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PRESS RELEASE

NEW MA PROGRAMME IN RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

San José, 17 February 2009. **The University for Peace (UPEACE) has launched a new MA Programme on Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development that will open classes for its first enrolled students in September 2009.**

UPEACE believes this new course will respond to current student interest by offering a full MA degree programme covering the relationships between management, economics and sustainable development. The new MA programme will be intended both for future business persons, and for students who intend to work in developing regions, and need a better understanding of economic and private sector issues. This MA programme will be an alternative to a conventional MBA, or to an MA in economics.

The MA in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development, like other MAs at UPEACE, is designed as an intensive programme that lasts 11 months. Students are required to complete 40 credits to graduate. Thirty-two credits are allocated for course work, and eight credits are allocated for an internship/project and a final written assignment.

The Rector of UPEACE, Mr. John J. Maresca, noted that "We believe that it is essential for those interested in international affairs, the prevention of conflict, and the advancement of human rights and equitable social progress to have a thorough understanding of the world of economics and business. These are often key factors of peace and conflict, with enormous potential for influencing events, either in a positive or a negative way".

UPEACE was established in 1980 as a treaty organization pursuant to a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, to serve the peace and security goals of the UN through education, training and research. UPEACE is governed by a independent Council that recently has been reinforced with the membership of Valentine Rugwabiza, Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organization and Francisco Luzon, Head of Latin American Operations of the Banco Santander.

In order to apply to the programme please access our webpage www.upeace.org or write to the following e-mail admissions@upeace.org.

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