**Acronyms**

AAU - Addis Ababa University  
APCJ - Africa Peace and Conflict Journal  
AU - African Union  
CCS - Climate Change and Security  
CPMR - Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution  
COMESA - Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa  
FAS - Femmes Africa Solidarité  
GTZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit/ German Technical Cooperation  
IDRC - International Development Research Centre  
IGAD - Intergovernmental Authority on Development  
IGS - Institute of Gender Studies  
INGOs - International Non-Governmental Organisations  
IPSS - Institute for Peace and Security Studies  
MA - Master of Arts  
NGOS - Non Governmental Organizations  
OSSREA - Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa  
RECs - Regional Economic Communities  
SUST - Peace Culture Centre of Sudan University of Science and Technology  
TTL - Teaching, Training and Learning  
UPEACE - University for Peace  
UPSAM - UPEACE Programme in South Asia, the Middle East and the Horn of Africa
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This year, the University for Peace (UPEACE) will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary. UPEACE was established by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of 5 August 1980. Thanks to a generous land donation by the Government of Costa Rica, UPEACE established its Headquarters in San José, Costa Rica the same year. For a number of years, UPEACE’s activities focused on the region of its headquarters. It was not until the late nineties, when the then United Nations Secretary General, Kofi Annan, decided on the revitalisation of the University, that the creation of regional programmes designed to reach out to more people around the globe was pursued. It is within this context that the Africa Programme was established in 2002.

Initially, the Programme operated from the Geneva office of UPEACE but in 2005, the Office of the Africa Programme moved to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Since then, it has endeavoured to respond to the central mission entrusted to it, with a focus on “stimulating and strengthening capacity in Africa for peace and conflict studies”, through teaching, research and services to communities.

Peace and Conflict studies is a relatively new field of study in Africa. The Africa Programme began its operations by organising a number of curriculum development workshops and developing accompanying teaching materials. These materials were then utilised to organise and deliver short courses in different parts of the continent on key themes such as Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (CPMR); Human Rights, Peace and Justice; Gender and Peace Building; Nonviolent transformation of Conflict; Peace and Development; and Regional Integration and Human Security. It has also organised international conferences.

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In the last couple of years however, the Africa Programme has focused on developing peace research skills in Africa. The Programme has offered five training workshops in peace research and launched a peer reviewed journal, titled “Africa Peace and Conflict Journal” in 2008. The journal aims to build a solid capacity to analyse and better understand the fundamental causes of conflict in Africa, and to propose constructive solutions founded on sound data. Additionally, the Africa Programme supports the doctoral studies of 26 African students enrolled in 13 universities across Sub-Saharan Africa, so as to build a highly skilled African cadre of peace researchers.

Dedicated fully to the need to build local capacity, the Africa Programme has, from its inception, adopted an approach of working in close partnership with existing universities on the continent. Partner universities have been associated in the development of curricula and teaching materials, and the delivery of short courses and workshops. The Programme has now taken a step further in strengthening capacity by working with partner universities to offer full fledged Master’s degree courses. The Africa Programme also spearheaded the creation of the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), at Addis Ababa University, which offers a joint MA degree in Peace and Security Studies. Discussions are underway with other universities to offer degrees in areas including Gender and Peace Building, Peace and Development, Social Transformation and Peace Building.

Over the years, UPEACE’s work has been made possible through the generous contribution of a number of development partners. The Africa Programme has benefitted from contributions from the Governments of Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Canada, Denmark, Belgium and Germany (GTZ). I wish to take this opportunity to renew our gratitude for their unfailing support.

Special thanks go to the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC), which provides financial support to the current Africa Programme’s endeavours in building the peace research capacity of the African continent. IDRC’s support includes the production of this report, which is part of a larger effort to better disseminate the work
of the UPEACE Africa Programme.

The report captures succinctly the Programme’s undertakings in the period 2007-2009. Further details on each of the activities herein can be found on the programme’s website, www.africa.upeace.org. The Report also highlights the Programme’s plan of action for 2010 to 2012. It is our humble hope that, through these activities and the progressive development of the continent’s capacity to deal with peace and conflict issues, UPEACE is contributing to the establishment of lasting peace in Africa; a sine qua non for the betterment of the livelihoods of its people and its sustained development.

13 January 2010

Dr. Jean-Bosco Butera,
Director, UPEACE Africa Programme
I. THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE (UPEACE)

The United Nations mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) was established in December 1980 as a Treaty Organisation by the UN General Assembly. UPEACE is the only institution authorised by the United Nations to grant university degrees at the Master’s and Doctoral levels in Peace and Conflict Studies. To ensure academic freedom, the University was established under its own Charter, approved by the General Assembly in 1980. As a result, UPEACE is not subject to UN regulations and is directed by its own Council of renowned personalities with expertise in peace and security matters. This has allowed the University to move rapidly and to innovate, focusing its new, rigorous academic programme on the fundamental causes of conflict through a multidisciplinary and multicultural-oriented approach.

UPEACE offers ten Master of Arts (MA) degrees in areas related to Peace and Conflict Studies in its main campus located in San Jose, Costa Rica. These programmes are:

1. Environmental Security and Peace
2. Environmental Security and Peace - Specialisation in Climate Change and Security (CCS)
3. Gender and Peace Building
4. International Law and Human Rights
5. International Law and the Settlement of Disputes
6. International Peace Studies
7. Media, Peace and Conflict Studies
8. Natural Resources and Peace
9. Peace Education
10. Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development

The University also runs three dual MA programmes in collaboration with other institutions: (i) MA in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development with the American University’s School of International Service in Washington DC, USA; (ii) MA in International Peace Studies in collaboration with Ateneo de Manila University in Manila, Philippines; (iii) HUFS UPEACE Dual Master’s Programme with the Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Korea. It also offers a joint MA Degree in Peace and Security Studies with the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
UPEACE has three regional offices, located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Geneva, Switzerland and New York, USA. It has also affiliated institutions and partner programmes worldwide.
The mission of UPEACE, as determined in the Charter of the University, is: “to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, to stimulate cooperation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations.”

The wider mission of the University should be seen in the context of the worldwide peace and security objectives of the United Nations. The central importance of education, training and research is increasingly recognised in all aspects, including building the foundations of peace and progress, and reducing the prejudice and hatred on which violence, conflict and terrorism are based. The Charter of the University calls for UPEACE “to contribute to the great universal task of educating for peace by engaging in teaching, research, post-graduate training and dissemination of knowledge fundamental to the full development of the human person and societies through the interdisciplinary study of all matters related to peace.”

The vision of UPEACE is to become a network of collaborating UPEACE centres and activities in different regions, guided from its headquarters in Costa Rica and cooperating with a large number of universities, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and other partners on education and research for peace.
2. UPEACE AFRICA PROGRAMME

The Africa Programme was launched in 2002 with the central mission to stimulate and strengthen capacities in Africa for teaching, training and research on peace and conflict related issues. The Programme was built upon extensive consultations held in ten countries around Africa to define the needs, aspirations and obstacles to developing an Africa Programme for Education for Peace. The results of the consultations were endorsed by an Advisory meeting of African partners in Maputo, Mozambique in October 2002, and identified six key programmatic areas that continue to propel the Africa Programme towards its goal. These are the following:

- Teaching
- Training
- Strengthening Peace Research in Africa and its Linkage to Policy
- Peace Education
- Information Dissemination
- Media and Communication

Recognising the fact that the initial years of the Programme were formative, a planning and evaluation meeting of the Programme, held in August 2005, adopted an approach of identifying and consolidating activities within a number of key themes that will guide the Programme’s work, in line with the Maputo Advisory meeting’s recommendations. The eight key themes identified are the following:

- Foundation on Peace and Conflict Studies
- Peace and Development
- Gender and Peace Building
- Justice, Human Rights and Peace
- Non Violent Transformation of Conflicts
- Media and Peace
- Regional Integration and Peace
- Endogenous African Methods of Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution
The Africa Programme’s office is based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from where it works closely with 17 formal and active partner universities and research centres across the continent. It also works actively with the Pan-African women’s organisation, Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS).
2.1 Objectives of UPEACE Africa Programme

Since its inception, the Africa Programme has adopted a Consultative Approach in its operations, thus basing all its undertakings on real needs and action as agreed upon with partners. It was within the spirit of this framework that the Programme convened the second consultative meeting in Addis Ababa in March 2007.

The consultative meeting sought to achieve three major objectives:

- Assess the actions of the Programme throughout its initial planning phase and identify the strengths and weaknesses encountered
- Formulate a draft plan of action and Programme priorities for the next five-year phase
- Enhance the active contribution and involvement of the partners in the network in pursuing the central objective of building capacity for Africa in the area of peace and conflict studies

The consultative meeting defined the following key objectives of the Programme:

- Offer high quality professional, academic and training programmes in collaboration with partner institutions across the continent
- Develop a Pan-African Resource and Learning Centre in Peace and Conflict Studies
- Serve as a focal point for training, research and documentation in the areas of peace and conflict in Africa
- Develop a network of people and institutions working in the area of peace and security in Africa

2.2 UPEACE Africa Programme’s Plan of Action (2008 – 2012)

The consultative meeting of 2007 defined the Africa Programme’s plan of action for 2008 – 2012 and identified three main areas of focus: Teaching, Training and Learning (TTL), Research and Outreach. In this regard, the Programme aims to achieve the following key objectives:

- Strengthen the capacity of African tertiary institutions to conduct research in peace and conflict areas in Africa
• Produce and disseminate high quality teaching packages in the area of Peace and Conflict Studies in Africa
• Equip universities with personnel and resources to teach peace and conflict studies and other related fields
• Promote the introduction of general studies in undergraduate programmes in universities in Africa
• Develop a network of people and institutions working in the area of Peace and Conflict Studies
• Expose Africa’s youth to concepts of peace and non-violent transformation of conflicts
• Develop a distance education programme that widens the continent’s access to Peace and Conflict Studies, offering the opportunity to reach out to large numbers of Africans and allowing them to develop knowledge and skills in this area at an affordable cost
• Combine civil society and university efforts in reaching out to communities with a view of mobilising truly the society for peace
• Become a leader in education for peace in Africa, through its partners’ networks, contributing to establishing a conducive environment for lasting and sustainable peace in Africa
3. KEY ACTIVITIES FROM 2007 to 2009

The UPEACE Africa Programme has conducted numerous activities between 2007 – 2009, including the establishment of the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) in Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, setting up the Resource Centre at the UPEACE Africa Programme Office and publishing various reference materials in the themes of Peace Research, Environment and Conflict and Human Rights. The Africa Programme has also worked closely with the new UPEACE Programme in South Asia, the Middle East and the Horn of Africa (UPSAM) to develop further capacity in universities across these regions. Various trainings, workshops and short courses have also been offered.

In the following section, these core activities are briefly discussed.

3.1 Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa University

In 2007, the UPEACE Africa Programme established a joint MA degree programme, offered through the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa University. The Institute was established with the support of UPEACE and the Royal Danish Embassy in Ethiopia. The two-year MA programme is designed to enable students to attain deep understandings of the central issues of peace and security which are critical in the development of African countries, especially in the Horn of Africa. As a result, the students are exposed to a variety of key perspectives on the most serious international, global, and regional challenges to peace and security. Students of the Institute come from Ethiopia and other African countries. The Institute graduated its first cohort, a total of 20 professionals, in July 2009.
3.2 Building Capacity for IGAD

After establishing the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) at Addis Ababa University, the Africa Programme approached the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), which is the regional economic organisation for the Horn of Africa, and proposed to contribute to building capacity of the organisation and its member states in the area of Peace and Conflict Studies. Indeed, the Institute was created with the vision of becoming a regional centre of excellence in education, training and research in the area of Peace and Conflict Studies.

Accordingly, a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding was signed between IGAD, UPEACE and AAU which provided scholarships to sponsor two officials from each of the IGAD Member states (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda) to study for the MA degree at IPSS. Based on the agreement, IGAD sponsored six students (one Djiboutian, one Kenyan, two Somalis and two Ethiopians) who started attending their degrees in October 2008. It is anticipated that IGAD will send the remaining students, in accordance with the Memorandum’s objectives, in the academic year 2010/2011.

3.3 UPSAM

In 2007, UPEACE initiated a capacity building programme in South Asia, the Middle East and the Horn of Africa (UPSAM) with the support of the Government of the Netherlands. The objective of this programme is to make the studies of Peace and Conflict widely available to students and professionals in Southern countries, with curricula developed for and by Southern scholars. To date, 17 partner universities and civil society institutions from 14 different countries across South Asia, the Middle East and the Horn of Africa are opening MA programmes or Graduate Certificates in Peace and Conflict studies. UPEACE is helping to build the capacity of these programmes through co-teaching and curricula development. Six of the 17 partner universities are based in Africa: Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), Ahfad University for Women (Sudan), University of Nairobi (Kenya), University of Hargeisa (Somaliland), University of Zalingei (Sudan), and University of Juba (Sudan).

3.4 UPEACE-IDRC Doctoral Research Awards and PhD Fellowships

In 2008, the Africa Programme began a Peace Research Capacity Building Programme with the financial support of Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The overall objective of the project is to build high level peace research capacity in Africa and contribute to the development of a network of expert researchers from tertiary education and research institutions. The project aspires to endow the continent with an intellectual
capacity to understand conflicts, advise communities on well researched solutions, inform policy and contribute to the creation of conditions for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Africa.

So far, the Programme has granted 26 awards to African PhD Students pursuing their studies in Universities in Sub-Saharan Africa. These grants have been awarded in two rounds, in 2008 and 2009, on competitive basis. There are two categories in the grants, PhD Fellowships and Doctoral Research Awards. The first category offers full scholarship to pursue PhD Studies in the area of Peace and Conflict Studies for a duration of 3 to 4 years. So far, four such grants have been awarded. The second grant, on the other hand, covers expenses related to finalising PhD Studies for a maximum of two years. Under this category, 22 grants have been awarded to date.

“The grant has helped me to easily have access to relevant materials for the project. For example, I am able to have access to useful textbooks, journals; case laws, acquired lessons on research methodology from the institution; meet friends and exchange useful research ideas with fellow awardees. All of these have helped to positively shape my study immensely and I am sure to complete the study in record time. Finally, it has enabled the project to come out with some useful proposals that may be helpful to policy making in Cameroon and Africa at large.”

Ms. Sone Patience Munge, UPEACE-IDRC Doctoral Research Awardee’08, University of Buea, Cameroon.

“I indeed, the UPEACE/IDRC Programme was an experience quite rewarding, challenging and inspiring. We owe much to these institutions and the future of Africa. We are all leaving with diverse skills in the area of research. What a wonderful team from UPEACE!”

Mr. Chris Kwaja, UPEACE-IDRC Doctoral Research Awardee’09, University of Jos, Nigeria.

“Just wondering how to achieve my academic and research aspiration, the Ph.D fellowship came in handy and has given me hope and motivation by providing both financial and research support. The research skills that I have acquired during this fellowship period has not only made research easier but also broadened my interest in research.”

Mr. Patrick Leo Kamau Magero, UPEACE-IDRC PhD Fellow’08, University of Nairobi, Kenya.
3.5 Project on Environmental and Resource Factors in African Conflicts, with particular emphasis on Darfur

The “Environmental and resource issues of factors in African conflicts, and as elements in conflict prevention and peace-building, with particular emphasis on Darfur” project commenced activities in February 2009. In the first six months, in-house research was conducted on themes such as climate and environmental changes in Ethiopia, Sudan and Sub-Saharan Africa; climate and vegetation changes in the Sahel; environmental consequences of the Darfur conflict; land and conflict in Rwanda, Burundi and DRC; and adaptation options to climate change in Africa. A summary of the perspectives of various Arabic sources on the Darfur conflict was also prepared. Following this work, an international conference on “Environmental and resource issues as factors in African conflicts, with special attention to the case of Darfur” was organised in Addis Ababa. The conference brought together approximately thirty researchers, from the three universities in Darfur, alongside researchers from Khartoum, USA and

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Europe who have done extensive research on Darfur. Representatives of international organisations active in Darfur, including UNAMID, AU and IGAD, were also in attendance, in order to allow the discussions to be channelled into the mediation and peace building processes.

3.6 Trainings/Workshops/Short Courses/Conferences

Between 2007 and 2009, the UPEACE Africa Programme conducted fourteen capacity building activities, detailed below, in the form of trainings, workshops, conferences and short courses. These activities cover a wide variety of themes related to Peace and Conflict, such as Peace Research, Peace Education, Environment and Conflict, Regional Integration and Security, and Gender and Leadership. A number of the activities were organised in collaboration with the Programme’s partner institutes, including the Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the Peace Culture Center of Sudan University of Science and Technology (SU ST), the Institute of Gender Studies (IGS) of Addis Ababa University (AAU), and the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone.

The different activities are listed below:

3.6.1 Peace Research Training Workshops; October’09, March’09, December’08, March’08, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The Africa programme organised four Peace Research Training Workshops in October 2009, March 2009, December 2008 and March 2008 as part of its UPEACE-IDRC Project. In these workshops, 22 Doctoral Research Awardees, 4 PhD Fellows and 15 Peace Researchers participated. The overall aim of the workshops is to build high level capacity and develop a network of expert researchers in peace and conflict in Africa who will contribute to efforts in building peaceful and secure communities, inform policy, contribute to the prevention and management of conflicts with a strong knowledge base and disseminate information through the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal.

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Another training workshop under the same theme was organised in April 2007, in collaboration with the Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA). The general aim of the workshop was to upgrade the capacity of participants and equip them with skills in Peace Research and related fields, with special focus on those skills that would enable them to undertake and/or teach such research within the African context. The workshop brought together approximately 24 participants from 12 countries across the continent. The majority were academics engaged in teaching and in research institutions of Higher Learning. There were also participants from the Civil Society, Non Governmental Organisations and the Civil Service of various African countries.


The Africa Programme organised a conference on, “Environmental and Resource Issues as Factors in African Conflicts” from 20 – 23 July 2009 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The workshop provided a platform for better understanding about the dynamics of conflicts in Africa, in particular regarding the role of environmental factors and resource scarcity. In the conference, the case of Darfur was given special attention. The meeting was intended as a substantive contribution to addressing questions regarding resource constraints in Darfur, in order to ensure the livelihood of the various population groups and thus contribute to opening avenues toward long-term stability in the region. About 35 participants including academics and staff of international organisations active in Darfur, took part in the meeting.

3.6.3 Training Workshop on Gender and Leadership, 4 July 2009, Adama (Nazareth), Ethiopia

The UPEACE Africa Programme conducted a one day training workshop for Ethiopian women parliamentarians. The training took place on 4 July 2009 in Adama, 100 kms south East of Ethiopia. The objective of this particular capacity building workshop was to upgrade the skills of women caucus group (both government and opposition) in gender and leadership and associated issues. Participants in the training included H.E. Mrs. Shitaye Minale, Deputy Speaker of the parliament, ministers, state ministers and committee leaders. The training
covered two topics: Gender Mainstreaming and Leadership. Leadership was presented and facilitated by Dr. Jean-Bosco Butera, Director of UPEACE Africa Programme while Gender Mainstreaming was covered by Dr. Elias Cheboud, Research Coordinator, UPEACE Africa Programme.

3.6.4 Workshop on Regional Integration and Security, 10 – 14 November 2008, Bujumbura, Burundi

From 10 to 14 November 2008, UPEACE convened, in partnership with the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), a training workshop on Regional Integration and Security in Africa. A total of 43 participants came from COMESA member states, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Africa, the African Union (AU), universities and civil society. They took the opportunity to deliberate upon issues hindering regional integration and security in Africa and achievements made in the regional integration process so far, as well as offering recommendations for the further promotion and enhancement of integration processes and the promotion of security in Africa. Participants also took the opportunity to critically analyse pertinent readings that had been put together by UPEACE Africa Programme in preparation for the production of a reader on “Regional Integration and Human Security in Africa.”

3.6.5 Training Workshop on Human Rights, Peace and Justice, 26 – 30 October 2008, Khartoum, Sudan

In collaboration with the Peace Culture Center of Sudan University of Science and Technology (SUST), UPEACE Africa Programme conducted a training workshop on “Human Rights, Peace and Justice” in Khartoum, Sudan from 26 to 30 October 2008. The course was conducted at the National Assembly and attracted 50 participants, mostly from the National Assembly Human Rights Committee. The committee had requested the training to raise the knowledge and awareness of its members in this crucial period of transition in Sudan, with the general election of 2010 and the referendum of 2011 on the future of South Sudan.

3.6.6 Workshop on Gender and Leadership in Ethiopia, 21 – 22 July 2008, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The Africa Programme, in collaboration with the Institute of Gender Studies (IGS) of Addis Ababa University (AAU), organised a workshop on “Gender and Leadership in Ethiopia” from 21 – 22 July 2008. The primary objective of the workshop was to strengthen the knowledge of participants on the significance of gender roles in leadership, whilst also
creating greater public awareness on the issue. Thirteen papers by different scholars and practitioners were presented, covering diverse topics including Gender and Leadership in Agricultural Rural Communities and Households in Ethiopia, and Gender Roles and Leadership in the Media. Convened at Ghion Hotel, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the workshop was attended by almost one hundred participants representing various sectors including parliament, academics, Ministry Offices, NGOs and International Organisations.

3.6.7 Short Course on Human Rights, Peace and Justice, 10-15 December 2007, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire.

The UPEACE Africa Programme convened a short course on “Human Rights, Peace and Justice” from 10-15 December 2007 in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire. Participants of the workshop were lecturers and researchers from UNESCO Chairs in Peace, Governance and Human Rights in Francophone Africa. This was the first workshop conducted in French in response to a request from participants from francophone Africa who attended a number of activities conducted by UPEACE Africa Programme and felt limited in their gains due to a language barrier. There were 24 participants from Benin, Chad, Congo Brazzaville, Côte d’Ivoire, DR Congo, Mali, Rwanda and Senegal.

3.6.8 Peace Education Experts’ Meeting, 3 – 4 December 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

From 3 – 4 December 2007, a Peace Education Experts’ Meeting was organised in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The overall objective of the meeting was to analyse the “Peace Education Programmes and Policies in Africa: A Comparative Study”. Participants included representatives from the Ministry of Education, UNESCO Chair in Peace Education, the University for Peace and a number of international organisations.
in Africa” draft curricula for three levels of education – Primary, Secondary and Tertiary – and make recommendations. Twenty participants from eight different countries and fifteen African academic and social institutions participated.

3.6.9 UPEACE Workshop on Conflict, Peace and Development, 9 – 13 July 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

From 9 – 13 July 2007, a workshop entitled, “Conflict, Peace and Development” was organised by the Africa Programme in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This particular workshop was the first to be organised on the theme of conflict, peace and development. 24 participants, representing 13 African countries, were drawn from academia, civil society organisations, and the government sector. The workshop aimed to enable participants to achieve the following:

- Exposure to key theories of conflict and concepts of conflict prevention, management and resolution in relation to Africa
- Gaining insights into new, cutting-edge developments in conflict prevention, management and resolution
- Learning the key analytical frameworks in understanding conflict and conflict resolution processes
- Introduction to different approaches to prevention, management and resolution of conflicts
- Understanding the role of culture in conflict and its resolution
- Returning to their institutions able to strengthen their capacity in conflict prevention, management and resolution

H.E. Mr. Maregu H/Mariam, State Minister; Ministry of Federal Affairs, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, from 2005 -2008 (Right) and Dr. Jean-Bosco Butera, Director; UPEACE Africa Programme (Left) during the opening ceremony of the Workshop on “Conflict, Peace and Development”, 9-13 July 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
3.6.10 UPEACE Short Course on Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution in Africa, 28 May – 1 June 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

A short course on, “Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution” was organised from 28 May to 1 June 2007, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The major objective of the workshop was to develop, and in some instances upgrade, the skills of participants in understanding conflict prevention, management and resolution mechanisms, so as to enhance the teaching, training and learning capacity of the UPEACE Africa Programme’s partners in Africa. Participants of the workshop came from a very rich and diverse backgrounds, including lecturers in UPEACE-partner higher education institutions, practitioners and policy makers dealing specifically with issues related to conflict prevention, management and resolution or with serious interest in addressing peace issues in teaching and practice.

3.6.11 Training Workshop for Youth Leaders on Nonviolent Transformation of Conflict, 5 – 9 February 2007, Freetown, Sierra Leone

The UPEACE Africa Programme, in partnership with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, organised a second training session on the topic of nonviolent transformation of conflict for youth leaders of civil society organisations in the Mano River Union and Ivory Coast from the 5th – 9th February 2007, Freetown, Sierra Leone. The training was part of a series of short courses and workshops sponsored by the UPEACE Africa Programme and intended to build capacity in the field of Peace and Conflict Studies in Africa. Thirty-seven young leaders, who represented their youth organisations in Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, participated.
3.7 Institutional Meetings

In addition to the capacity building activities detailed above, the Africa Programme has also organised institutional meetings. In the following section, these meetings are briefly explained.


From 23 – 24 April 2007, the first international editorial board meeting of the UPEACE Africa Peace and Conflict Journal (APCJ) was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In the meeting, the board members discussed how to establish the Journal and the way forward. Major issues of the board’s discussion include editorial process, policy and structure; context and niche; marketing and distribution and resource mobilization. 13 members of the board, who came from universities and research centres based in Africa, Costa Rica and USA attended the meeting.

3.7.2 Advisory Board Meeting of UPEACE Africa Programme, 3 April 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The Advisory Board of the UPEACE Africa Programme held its first meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 3 April 2007. In the meeting, the Board’s vision and mission and the terms of reference were examined. In addition, the Board discussed the UPEACE Africa Programme’s Strategic Plan for 2008 – 2012 and approved it. Members that took part in the meeting were:

- Ambassador Mohammed Sahnoun, Vice Chair, UPEACE Council, Switzerland
- Dr. Tekeda Aleme, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Mrs. Bineta Diop, Executive Director, Femmes Africa Solidarité, Senegal
- Professor Edward Ayensu, Executive Chairman, Edward Ayensu and Associates, Ghana
- Mr. Georges Tsai, UPEACE Acting Rector, Costa Rica
- Dr. Jean-Bosco Butera, Director UPEACE Africa Programme, Ethiopia

The Advisory Board was assisted by Dr. Tony Karbo, Programme Officer, UPEACE Africa Programme, Ethiopia.

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3.7.3 UPEACE Africa Programme Consultative Meeting, 26 – 29 March 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

From 26 – 29 March 2007, the UPEACE Africa Programme organised a Consultative Meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The main objective of the meeting was to assess the impact of the Africa Programme and map out the direction of future activities given that the initial five year development phase was by that point complete. Approximately sixty participants from different African Universities, Research Organisations, Continental Organisations, Regional Economic Communities and Civil Society Organisations participated in drawing up the Programme’s five year Plan of Action, from 2008 to 2012.

3.8 Resource Centre

The Africa Programme established a Resource Centre in December 2009. The Centre is located in the premise of the Africa Programme Office. It was established with the objective of providing better access to students, scholars and researchers in the area of Peace and Conflict Studies. The Resource Centre offers a lending service of reference materials and provides users with a reading space. The Africa Programme aims to further develop the resource centre into a continental reference centre in the areas of peace and a conflict studies.

3.9 Publications

Between 2007 and 2009, the UPEACE Africa Programme has published three books, entitled:

- Environment and Conflict in Africa: Reflections on Darfur
- Peace Research for Africa: Critical Essays on Methodology and
- Compendium of Key Human Rights Documents of the African Union (Arabic Edition)

In addition, as previously mentioned, the Programme has started the publication of a bi-annual journal, the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal (APCJ). A brief explanation of each publication is available at www.africa.upace.org
3.9.1 Title: Environment and Conflict in Africa: Reflections on Darfur

Editor: Marcel Leroy, UPEACE Africa Programme
Publication date: October 2009
Type of Publication: Book

This book examines climate and ecological changes in Sub-Saharan Africa, and how these relate to conflicts on the continent. Particular attention is paid to environmental and livelihood aspects of the crisis in Darfur. Conclusions are drawn regarding peace-building in areas facing resource constraints. The book includes research conducted in-house at UPEACE Africa Programme in Addis Ababa under a project funded by the Preventive Diplomacy Programme of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Also included are twenty-five contributed papers based on presentations made at the conference organised by the project in Addis Ababa, 20 to 23 July 2009.

3.9.2 Title: Peace Research for Africa: Critical Essays on Methodology

Authors: Erin McCandless and Abdul Karim Bangura
Editors: Mary E. King and Ebrima Sall
Publication Date: 2007
Type of Publication: Book

Research in the field of peace and conflict studies needs to improve the quality and relevance of knowledge by and for Africa. This requires a healthy debate over appropriate methodologies and epistemological approaches, the linkage between theory and application as policy, and the ways in which peace and conflict studies research can be usefully compared to other fields. This is important for bridging the gap between the study of peace and conflict resolution issues and on-the-ground peace-building activities in Africa, relating the theory and empirical research to the practical needs of practitioners and decision makers. Such research should offer both a conceptual foundation of applicable and operational theory and case study examples that address ways in which political, economic, and social factors influence conflicts in Africa.
3.9.3 Title: Compendium of Key Human Rights Documents of the African Union-Arabic Edition

Editors: Christof Heyns and Magnus Killander
Publication Date: 2007
Type of Publication: Book
ISBN: 978-0-9802658-1-1

This joint publication of the UPEACE Africa Programme and the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria, South Africa, aims at making the human rights documents of the African Union more accessible. The 2007 edition is the Arabic translation of the original compendium produced in 2006. The compendium has also been translated into French.

3.9.4 Title: Africa Peace and Conflict Journal

Managing Editor: Tony Karbo, UPEACE Africa Programme
Publication date: Twice a year (December and June)
Type of Publication: Journal
ISSN: 1659-3944

The Africa Peace and Conflict Journal (APCJ) is a peer reviewed journal that focuses on peace and conflict issues relevant to the African continent. The Journal is published by the UPEACE Africa Programme twice a year (December and June). The aim of the journal is to provide a platform for original research by African scholars and those interested in peace and conflict issues related to Africa. So far, three volumes of the Journal have been published, in December 2008, June 2009 and December 2009.

During this period, the Africa Programme will continue to be guided by the Plan of Action defined in the Consultative Meeting of 2007, and focus efforts in the areas of Teaching, Training and Learning, Research, Outreach and Resource Mobilisation.

In this perspective, the Programme will endeavour to do the following:

- Continue to strengthen the capacity of African tertiary institutions to teach and conduct research in Peace and Conflict Studies. The Programme will contribute to staff development and regional exchange in core partner institutions, so as to enable them to play a pivotal role as centres of excellence for Peace and Conflict Studies and have a multiplier effect in their communities.
- Develop collaborative Master’s degrees with a core number of partner universities with a regional perspective, with the view to having hub universities delivering Joint/Dual degrees in Gender and Peace building, Peace and Development, and Social Transformation and Peace Building.
- Develop a collaborative PhD programme in partnership with a consortium of universities in Africa and abroad.
- Sustain the publication of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal.
- Develop networks of organisations and institutions promoting regular dialogue and sharing of information and experiences among their membership.
- Strengthen links between universities and NGOs working in the areas related to peace and conflict in an effort to share knowledge and create stronger links in peace building on the continent that reaches out beyond academia, to communities.
- Develop partnerships with Regional Economic Communities in Africa, with the view to reaching out to policy makers in the areas of peace, conflict, security and development.
- Contribute to wider peace education by promoting the introduction of peace-related concepts and knowledge into curricula at every stage of the education process, from primary school to university and through both formal and informal systems.
- Develop a distance education programme to offer better access to those interested in accessing peace and conflict studies across the continent at an affordable cost.
- Diversify sources of funding of the programme and develop a sustainable resource basis.
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