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Women, leadership and peacebuilding (UNV.2016.009)

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□□ :	Web-based
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□□ :	4 Weeks
□□□□ :	Peacekeeping
□□ :	http://www.unitar.org/ptp/course-offer-unvs
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The role of women in peacebuilding is immense. The United Nations Security Council Resolutions (S/RES) 1325, 1888, 1889, 1820 and 2106 reaffirm the key role women can play in re-establishing the fabric of a recovering society and stresses the need for their involvement in the development and implementation of post-conflict strategies. Often only viewed as victims, women also play a key role in preventing violent conflict, resolving it, and rebuilding societies in post-conflict periods. Women can act as agents of change, active participants, supporting participants, victims and spoilers, and newly responsible care

providers. They can play an active leadership role and positively impact peacebuilding and national development at all levels.

This course introduces the concept of gender as a lens for a more inclusive and nuanced understanding of the challenges faced by men and women in conflict environments. It enables the application of a gender lens to conflict and peace issues and the development of a gender-sensitive capacity-building and leadership approaches for the field. Through four modules, the course provides the conceptual and practical tools for better understanding the different roles that men and women play in peacetime and wartime; gendered impacts of conflict, war and insecurity; and the current work that women's organisations do in post-conflict contexts to increase women's leadership and decision-making power in order to transform leadership models, and contribute to peace and conflict resolution activities.

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The course aims at making a concrete contribution by bringing together a diverse group of people to critically reflect on the involvement and challenges of women at all levels in peacebuilding and national development, and to think of ways to more effectively implement the United Nations Security Council Resolutions and other legal instruments directed at promoting women's leadership and participation. Using various exercises, case studies, scenarios and videos, the course highlights the critical role of women in post-conflict reconstruction by specifically analysing the complex relationships between gender, leadership and peacebuilding.

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

- Outline women's role and vulnerabilities in conflict and post-conflict settings;
- Assess critically women's contribution to peacebuilding;
- Analyze strategies for enhancing representation of women in leadership positions;
- Design a strategy to foster women's participation and inclusion in peacebuilding and leadership processes in a given context.

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The course is composed of five modules:

- Module 1: Women, Conflict and Insecurity
- Module 2: Women, Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding
- Module 3: Women and Leadership
- Module 4: Mainstreaming Gender in Peacebuilding Processes

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The course is based on the synergy of theory and practice. Taking advantage of the opportunities of technology-enhanced learning, the learning materials are presented through various media, such as text, graphs, images and video material, which contribute to better retention and enhance the learning process.

In order to create collective knowledge and to facilitate interaction and experience sharing among participants, working groups and discussion forums are organized. In particular, working groups are the core learning activity. In each module, participants are requested to work in groups on a specific assignment that refers to a real-life situation. The situations are immersive and participants are requested to act according to a specific role assigned to them by the facilitator.

Facilitators guide participants through this process, delivering and conveying information, clarifying doubts and supporting participants through different activities.

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The course is open exclusively to United Nations Volunteers, holding a valid contract. Please note that a verfication will be carried out by UNVs Programme prior to the beginning of the course. Only those participants for whom possession of a valid contract is confirmed will be enrolled in the course.

No reimboursement will be possible for participants who enroll without a valid UNV contract.

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Technical Requirements

- Minimum hardware and software requirements:
- Platform: Windows 95,
  98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; MacOS 9 or MacOS X.
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space.
- Software:
  - Adobe Acrobat Reader (download for free at http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html).
  - Adobe Flash Player (download for free at http:/get.adobe.com/flashplayer)
  - Microsoft Office (Windows or Apple version) or Open Office (download for free at http://www.openoffice.org)
- Browser: Internet Explorer 8 (download for free at http://www.microsoft.com/windows/internetexplorer/worldwide
  -sites.aspx; works better with Firefox 3.6 or higher (download for free at http://www.mozilla
  -europe.org/en/firefox). Note JavaScript & Cookies must be enabled.
- Modem: 56 K

The course Introduction to Peace Operations has been awarded the 2012 international Open ECBCheck Standards.