

20th Cohort

Call for Application

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

Application deadline

20 May 2024

Programme Commencement

30 September 2024

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Apply

IPSS is happy to review your application and to welcome you to join a cohort of experienced and knowledgeable personnel drawn from the African Union (AU), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regional Mechanisms (RM), multilateral institutions, government institutions, Non-governmental Institutions (NGOs), etc.

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- ▶ 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?

Did you answer YES? Then the MPSA Programme is the right educational programme for you.

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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 (500 words maximum)
- ▶ Copies of relevant degrees and certificates
- ▶ Official academic transcripts (Bachelor / Masters / 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 to confirm if your application has successfully been submitted.

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 AU 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 programme;
 - ⦿ Diversity (gender, regional balance – RECs and RMs) 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.

Please note:

Once accepted into the programme, participants will be notified of the appropriate timing to request their respective universities to send official transcripts to IPSS.

Cohort 20 schedule

Session 1

30 Sep. - 11 Oct. 2024

Session 2

2 - 13 December 2024

Session 3

3 - 14 March 2025

Session 4

5 - 16 May 2025

Session 5

7 - 18 July 2025

Session 6

1 - 26 September 2025

All sessions (1 to 6) are anticipated to be offered online unless expressly stated.

Inquiries

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

N.B.

Applicants are advised to check their email spam regularly after they submit their applications.



Executive Master's

**Managing Peace and
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