

MPSA Participants



MPSA has graduated

264

participants

43

countries

54

different
institutions

Participants continue or take up senior positions in institutions such as the AU, RECs, RMs, Armed Forces of AU Member States, international and multilateral agencies involved in peace and security, INGOs, CSOs, private practice and consultancies.

MPSA is explicitly designed to help all participants to qualify for their next promotion and, for those working at Member States level, to acquire or deepen the regional perspectives.

Participants should be able to make well-informed choices based on critical and balanced judgment to peace and security challenges on the continent.

EXECUTIVE MASTER'S IN Managing Peace & Security In Africa



Prominent MPSA Alumni include but are not limited to

- Brig. Gen. Tilahun Habtamu, Commandant, Ethiopian International Peacekeeping Training Centre, and acting Head of the Peacekeeping Department, Ethiopia (2017)
- Brig. General Ibra Boulama, Chief of Armed Forces, Niger (2011)
- Brig. Gen. Zewdu Kiros, Former Force Commander, United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) (2017)
- Amb. Amed Awad, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Somalia (2012)
- Dr. Aisha Laraba Abdullahi, Former Commissioner, Political Affairs, African Union Commission (2016)
- Ms. Yetnebersh Nigusie, Recipient, 2017 Right Livelihood Award (Alternative Nobel Prize)(2016)
- Mr. Steve Lalande, Head of Civilian Component, Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF)(2014)
- Ms. Legawork Assefa, Acting Head of Peace and Security, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) (2016)

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INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND SECURITY STUDIES
ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY

Background

The Executive Master's Degree in Managing Peace and Security in Africa (MPSA) is an extra occupational Master's programme at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia.

MPSA falls under the Africa Peace and Security Programme (APSP) a wider institutional partnership between IPSS, the African Union (AU) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is endorsed by the AU Executive Council to tackle the intellectual challenge of finding adequate and appropriate African-led solutions to peace and security issues in Africa.

Established in 2010, MPSA was developed in partnership with the AU Commission's Peace and Security Department (AUC PSD) as part of a broader institutional partnership with IPSS.

The MPSA Programme aims to fill the niche for seasoned, well-trained professionals involved in peace and security issues that are capable of making informed, timely and critical decisions.

The MPSA Programme assists African-based institutions in bridging the critical knowledge gap of complex peace and security issues around the continent by exposing their senior-level staff to state-of-the art perspectives and methodologies.

MPSA has matriculated 14 cohorts since the programme's inception in 2010.

The Six Modules

1. Introduction to Peace and Security in Africa
2. Conflict Processes, Dynamics, Causes and Consequences
3. Conflict Analysis, Assessment and Early Warning
4. Conflict Interventions I: Diplomacy, Soft Power, Negotiation and Mediation
5. Interventions II: Peace Support Operations and Post-Conflict Reconstruction
6. Reforming and Strengthening African Institutions.

Participants in the MPSA Programme are required to write a long essay (research paper) in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the award of **Executive Master's in Managing Peace and Security in Africa**.

The MPSA Programme

MPSA offers experienced professionals working on African peace and security issues a unique opportunity to acquire certified and in-depth education while continuing to work in their respective organizations.

MPSA is accredited by Addis Ababa University (AAU) and by the international accreditation body ACQUIN, Accredited by the international accreditation body ACQUIN, Zertifizierungs- und Qualitätssicherungs-Institut (Accreditation, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute)

The Programme consists of five two-week modules held every two months and one module conducted via distance learning.

In between modules, participants spend six weeks working at their home organizations. Employers who have released their employees must make sure they are not assigned other task during the five two-week blocs.

Format: Participants study while still working in their respective organizations.

Pragmatic, interactive and practice-based methodology: Sessions with experts and resource persons, critical peer learning, individual and group projects.

Focus on Africa from holistic and multidisciplinary perspectives: Places critical emphasis on the delivery of African problems, perspectives and solutions.

Applied and action research orientation: Includes a field study and research visit to an African region (when conditions allow).

Access to IPSS: As part of the Africa Peace and Security Programme (APSP), MPSA brings participants into a growing community of academic and policy research institutions on the continent seeking to grapple with the myriad challenges of conflict prevention, management and resolution.

Combination of on-campus learning and participatory distance learning activities and projects: Extensive usage of the Moodle platform (which allows for interaction with resource persons, experts, course facilitators, distance learning assignments and discussion forum).

"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."