

Compendium of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Training Courses



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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.

Please note that the terms and conditions of the training courses might be subject to subsequent amendments. An overview of DDR training courses can also be found at <https://iddrtg.org/ddr-trainings/>.

Désarmement Démobilisation et Réintégration (DDR) 1-23 / 2-23 / 3-23

École de maintien de la paix Alioune Blondin Beye (EMP ABB)

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. Ce stage de formation de 2 semaines vise à fournir une formation complète sur le processus DDR pour les personnels en uniforme et civils des opérations de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies.

<https://www.empbamako.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Descriptif-cours-Desarmement-Demobilisation-Reintegration-DDR.pdf>

Dates: **DDR 1-23** : 30 January – 10 February 2023.

DDR 2-23 : 26 June – 07 July 2023 (TBC).

DDR 3-23 : 28 August – 08 September 2023 (TBC).

Location: Bamako, Mali.

Cost: Free.

Disarmament Demobilisation and Reintegration Course (DDRF 23)

Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC)

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.



<https://www.kaiptc.org/kaiptc-course/disarmament-demobilisation-and-reintegration-course-2023-ddrf23/>

Date: 06 – 17 February 2023

Location: Accra, Ghana.

Cost: USD 700.00.

Laying the ground for Peace: A Holistic Approach to Community Violence Reduction

DDR Section of the Department of Peace Operations, Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC), the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping & Peacebuilding (CCCPA), the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)

The course will introduce CVR as an opportunity to support the strategic objectives of a DDR process by contributing to the reduction of armed violence and building sustainable peace. It will adopt a holistic approach by critically reflecting the variety of CVR programmes, including challenges and opportunities, through the perspectives of field practitioners, academia, researchers and other individuals involved in CVR. The training course will also provide participants with a deepened understanding of the concept of CVR and its related aspects. It further aims at strengthening participants' capacity to use CVR, where appropriate, to address DDR-related challenges, to improve the effectiveness of its implementation, in addition to providing a clearer understanding and guidance on CVR project conceptualization, development, monitoring and evaluation.

<https://iddrtg.org/event/laying-the-ground-for-peace-a-holistic-approach-to-community-violence-reduction/>

Date: 22 – 26 May 2023.

Location: Stans, Switzerland.

Cost: Free.

DDR Planning course

Swedish Armed Forces International Centre (SWEDINT)

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.



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

Format: In person.

Date: 04 – 09 June 2023.

Location: Stockholm, Sweden.

Cost: SEK 6,000.

Advanced Reintegration training course

The Barcelona International Peace Center (BIPC), Transition International (TI)

This course aims to bring together practitioners, policy makers, researchers and donors from around the world to share experiences and develop a common understanding of possible and innovative approaches to (re)integration. Best practice on economic, political and social (re)integration are shared by a pool of experienced trainers, and further explored and challenged by the participants.

Several targeted (re)integration, resilience, self-reliance and community security projects usually occur in parallel. These projects tend to create further divisions in the communities and are often not sustainable. Mostly, separate programmes are provided for children which, in many cases, are not linked to the adults' programmes, reducing opportunities for benefitting from the pooled resources and having young people falling in the cracks. Further, programmes are often highly centralised and thereby do not adequately respond to local contexts, nor empower local actors to plan, execute, and own the processes.

<https://bcnpeacecenter.org/events/re23/>

Date: 09 – 16 July 2023

Location: Barcelona, Spain.

Cost: 2500 Euros.

DDR and Youth course

Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)

Throughout the course the participants will explore concepts and methods for integrated DDR programming as it relates to children and youth. Some of the key issues to be addressed, both theoretically and in practice through exercises, are conflict analysis, the links between children, youth and conflict, the profiling of children and youth based on individual needs as they exit armed groups and interventions for effective and sustainable reintegration of children and youth based on their rights, needs and experiences.

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



Date: 18 – 22 September 2023

Location: TBC.

Cost: TBC.

Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) generic course

International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC)

The course content is guided by the UN Integrated DDR Standards (IDDRS), AU Operational Guidance Notes (OGNs) on DDR, and other relevant materials. Additionally, relevant examples, case studies and exercises have been built into the course programme to provide realistic learning experience. Preference will be given to scenarios related to the Africa region. Notably, a gendered approach to DDR will be adopted in all lessons.

<https://www.ipstc.org/index.php/courses>

Date: 25 September – 06 October 2023.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya.

Cost: TBC.

Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a changing DDR context

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)

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”. Candidates should have substantive technical knowledge and experience in DDR programming and/or weapons and ammunition management to participate in the training course.



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

Date: 02 – 06 October 2023.

Location: Accra, Ghana.

Cost: free.

Training course on DDR processes

DDR Section of the Department of Peace Operations, the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)

This training course is targeting DDR/CVR staff working in international organizations, representatives of national DDR commissions, DDR focal points, field staff of international and national NGOs, as well as civil society organizations working with conflict-affected communities.

<https://iddrtg.org/ddr-trainings/>

Date: 02 – 06 October 2023.

Location: Entebbe, Uganda.

Cost: free.

Global Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) course

Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA), Barcelona International Peace Center (BIPC)

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.

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

Date: 04 – 15 December 2023

Cost: 5000 SEK (or 500 EURO)

