

Compendium of Training Courses relevant to DDR Officers



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This compendium of DDR training courses gives an overview of training opportunities provided by the United Nations System, by partner organizations, and training institutes.

This compendium is non-exhaustive and will be updated on a regular basis. Your contribution and feedback is therefore highly appreciated (please mail to: schibli@un.org).

Please note that the terms and conditions of the training courses might be subject to subsequent amendments.

DDR Courses

United Nations Approach to Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration

Training provider: **The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)**

Description: The United Nations Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (UN IDDRS) bring together knowledge, lessons learnt and good practices on a wide range of issues from concepts, policies and strategies to programme planning, design, management, and monitoring and evaluation. In addition to outlining the basics of each phase of DDR, the IDDRS offer detailed guidance on key issues, such as information and sensitization, food aid and food security, women and gender, children and youth, health and HIV/AIDS and important linkages with other peacebuilding processes. The goal of the course is to provide participants with an interactive, practical and engaging overview of the IDDRS, familiarizing them with the various components.

Link: <https://www.unitar.org/courses-un-volunteers>

Format: Online.

Date: Self-paced.

Cost: Free.

Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR): A Practical Overview

Training provider: **Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI)**

Description: The transition from civil war to sustainable peace is a difficult one. Successful disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of ex-combatants is essential for this transition. While the objectives of DDR are broad, it must be carefully planned and executed to enhance security, support development,



reduce government expenditures, and remove impediments to democracy. DDR should be viewed as a holistic process, not discreet steps. The success of any programme to support DDR is closely linked to the political, economic, and security situation of the country where it occurs. The 2017 edition of this course includes the latest recommendations and strategies for DDR practitioners in the field and recent United Nations doctrine, including the 2014 UN Integrated DDR Standards (IDDRS). This version also examines recent DDR processes and programmes, such as Colombia's Agencia Colombiana para la Reintegración.

Link: <https://www.peaceopstraining.org/courses/disarmament-demobilization-and-reintegration-ddr-practical-overview/>

Format: Online.

Date: Self-paced.

Cost: USD 60.

Disarmament Demobilisation and Reintegration Course (DDRF 21)

Training provider: **Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC)**

Description: The Course, through building practical and theoretical skills, aims at enhancing the capacity and effectiveness of UN, Regional, Sub-regional, National and other institutions to perform peace operations by providing participants with a comprehensive, conceptual and operational level understanding of the principles, procedures and up to date practices and new trends involved in the planning, coordination and conduct of DDR programmes and DDR related tools. English with French translation will be used for facilitation at the course.

Link: <https://www.kaiptc.org/kaiptc-course/ddrf21/>

Format: In person.

Date: 01 – 12 February 2021. **Enrolment deadline was 20 December 2020.**

Location: Accra, Ghana.

Cost: Each participant will be required to take care of his or her travel expenses and pay a commitment fee of USD 700.00. KAIPTC will be responsible for participants' accommodation and feeding for the duration of programme.

Disarmament Demobilisation, Reintegration

Training provider: **École de maintien de la paix (EMP) Alioune Blondin Beye**

Description: Le but du stage est de familiariser les participants aux techniques DDR de manière à constituer un vivier de personnel capable de remplir des tâches DDR, à savoir: comprendre la nature des conflits et la consolidation de la paix, intégrer le contexte IDDRS (Normes intégrées du DDR selon les Nations Unies)



dans un processus de consolidation de la paix des Nations Unies, apprendre les principaux éléments d'un programme DDR, étudier plusieurs scénarios durant lesquels un processus DDR a été conduit, et acquérir les connaissances pratiques à appliquer dans un processus DDR.

Link: <https://www.empbamako.org/Ev%C3%A9nement/desarmement-demobilisation-reintegration/>

Format: In person.

Date: 01 – 12 February 2021. **Enrolment deadline was 15 January 2021.**

Location: Bamako, Mali.

Cost: Free.

Children, Youth and DDR: a Practitioner's Guide

Training provider: **Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)**

Description: Historically, DDR interventions have been limited in addressing the rights and needs of children and youth, in spite of legal frameworks that provide for their protection. Failing to support children and youth exiting armed groups can lead to further marginalization, exposure to violence and re-recruitment into violent conflict. For DDR to meaningfully contribute to breaking the cycle of violence, the support provided must address the specific needs and experiences of girls and boys and young women and men well aligned with the agendas for Children and Armed Conflict and Youth, Peace and Security. To address this gap, FBA offers a comprehensive hybrid course focusing on the necessary analysis, design and application of DDR programming that addresses the needs and opportunities associated with a rights-based and sustainable support to children and youth formerly associated with armed groups.

Link: <https://fba.se/en/how-we-work/courses/upcoming-courses/>

Format: Online.

Date: 13 May – 18 June 2021. **Enrolment deadline was 26 March 2021.**

Cost: 500 EUR



Training of trainers on advanced DDR course

Training provider: **Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), Department of Peace Operations (DPO), African Union (AU)**

Description: TBC.

Link: <https://www.bicc.de/>

Format: Online.

Date: May 2021 TBC.

Cost: TBC.

Pilot training on advanced DDR course

Training provider: **Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC)**

Description: TBC.

Link: <https://www.bicc.de/>

Format: Online.

Date: May 2021 TBC.

Cost: TBC.

DDR Planning course

Training provider: **Swedish Armed Forces International Centre (SWEDINT)**

Description: The DDR Planning course enables the participants to effectively take part in the planning and preparation phase of a present or future DDR program. The course program is based on the United Nations Integrated Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS), as well as practitioners' best practices. The course is not intended as an introduction to DDR but rather as a continuation of existing introductory courses.

Link: <https://www.forsvarsmakten.se/en/swedint/courses-at-swedint-and-how-to-apply/ddr-plan/>

Format: In person.

Date: **Cancelled.**

Location: Sweden.

Cost: SEK 6,000.



In country training course on revised IDDRS

Training provider: **Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), Department of Peace Operations (DPO)** *Description:* TBC.

Link: <https://www.bicc.de/>

Format: In person.

Date: July 2021 TBC.

Cost: TBC.

Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration of former combatants (DDR)

Training provider: **Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)**

Description: Following violent conflict or serious political and social crisis, a successful post-conflict transition is key in the peacebuilding and reconciliation process. Within this post-conflict transition, the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants (DDR) is instrumental, seeking to increase security levels locally and nationally, but also enabling those associated with armed groups to (re)join mainstream society following the end of conflict. Contemporary challenges and developments within the field have challenged the traditional use of DDR as a post-conflict tool. Responding to these challenges, the United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group on DDR has initiated a revision of the Integrated DDR Standards (IDDRS) for the standards to better suit contemporary challenges of peacebuilding environments. In light of this revision, the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) revised its global course on DDR, which was re-launched in November 2019 in Stockholm. A second round of the course will be completed in a virtual format between 6 September and 22 October 2021.

Link: <https://fba.se/en/how-we-work/courses/upcoming-courses/>

Format: Online.

Date: 6 September – 22 October 2021. Deadline for applications is 6 August 2021.

Cost: The course has a fee of 5000 SEK (or 500 EURO), which covers tuition and administrative costs. A limited number of scholarships can – in exceptional cases – be offered, covering parts of these expenses, for qualified participants who otherwise would not be able to attend. If you are interested, please indicate this on your application form, including a motivation statement.



Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a changing DDR context

Training provider: UN Department of Peace Operations (DPO), UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA), UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC)

Description: Weapons and ammunition management has become increasingly central to the work of United Nations peace operations, special political missions and in non-mission settings, including as part of integrated disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) processes. There is a growing recognition of the need to promote weapons and ammunition management to effectively reduce the capacity of individuals and groups to engage in armed violence and to address the risks stemming from the illicit possession of weapons, ammunition and explosives. To support DDR practitioners in effectively addressing the management of weapons and ammunition in traditional DDR settings, transitional (pre-DDR) initiatives and community-violence-reduction (CVR) approaches, the United Nations Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) in collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) have developed an annual training course on “Effective weapons and ammunition management in a changing DDR context”. The training is based on a practical handbook for DDR practitioners published by DPO and ODA in January 2018 (www.un.org/disarmament/publications/more/ddr-handbook) and provides DDR practitioners with the knowledge and skills needed to safely and securely manage arms and ammunition in a range of DDR contexts in line with the latest international standards and guidelines. Candidates should have substantive technical knowledge and experience in DDR programming and/or weapons and ammunition management to participate in the training course.

Link: <https://unddr-wam.org/>

Format: In person TBC.

Date: September 2021 TBC.

Location: Accra, Ghana TBC.

Cost: free.

Foundational Training Course on DDR with Special Emphasis on Asymmetrical Contexts

Training provider: Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA) and the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)

Description: Over the past few decades a growing number of African countries have undertaken some form of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) programming to neutralize armed groups and to improve security in post conflict societies. The emphasis on DDR comes in recognition of the spoiler effect of former armed groups in derailing peace processes and prolonging the cycles of violence. This is further exacerbated by terrorist armed groups who are ideologically-driven and unwilling to resettle for political solutions. The course will offer candidates a holistic overview of the UN and AU approaches to



DDR. The training material will be based on both, the revised Integrated DDR Standards (IDDRS) and the AU's Operational Guidance Notes (OGN).

Link: <https://www.cccpa-eg.org/news-details/702>

Format: Online TBC.

Date: 2021 TBC.

Cost: SEK 6,000.

