The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – a specialized 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 almost 60 years of experience in capacity building, we provide customized, 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 have mentoring and coaching as their key ingredients and promote participation, dialogue, local ownership and multiplication of knowledge for sustainable impact and behavioural change.

**THEMATIC AREAS**

- Peace operations
- 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
- Human rights as conflict prevention mechanisms
- Sustainable energy in displacement settings
- Rule of law

**OUR SERVICES**

- Training and facilitation
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Training of Trainers (ToT)
- E-learning & Online Facilitation
- Online Courses & Master Degrees
- Advisory
- Advocacy
- Learning Support Materials

**2020 IN NUMBERS**

27,544 **Individuals trained**

- 7,157 Face-to-Face
- 20,387 Online

From 176 Countries

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 (Goal 4), Gender Equality (Goal 5), and Partnerships for Development (Goal 17).
Pre-Deployment Training – Military

Since 2014, UNITAR has been contributing to sustaining peace in Africa by supporting the preparation of African troop-contributing countries (TCCs) prior to their deployment to peace operations on the African continent. The training improves the performance of peacekeepers by providing essential knowledge on highly important topics, including Protection of Civilians (POC) and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), while taking into account both the UN DPO standards and specific mission contexts.

Pre-Deployment Training – Police

UNITAR helps strengthen capacities of police-contributing countries (PCCs) and regional organisations, such as the African Union (AU), by providing training for both individual police officers (IPOs) and formed police units (FPUs). The training is delivered with the help of an extensive network of local trainers in the form of online and face-to-face workshops as well as the Training of Trainers (ToT) that ensures continuous knowledge multiplication through mission personnel on the ground. A cross-cutting focus is placed on the promotion of women’s meaningful participation in the peace and security sector, in accordance with the global Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda.

Online Master Degrees

UNITAR Master degrees are advanced academic programmes, offered in partnership with the leading higher education institutions and designed to strengthen knowledge and capacities in the field of peace and security. The programmes are mostly delivered online, offering a high degree of flexibility for mid to upper-level professionals currently working in the field or whose assignments involve a lot of traveling. Each programme has in-built advanced academic modules, which can be taken separately based on individual needs and preferences.

The Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy in Displacement

The Global Plan of Action (GPA) is a non-binding framework that provides a collaborative agenda for concrete actions to ensure that all refugees and displaced people enjoy safe access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy services by 2030. With its Coordination Unit sitting within UNITAR, the GPA strives to remove barriers to energy access in humanitarian settings. It promotes and contributes to the humanitarian sector’s transition to renewable energy, which will increase efficiency and reduce costs and carbon emissions.

Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation in Colombia

The project Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation in Colombia: A Transformational Approach aims to enhance the capacity of youth to be peacemakers in their own lives and communities. The project includes three interrelated components: “Painting the Future” focuses on preventing the recruitment and re-recruitment of at-risk youth and supporting the reintegration of former child soldiers through the use of visual storytelling; “The Superhero’s Journey” strengthens the capacity and agency of young people in marginalised communities; and “Perspectives of Peace” supports the reconciliation process in Colombian society through storytelling and historical memory building.