EXECUTIVE MASTER’S IN
Managing Peace & Security In Africa

How to apply
Note: You will need a gmail email account to complete the application

Step 1
Prepare the required documents listed below (in PDF):
• Passport photo (minimum size 720x1280 pixels)
• Curriculum Vitae
• Letter of motivation (1 page maximum)
• Copies of relevant degrees and certificates
• Official academic transcripts (Bachelors/ Masters/ PhD)
• Letter of consent signed by the superior at your organization (download here)

Step 2
Complete the online application form here

Step 3
Submit your application.

Step 4
You will receive a confirmation email

• Do you seek innovative approaches to addressing the challenges of peace and security in the 21st century?
• Do you aspire to be a transformative leader who achieves results?
• Do you want to comprehend the intricacies of governance challenges in contemporary times and be able to respond to them with compelling insights?
• Are you a professional working in the field of peace and security in Africa? Are you interested in taking your career to the next stage?
• Do you want immersive, critical and dynamic training while continuing to work at your organization?

If your answer to the above questions is yes, then the MPSA Programme is the right academic programme for you. The Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) is currently accepting applications for the 16th cohort intake. The application deadline is 31 July 2020 and the Programme will commence on 4 October 2020.

The MPSA Executive MA offers experienced professionals working on African peace and security issues a unique opportunity to acquire certified and in-depth training while continuing to work in their respective organizations. The MPSA training prepares critical, reflective practitioners with the skills to provide new cost-effective and creative solutions for complex and dynamic problems.
Selection Criteria

Academic requirements:

- Bachelor’s or Post-graduate degree from accredited institution of higher learning;
- English Proficiency:
  1. TOEFL or IELTS certificate;
  2. Alternatively, an official letter from an academic institution certifying that English language was the medium of instruction and that the applicant has sufficient English language proficiency to participate in the program;
  3. If the applicant is not able to provide proof of English proficiency as in (1 or 2), s/he will be required to take an English proficiency test at Addis Ababa University if admitted.

Non-academic Requirements:

The applicant must preferably:

- Be a citizen of a member state of the African Union or an international applicant working for a governmental, inter-governmental or multilateral agency with a keen interest in African peace and security issues;
- Have at least five years’ work experience in peace, security and development, democracy, governance, peace and security or related field;
- Have excellent command of English language which is the medium of instruction.
- The Selection Committee will also take into account the following factors:
  - Applicant’s past and current job, position/responsibilities; including perceived professional impact applicant is likely to have on their organization after completion of the executive Master’s programme;
  - Diversity (gender, regional balance - REC’s and Regional Mechanisms) in order to draw participants from all parts of the continent;
  - Applicant’s personal qualities: leadership, strong motivation to enhance one’s professional abilities, originality, sound academic credentials.

Please Note:

Upon acceptance, all candidates shall be required to follow the under-listed procedures to authenticate their degrees and certificates.

1. Get your degree and transcript authenticated by the university where you acquired your degree;
2. Once, step (1) is completed, have your authenticated degree and transcript certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the country you acquired your degree;
3. The certified degree and transcript should then be sent to the Ethiopian Embassy in the country you acquired your certificate. The documents should be stamped and certified at the Embassy;
4. Once step (3) is completed, the certified copies should be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Addis Ababa for another certification (This can be done during the first semester);
5. Once the above processes have been completed, your degree and transcripts will be sent to the Higher Education Relevance and Quality Agency (HERQA) in Ethiopia to complete the authentication process;
6. For participants who acquired their degree in Ethiopia, kindly request the university to send an official copy of the degree and transcripts to IPSS.

Inquiries

For further assistance regarding the application process, please contact Mrs. Rediat Mesfin, the MPSA Programme Assistant, at rediat.m@ipss-addis.org.

All information regarding the MPSA application and guidelines can be accessed through: http://ipss-addis.org/what-we-do/academic-programmes/executive-masters-mpsa/

"The aim of MPSA is to groom and enhance the capacities of leaders to understand and commit to addressing evolving challenges of governance in the areas of peace and security."