

International Training on Dialogue and Mediation 2023

The [Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation](#) and the [Department of Peace and Conflict Research](#) at Uppsala University are jointly hosting the 2023 International Training on Dialogue and Mediation (ITDM). This training provides practitioners, policymakers and researchers an opportunity to interact on dialogue and mediation topics in the context of sustaining peace. It is built on over 50 years of peace and conflict research and education at Uppsala University and the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation's ongoing engagement in international peacebuilding and sustaining peace policy discussions. Practitioners, policymakers, researchers and mid-level leaders from international and regional organisations, civil society and universities will be able to learn about how to apply dialogue and mediation in peacebuilding and sustaining peace. Training participants will be able to discuss and develop new approaches to their peace maintenance actions. They will be able to explore their interests according to the following themes: international roles in mediation and peace agreements; inclusive national- and community level dialogue; and methods and practical skill-building in dialogue and mediation.

This year's programme is completely digital and will be offered via the Uppsala University online e-learning platform Studium in a series of webinars scheduled in three different clusters. The first session is from 22–25 August, the second session will take place on 9 October and the third and final session will be on 4 December 2023.

Objectives

The key objective of the International Training on Dialogue and Mediation is to share knowledge, build capacity and strengthen networks to share peacebuilding tools, and guide the overall efforts to sustain peace.

The training brings together researchers, practitioners and policymakers to explore current research on dialogue and mediation efforts across conflict settings. The training provides a space for participants to discuss and develop new approaches to their peace maintenance actions. The long-term goal is to support leaders to build and nurture sustainable peace.

The training aims to help participants to:

1. Engage with cutting edge research and practical knowledge for application in practice;
2. Identify potential implementation strategies for their organisations that use and build on lessons learnt from different settings; and
3. Build and connect to networks for furthering exchange on practical and theoretical approaches in peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

Participants

This training is designed for practitioners, policymakers, researchers and mid-level leaders from international and regional organisations, civil society and universities with the use of dialogue and mediation in peacebuilding and sustaining peace as the explicit focus.

Training Content

Skilled practitioners and researchers will share the latest research in dialogue and mediation. Participants will collectively reflect on the topic relevance and applicability in their ongoing work. This exchange automatically creates chances to develop a peer network between countries and institutions.

The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and the Department of Peace and Conflict Research (DPCR) at Uppsala University will bring expertise and evidence-based insights divided into three overarching themes covering various phases of peacebuilding. Presentations and discussions will draw on diverse country contexts and look at issues of violence and fragility. Your application should state your thematic preference.

<i>Theme 1</i>	<i>Theme 2</i>	<i>Theme 3</i>
<i>International roles in mediation and peace agreements</i>	<i>Inclusive national and community level dialogue</i>	<i>Methods and practical skill-building in dialogue and mediation</i>
Theme 1 focuses on macrolevel analysis of dialogue and mediation. It includes quantitative comparisons of international efforts in support of peace processes and key actors engaged with this work around the world. Relevant international policy frameworks and partnerships will also be discussed.	Theme 2 presents various aspects of dialogue and inclusivity within peacebuilding at local and national levels. A focus will be placed on developing strategies to increase participation by women, youth, religious and ethnic minorities and other marginalised groups as well as the role of civil society.	Theme 3 will explore the different dialogue and mediation methods used across diverse settings and builds practical skills to enhance your ability to engage with these processes.

The training material and knowledge exchange process draws on decades of empirical research, practical experience and pedagogical development at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University. Our aim is to strengthen the participant's capacity to undertake independent and systematic enquiries and evidence-based action. The lecturers will draw on the DPCR's ability and reputation in pioneering and advancing quantitative as well as qualitative research. The training explores organised armed violence, conflict, mediation and conflict resolution, including gender and inclusive peace processes as core topics.

Speakers and presenters from the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, civil society as well as the diplomatic and development communities in Sweden will provide complementary policy and practitioner perspectives. In preparation for and during the training all participants are required to work on a dialogue and/or mediation initiative (their change project) connected to their current jobs. All three overarching training themes will be presented. Lectures are linked to interactive participant-facilitated discussions grounded by skills-building sessions.

Training set-up

The training sessions will be a series of half-day afternoon Central European Summer Time (CEST) Zoom sessions. Selected participants will be given access to the e-learning platform Studium before the training starts.

<i>Session 1</i>	<i>Session 2</i>	<i>Session 3</i>
22–25 August	9 October	4 December 2023

The programme comprises a combination of research presentations and interactive workshops, allowing for the infusion of research insights into the participants' ongoing change projects, their dialogue and/or mediation initiatives, which they will develop throughout the training. Thus, bridging peacebuilding and conflict resolution studies with practicing dialogue and mediation efforts to achieve sustainable peace.

Target group – Are you eligible to apply?

The training is intended for individuals who are from and are currently working in developing countries and territories eligible for [Official Development Assistance \(ODA\)](#). The training programme is for 25 participants. Selection criteria take equal gender participation, global geographic variation, representation across different types of organisations and levels of experience among the participants into consideration.

The following groups are ineligible to apply:

Participants and co-organisers of previous international trainings convened by the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University; and individuals working for government agencies.

Selection Requirements *(Please read carefully)*

1. Professional background

This training is for practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and mid-level professionals from international and regional organisations, civil society and universities with a particular focus on the use of dialogue in building and sustaining peace. The programme is primarily designed for individuals already engaged in various peace efforts and with prior professional experience in the field of peace and security. Applicants should be able to relate to the three themes on dialogue and mediation specified under 'Content' earlier in this brochure.

2. Language and education

The programme will be conducted in English without the possibility of interpretation or translation and requires a high level of English language proficiency. A university degree or equivalent educational background is preferred.

3. Information and technology skills

Basic computer skills, reliable access to internet services before and during the training. This will include the use of e-mail for communications. The entire training will be fully dependent on a computer with a web camera and a stable internet connection that can run Zoom.

Application process

The closing date for applications is 8 May 2023.

Applications must be submitted in English using this web-based form:

<https://forms.gle/qBT1XA3A2r9i7Pa7A>

Only complete applications will be considered. This includes a signed nomination form certifying the approval of the applicant's employer/supervisor and stating the relevance of the training for ongoing projects or initiatives. If you have technical problems in completing the form, please contact us via the email listed below.

Selection process

Only candidates who meet the outlined criteria will be considered. Selected candidates will be notified by e-mail about three weeks after the deadline. A confirmation reply must reach the organisers within one week of this notification. Candidates can expect a letter of acceptance with information on the required preparations and participation.

Certificate of participation

Successful candidates will be awarded a Certificate of Participation stating details of the International Training on Dialogue and Mediation as completed.

Organisers

Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation

The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation is a non-governmental organisation established in memory of Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations. We aim to advance dialogue and policy for sustainable development and peace. In our work on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace, our goal is to promote coherent and inclusive peacebuilding policies, strategies and processes leading to more peaceful, just and resilient societies. Please visit www.daghammarskjold.se for more information.

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research was established in 1971 to conduct peace research and offer courses in peace and conflict studies and is recognised globally as a leading institution in its field. Our research scope covers several major areas of peace and conflict studies in a wide range of geographical regions and countries worldwide with an annual enrolment of between 300–400 students. The DPCR runs the internationally renowned Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP). Please visit www.pcr.uu.se for more information.

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