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These programmes are implemented by UPEACE Africa Regional Programme in Collaboration with SDRI following and MOU between the two institutions for SDRI to host UPEACE Programmes in Somalia.

Call for Applications

- MA in Peace, Governance and Development
- MA in Disaster Resilience Leadership and Humanitarian Action
- MA in Environment, development and Peace
- MA in International Law and Human Rights
- MA in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development
- PhD in Disaster Resilience Leadership and Humanitarian Action
- Various Short Courses – Gender and Peacebuilding, Climate Change, Governance, Report Writing, Research methodology

The United Nations Mandated – University for Peace (UPEACE) in collaboration with Somali Disaster Resilience Institute (SDRI) welcomes applications the following Master's Degree Programmes to be hosted by SDRI.

Stimulating One year Programme

The Masters Programs are designed to offer aspiring participants an opportunity to be job-ready by advancing their knowledge and practice under the guidance of internationally recognized academics from an international Institutions such as UPEACE.

These innovative programs take into consideration the latest international and regional insights to help participants better understand national contexts. Participants develop competences required to contribute to development of their countries as well as peaceful co-existence between countries at the regional and global environment as well as cope in a rapidly changing world.

The programs are designed with participants’ interests and needs in mind with highly qualified UPEACE Professors delivering the courses in Mogadishu.

From a practical perspective, the programs provide a sophisticated and solid theoretical background in each module. The central idea is to apply a theoretical and practical framework to the way participants think and work the various fields. The programme is structured in 13 Modules including an independent research project or optional field visits/internship.

UPEACE embraces an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to both the pedagogy and content. Our academic programs offer specialized, multidisciplinary courses and our international faculty uses engaging and participatory teaching models for face to face classroom instruction.

Programme Summary
1. **MA in Peace, Governance and Development** is envisaged to advance the development of the full spectrum of knowledge, skills and related capacities of students. The programme will offer a holistic selection of courses that critically examine the academic concepts, theories, contemporary debates and practices of the interdisciplinary studies of peace, conflict, governance and development in Africa. Students will have the chance to follow a tailored set of courses with an emphasis either on governance and security or development and peace building within the programme. They will explore relevant theoretical frameworks, analyze and critique policy and practice, explore case examples and reflect on the political, economic, social and cultural contexts to find innovative ways to invest in the prevention and transformation of violence, for sustainable development and peace to emerge.

2. **MA in Environment, Development, and Peace (EDP)** provides a comprehensive training on issues of sustainable development, environmental governance, natural resource management, and environmental conflict management from both ecological and social perspectives. It encompasses a broad range of subjects and themes, including Food Systems, Water Management, Forestry, Coastal Resources, Climate Change, Urban Ecology and Social Movements. The program focuses on the human dimensions of the environment-development nexus, highlighting the connections between local perspectives and broader processes at the national, regional and global levels and emphasizing the importance of political economic structures and inequality in access to resources as key drivers in environmental conflict and global environmental change. The program prepares students for a wide range of careers in both environmental and development policy and programming in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

3. **The M.A. Programmes in International Law** provide students with a rigorous understanding of the role of law in today's complex global society. Though international law has a long history, the last century has seen an impressive expansion of the role of law and legal institutions in international and transnational relations, involving not just states, but an increasing array of various types of actors. Our Masters Programmes provide an introduction to this dynamic field as well as the opportunity to gain a solid and critical understanding of public international law and its various underpinnings. Aside from a focus on the foundational principles and values of the international legal system, various courses deal with the broad range of international institutions that play a pivotal role in the development of international law as well as in its implementation and enforcement. Our courses are taught by faculty with rich international experience, as well as by visiting professors from prestigious universities and key international organizations (UN, UNHCR, ICRC, etc.) Our faculty has long-standing experience in teaching both lawyers and students from different disciplines. The in-class experience offers an exciting and diverse environment, with students hailing from all over the world and a broad range of backgrounds.

4. **The Master of Arts (MA) degree in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development (RMSED)** emphasizes economic and management perspectives of peace while focusing on the concepts of sustainability and responsibility. Its creation was based on the belief that to better contribute to the promotion of sustainable peace, it is imperative to explore what role the economy plays in the world today and its impact on our environment and societies' wellbeing. Issues of rural and urban poverty, growing inequalities and disparities, environmental degradation, financial crises and globalization are challenging political economic stability and social cohesion in all societies. Modern society faces the growing challenge of sustainability; finding solutions that will maintain and protect social systems for future generations. Students from the RMSED Program will become responsible managers with strong emphasis on sustainability that will be able to work in the corporate sector, public sector or social sector, both in industrialized and developing countries.

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