

# TRAINING FOR PEACE ENGAGEMENT

## WHAT IS IPT?

The **International Civilian Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding Training Programme (IPT)** is an internationally recognised, professional training programme for civilian experts in crisis management.



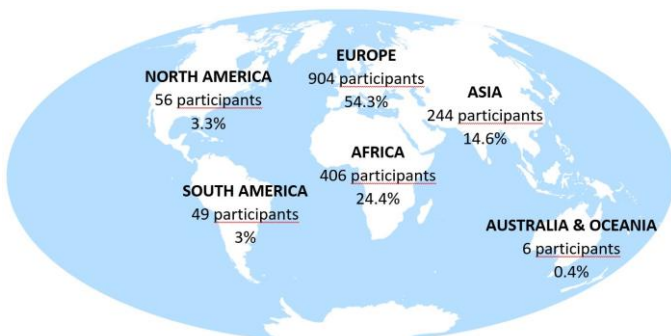
IPT Participants from Mozambique, Iran, Austria, Ivory Coast, and Nigeria, 2012

IPT aims to provide civilians with **general and function-specific knowledge and skills** for peacekeeping and peacebuilding activities. IPT courses have been offered in the Peace Castle of Stadtschlaining, Austria, since 1993.

## WHO IS IPT FOR?

IPT caters the needs of people who are or aim to be deployed in civilian crisis management missions, be it through an NGO, IGO, or else. People with a general interest in peace building activities are encouraged to attend the Core Course that offers comprehensive insights and preparation for future deployment.

The **diversity of participants and faculty** is one of the unique features of the IPT.



Continents of Origin, IPT Alumni 1993-2017

In 2017, 132 civilian experts from 45 different countries were trained in 6 IPT courses; in total, we have a **pool of over 1650 alumni, representing 127 different countries**. IPT graduates find

employment with international organisations such as the UN, OSCE or Caritas. Furthermore, international organisations rely on the IPT programme to further qualify already serving staff members. IPT courses are **recognised and certified** by the European Union. The training standards developed through the IPT influence training curricula of UN, OSCE, and others.

IPT training courses also present an excellent **opportunity to get together with other professionals from different institutional and cultural backgrounds**, all working towards achieving sustainable peace, security, and development. In this way, IPT courses serve as an ideal basis for future networking in the international arena of peacebuilding or peacekeeping.

*„Nothing could have given me greater pleasure than drinking from the fountain of wisdom and knowledge the IPT program offers. I am greatly inspired by the teaching methodology; learning environment and the pool of experienced facilitators and support staff at the IPT program. No doubt, I have learned new skills and best practices which would be applied to make my job easier and more professional.  
Thank you again for your support and I can't wait to be back at the Castle.  
Moses, IPT Participant, UNDP, 2014*

## WHICH COURSES ARE OFFERED IN IPT?

The **Core Course (CC)** provides participants with the basic knowledge and skills required to work in post-conflict and crisis areas. The training is very practically oriented, with a lot of discussion, workshops, group work, and simulation exercises.

**Modules** include peacebuilding, cultural awareness, cross-cultural communication, conflict analysis, mediation, human rights, personal safety, first aid, stress management, and working with trauma. **Practical exercises** include a mine trail, 4x4 drive training, radio communication and orientation, and a complex simulation exercise. All modules should enhance desirable personal attitudes, and promote a reflective and critical approach.

The Core Course of the IPT is certified by the **European New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management (ENTRI)**



Replacing a wheel in CC 2004



4x4 Drive Training, IPT Core Course 2012

Building upon the CC, IPT offers **Specialisation Courses (SC)** for function specific duties in the field, such as Election Observation or Child Protection. The recently introduced **Master Classes (MC)** focus on internationally renowned experts utilising their specific fields of expertise in an intensive training programme. A former attendance in an IPT CC or a relevant professional field experience is highly recommended for applicants to SC and MC programmes.



Existing courses are regularly updated, and new topics are developed. The **IPT faculty** is drawn from a pool of renowned **international experts** who combine their theoretical knowledge with practical field experience.

## SHOULD I APPLY FOR IPT?

**YES**, if you have a general interest in peacebuilding activities, if you aim to or are already working in a post-conflict setting.

**IPT graduates develop a comprehensive and critical understanding of the multiple dimensions of civilian crisis management.**

Applicants should have good command of the English language and be in a good state of health. This is not only necessary for later deployment, but also for some of the outdoor training activities.

IPT is a non-profit project and **course fees can be kept low due to the support of the Austrian Government.**

*"The organization of such training courses with the participation of experienced field personnel is critical and relevant in order to build the capacity of our colleagues in peace making, peace building and peace keeping!"*

Ibrahim A. GAMBARI, former Joint Special Representative of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, UNAMID.

Furthermore, we are able to award a **limited number of scholarships**. Thus, we can invite some participants and local organisations who could normally not afford such training.



## CONTACT US!

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Participants, Staff and Faculty of IPT Specialisation Course, July 2017

## IPT COURSE SCHEDULE 2018

**IPT Core Course (CC) for Peacebuilders**  
4 - 16 March 2018  
Please apply by 1 December 2017

**IPT Specialisation Course (SC) on Election Observation**  
17 - 25 March 2018  
Please apply by 1 December 2017

**IPT Master Class (MC) on Conflict Transformation**  
15 - 24 June 2018  
Please apply by 23 March 2018

**IPT Master Class (MC) on Psychosocial Work and Peacebuilding**  
29 September - 7 October 2018  
Please apply by 27 July 2018

**IPT Core Course (CC) for Peacebuilders**  
27 October - 8 November 2018  
Please apply by 27 July 2018

**IPT Specialisation Course (SC) on Governance and Peacebuilding**  
9 - 18 November 2018  
Please apply by 27 July 2018



We are looking forward to  
welcoming you at  
**Schlaining Peace Castle!**

