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Second Graduation of Joint Degree in Peace and Security at Addis Ababa

The second cohort of a joint Master's degree programme in Peace and Security Studies, offered by the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) of Addis Ababa University and the University for Peace (UPEACE), took place on Saturday 24 July 2010.



*Photo By Fina Farfán Pacheco,
Department of Academic Administration*

A total of 30 IPSS students graduated in a colorful ceremony amongst a total of 10,413 Addis Ababa University graduates. UPEACE was represented at the ceremony by the University Registrar, Ms. Fina Farfan Pacheco, who had come from the UPEACE Headquarters in Costa Rica, and the Director of the Africa Programme, Dr. Jean-Bosco Butera.

The establishment of the IPSS at Addis Ababa University in 2007 was spearheaded by UPEACE's Africa Programme, with financial support from the Royal Danish Embassy in Addis Ababa.

The creation of the Institute responds to the central mission of the Africa Programme, "to stimulate and strengthen capacity for peace and conflict studies in Africa through teaching, research and service to the community."

The Institute exemplifies the central approach of the Africa programme to develop capacity through partnership with lead local universities in order to contribute to a peaceful and stable Africa.

UPSAM Final Networking Conference in Jordan

By Laurel Gaylor

The Final Networking Conference of the UPEACE programme 'Capacity Building in South Asia, the Middle East and the Horn of Africa (UPSAM)' was held in Jordan from 1 to 4 August 2010.

The conference was jointly convened by the University for Peace (UPEACE) and the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development (JOHUD) and served as one of the final steps to conclude the programme.

The conference focused on sharing experiences and building a network for future academic cooperation among participants from all the UPSAM programme partners. Conference participants engaged in cross-discipline and pan-regional networking activities and the programme's fellows, co-teachers and administrators shared their expertise. Specific plans and commitments for future cooperation, particularly among participants from each of the three regions, were established during these activities.

Participants representing 16 universities in Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya, Somalia, Egypt, Iraq and Jordan as well as UPEACE staff took part in the four-day conference. Also in attendance was HRH Princess Basma of Jordan.



Photo: HRH Princess Basma with participants at the final UPSAM networking conference



UCR entre las mejores Universidades de América Latina
 ElPaís.cr
 27 July 2010

Princess Basma highlights role of education in conflict resolution
 The Jordan Times (Jordan)
 2 August 2010

Vicerrector de la Universidad de la Paz de la ONU, expondrá en Cali su experiencia en resolución de conflictos.
 RCN Colombia
 9 August 2010

El vicerrector de la universidad de la Paz de la ONU habla este viernes en Cali
 Diario El Tiempo / Occidente (Colombia)
 13 August 2010

Maestrías 2010: Brecha en el campus
 Mercados y Tendencias Magazine (Regional)
 July- August 2010

48th Geneva Graduate Study Programme

By Celia Solari



Photo: Vice-Rector Amr Abdalla and Mrs. Gertrude Nimako-Boateng, Coordinator Graduate Study Programme, Press and External Relations, United Nations Information Service (UNIS), Ana Waddington and Hendrik Müller, UNIS interns.

On 15 July 2010, Vice-Rector Dr. Amr Abdalla represented the University for Peace (UPEACE) at the 48th Geneva Graduate Study Programme, held annually at the United Nations Office in Geneva for students currently enrolled in a graduate institution.

This year's theme was "The United Nations: United to combat climate change to safeguard international peace and security".

Dr. Abdalla addressed 60 students of 36 nationalities on the 'Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies'. The students were then requested to form working groups to discuss individual successes and challenges in their experience resolving conflicts. Student feedback was once again extremely positive, citing specifically the interactiveness and skill-building aspects of the presentation.

UPEACE Briefing Session in Geneva

By Celia Solari

On 15 July 2010, John J. Maresca, Rector of UPEACE, opened a briefing session by Dr. Jean-Bosco Butera, Director of the UPEACE Africa Programme based in Addis Ababa and Dr. Amr Abdalla, Vice-Rector. The event was held in the International Environment House 2, at the UPEACE Geneva office building.

Dr. Butera informed members of NGOs and the international and diplomatic community about the progression of the Africa Programme from 2005 to present and highlighted projects for the future including securing support for expansion plans into francophone Africa.

Dr. Abdalla informed attendees about a UPEACE programme, generously funded by the Netherlands, which builds capacity in Peace and Conflict Studies institutions in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The programme has recently been expanded to include countries in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

Also present were the Hon. Ruth Dreifuss, UPEACE Chancellor and Dr. John H. King, Coordinator of Disarmament Education and Training in Geneva.



International Seminar: "Peacebuilding, International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights" and cooperation with Universidad Javeriana Cali

By **Gabriela Hernández**

On 13 August 2010, the International Seminar "Peacebuilding, International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights" was held in Cali, Colombia. Vice-Rector Amr Abdalla took part of this important event with a lecture on peace and conflict studies and terrorism in the Islamic context. The event was organized by Universidad Javeriana Cali. In attendance also were present delegations from the Norwegian Refugee Council, AECID, Fundación Social, SJR, some media outlets, EMAVI and the First commission of the Senate of the Republic.

The seminar was planned as the central event of an international academic exchange with UPEACE, with the main objective to explore strategic alliances and develop a master's program in Culture of Peace, International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

Specific plans and commitments for future cooperation were established during the week by both institutions.

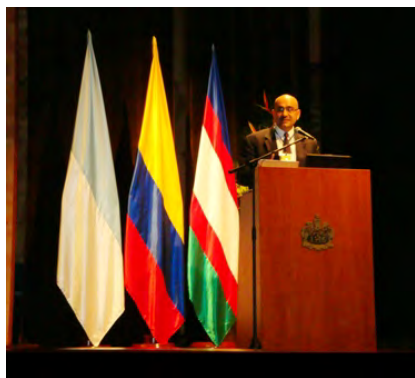


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Upcoming Courses

New Online Course Open

"Peace and Conflict Studies: The Foundation Course"

Professors: Dr. Amr Abdalla and Dr. Victoria Fontan

Location: UPEACE Campus, Costa Rica.

Starting date: 4 October 2010

Closing date: 10 December 2010

The course can be taken for 3 academic credits: US\$950 or without credits US\$750

Duration: 10 weeks

For more information visit:

<http://www.upeace.org/elearning/courses/>

Upcoming Events

Orientation Programme 2010

From 18-19 August the University for Peace (UPEACE) will welcome the new 2010-2011 class to its Costa Rica Campus for the Orientation Programme.

As part of the orientation, the group will receive introductory remarks by Mr. José Joaquín Chaverri, Director of the Manuel María Peralta Institute of the School of Diplomacy in Costa Rica, Rector John J. Maresca and Vice-Rector Amr Abdalla.

The second day of the programme, the new class will receive different speeches on interest areas such as: the Non Discrimination- Non Harassment Policy, UPEACE Publications and Plagiarism, followed by Immigration procedures.

In the afternoon, students will meet with the staff of their academic department for Academic Orientation.

The programme will be closed with a welcome party to celebrate the beginning of the academic year 2010-2011.



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