

# INTERNATIONAL CIVILIAN PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEBUILDING TRAINING PROGRAMME - IPT

## FACT SHEET 2019

### 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

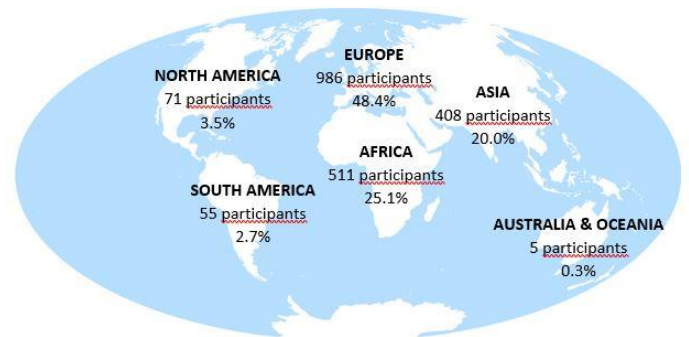
IPT aims to provide civilians with **general and function-specific knowledge and skills** for peacekeeping and peacebuilding activities. IPT courses have been offered by the ASPR in Stadtschlaing, Austria, since 1993.

### 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.

In 2018, 108 civilian experts from 44 different countries were trained in 6 IPT courses; in total, we have a **pool of over 2000 alumni, representing 133 different countries**. IPT graduates find employment with international organisations such as the



Continents of Origin, IPT Alumni 1993-2018

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)**



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

*"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.

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due to the support of the Austrian Government.

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.



#### IPT COURSE SCHEDULE 2019

##### IPT Core Course (CC) for Peacebuilders

5 – 17 March 2019

Please apply by 30 November 2018

##### IPT Master Class (MC) on Dialogue Methods for Peacebuilding with Han Verhoeven & Henk van Apeldoorn

18 – 29 March 2019

Please apply by 30 November 2018

##### IPT Master Course (MC) on Intersectional Gender Work and Peacebuilding with Gal Harmat

21 – 31 August 2019

Please apply by 19 April 2019

##### IPT Core Course (CC) for Peacebuilders

27 October – 8 November 2019

Please apply by 26 July 2019

##### IPT Master Class (MC) on Conflict Transformation

with Joan Gómez, Wilfried Graf and Gudrun Kramer

10 - 20 November 2019

Please apply by 26 July 2019

Applications received after the deadline will be considered only in the case of self-funded applicants. The IPT organisers encourage early registration.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the ASPR in Schlaining Castle!



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