Apple iOS** in Apple iOS 7 or superior on iPad:
  - Articulate Mobile Player;
  - Moodle Mobile.

- **Android OS** in Android OS 4.1 or superior (optimized for tablets):
  - Articulate Mobile Player;
  - Moodle Mobile.