

# BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACE



**Our vision:** A world of peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.

**Our mission:** Enable individuals, institutions, and organizations to contribute meaningfully to sustainable peace.

## Our Strategic Objectives:

1. Working on the peace continuum
2. Working together
3. Working inclusively

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – a specialised training agency of the United Nations – supports the (re-)establishment of peaceful, just and inclusive societies (SDG 16) by enabling individuals and organizations to contribute meaningfully to sustainable peace.

With over 60 years of experience in capacity building, we provide customised, creative and results-based learning solutions, carefully crafted for countries and communities emerging from conflict and facing specific development needs. At the core of our success is our specific methodology that allows for the creation of powerful and inspiring spaces, products and services (online and face-to-face) for high-quality learning and collaboration.

Our training programmes promote participation, dialogue, local ownership and multiplication of knowledge for sustainable impact and behavioural change.



All of the UNITAR programming is designed and carried out with sustainable development in mind. UNITAR's work in peace is centred around the Goal 16 of Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, while cross-cuttingly supporting Quality Education, Gender Equality, and Partnerships for Development.

## Thematic Areas:

- Peacekeeping.
- Peacemaking and conflict prevention.
- Counter-terrorism and preventing/countering violent extremism.
- Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration - Weapons and Ammunition management.
- Youth, Peace and Security.
- Women, Peace and Security.
- Energy for Peace.
- Rule of Law.
- Health for Peace.
- Mental Health and Psycho Social Support.
- Maritime Security.

## Our Services:

- Learning Solutions.
- Training and Capacity Building.
- Training of Trainers.
- E-Learning and Digital Solutions.
- Masters Degrees.
- Quality Assurance.
- Innovation for Learning.
- Coaching, Mentoring and Advisory.

## Our Thematic Areas in Detail:

## Highlights:

### Peacekeeping

We prepare uniformed personnel for UN peace operations, recognising the importance of training for improved performance and successful mission implementation. Our capacity building approaches drive sustainable behaviour change, optimise performance, and directly contribute to the Action4Peacekeeping+ Initiative's priorities.

### Peacemaking and conflict prevention

The commitment towards Peacemaking and conflict prevention is propelled by its distinguished flagship initiatives such as the Fellowship Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy, which has been successfully imparting knowledge and skills on conflict analysis, negotiation, mediation and reconciliation for three decades now.

### Counter-terrorism and preventing/countering violent extremism

UNITAR is dedicated to supporting governments in the establishment and building of self-sufficient institutions in their efforts to combat and counter-terrorism. UNITAR provides training and other capacity building solutions aimed at strengthening operational and strategic efforts of key entities.

### Youth and Women's Empowerment

Recognising the unique and important contributions that young people as well as women make to sustaining peace at all levels, UNITAR leads training efforts that aim at closing the capacity gap standing in the way of the full realisation of the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) and the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agendas.

### Recovery and Resilience

UNITAR assists governments, civil society organizations, communities, national and international practitioners in addressing the root causes of conflicts to create and (re)construct a "society for all" through human-centred processes. UNITAR's action ranges from supporting integrated disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR), community-led reconciliation, conflict prevention and resolution to strengthen peacebuilding through needs-based and inclusive approaches.

### Energy for Peace

The Global Platform for Action on Sustainable Energy in Displacement Settings (GPA) is the global initiative to promote actions that enable sustainable energy access in displacement settings, as laid out in the Global Plan of Action Framework. It envisions that displaced persons, host communities, and associated humanitarian response mechanisms have access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy services by 2030.

### Rule of Law

UNITAR develops and implements capacity building initiatives for the benefit of Member States, institutions and key actors at all levels with the aim of enhancing a worldwide compliance to international principles, norms and standards while advancing a culture of peace, democracy, justice and respect of human rights.

### Health for Peace

While conflict is a major obstacle to healthcare, the failure of the healthcare system itself, through lack of access to healthcare and basic social services can be a major driver of conflict and violence. The WHO Health and Peace initiative, aims to develop innovative ways to address health challenges in conflict. The innovative approach of this new health programme aims to be used not only to work in conflict (by achieving health benefits in conflict situations) but also to work on conflict.

### Maritime Governance

The maritime sector is vital for the global supply chain, requiring efficient governance in ports and on ships to maintain uninterrupted trade. Transnational safety and security threats can disrupt operations, leading to prolonged commercial trade disruptions and challenges for stakeholders and customers worldwide. The Maritime Governance Unit provides innovative solutions, including safety and security training, equipment delivery, capacity building, and knowledge sharing, to support seaports, ships, and authorities.



# 23.095

Total Beneficiaries



# 327

Training Events

## 175

Face-to-face

## 141

Online



Beneficiaries in

# 173

Countries

Across

# 6

Continents



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