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Understanding Conflict and Conflict Analysis [UNV.2026.007]

Peace

Deadline: 31 Mar 2027

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	8 Oct 2026 to 31 Mar 2027
Duration:	12 Months
Thematic Area:	Peace Operations and Peacekeeping
Website:	https://www.unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/peace
Price:	\$0.00
Event Focal Point Email:	ptp@unitar.org
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Locate relevant resources for the analysis of conflicts;
- Compile information and data on a conflict for the purpose of conflict analysis;
- Recognize latent and observable causes of conflict;

- Differentiate between structural and proximate causes of conflict as well as triggers and catalysts;
- Apply various conflict analysis tools and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses;
- Identify actors in conflict as well as the role that they play;
- Distinguish actors that contribute to the resolution of conflicts;
- Identify the role that ethnic and religious motives may play in conflicts;
- Trace the dynamics of conflict;
- Identify the build-up phase, the outbreak of violence and the existence of a deadlock;
- Distinguish signs of ripeness and potential dynamics of de-escalation;
- Analyze the key phases of a conflict;
- Identify the ways in which responses to a conflict can fuel hostilities;
- Develop scenarios regarding the evolution of a conflict;
- List strategic and programmatic recommendations for responding to a conflict;
- Point to the different ways in which women and men are affected by conflict;
- Identify the different levels of gender-sensitivity.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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:

Hardware requirements

- Desktop or laptop computer with Windows 10 or MacOS version 11 and later
- Tablet or mobile devices are not fully supported on some course tools
- Stable LAN or Wifi Internet connection

Browser

- Latest version of Mozilla Firefox (download for free at <https://www.mozilla.org>)

- Latest version of Google Chrome (download for free at <https://www.google.com/chrome>)
- Microsoft Edge or Safari (included in your computer)

Other software

- PDF reader (download for free at <https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader>)
- Microsoft Office for Windows or MacOS (compatible software can be downloaded at <http://www.openoffice.org/>)
- Video player (Quicktime for MacOS, Windows Media Player or compatible video player)
- Anti-virus

Other requirements

- Disable Pop-up blockers
- Enable cookies and java
- webcam and audio headset for courses that will require online meetings
- additional storage in case you need to download course materials