Call for Application

Meet your educational and career aspirations at The Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS).

Executive Master’s
Managing Peace and Security in Africa

Application deadline
19 July 2021

Programme Commencement
4 October 2021

Now accepting applications, IPSS welcomes you to join a cohort of experienced and knowledgeable people formed from the Africa Union, Regional Economic Communities (REC’s), Regional Mechanisms (RM’s), multilateral institutions, government institutions, Non-governmental Institutions (NGO’s), and others.

MPSA offers qualified professionals working on peace and security in Africa a unique opportunity to acquire accredited and in-depth training while working in their respective organizations. MPSA training prepares critical and reflective practitioners to lead with novelty, manage and transform complex challenges relating to peace, governance and security. We look forward to supporting you expand your horizons and discover new opportunities in your personal and professional aspirations.

▶ 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 complexities of governance challenges in contemporary times and 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 application deadline is 19 July 2021, and the Programme will commence on 4 October 2021.

Enhancing Capacities, Enriching Lives!

Selection criteria

Academic requirements:
Applicants must hold BA, BS or Post-graduate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.

English Language Proficiency and Certification:
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

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 programme.

If the applicant cannot 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;

- The Selection Committee will also take into account the following factors:
  - Applicant’s past and current job, position/responsibilities, including the perceived professional impact the applicant is likely to have on their organization after completion of the executive master’s degree;
  - Diversity (gender, regional balance – REC’s and Regional Mechanisms) in order to draw participants from all parts of the continent;
  - Applicant’s personal qualities such as leadership qualities, strong motivation to enhance one’s professional abilities, originality and sound academic credentials.

How to apply

You will need a Gmail email account to complete the application.

Step 1
- Prepare the required documents listed below (in PDF)
- Passport photo (minimum 720×1280 pixels)
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of motivation (one-page maximum)
- Copies of relevant degrees and certificates
- Official academic transcripts (BA, BS, MA, MSC or PhD)
- Letter of consent signed by the supervisor at your organization (download here)

Step 2
Apply – “Click here” to fill and complete the online application form. All applications must be submitted online. No email applications are accepted.

Step 3
Submit your application.

Step 4
You will receive a confirmation via email. If you do not receive a confirmation letter after submitting your application, send an email to (mahlet.f@ipss-addis.org) confirm if your application has successfully been submitted.

Please note:
Upon acceptance, all cohort 17 candidates must follow the under-listed procedures to authenticate their degrees and certificates.

Get your degree and transcript authenticated by the university where you acquired your degree;

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;

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;

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);

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;

Participants who acquired their degree in Ethiopia, kindly request the university to send an official copy of the degree and transcripts to IPSS.
Cohort 17 schedule

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It is anticipated that all sessions (1 to 6) will be offered online unless expressly communicated otherwise.

Inquiries
For further assistance regarding the application process, please contact Ms. Mahlet Fitiwi Tekle, Programme Coordinator, at mahlet.f@ipss-addis.org