The African Union's Role in Peace and Security Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

This course aims to empower participants with the capacity to:

1. **Analyze** the historical evolution and legal framework of the African Union's peace and security mandate.
2. **Evaluate** the effectiveness of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) in conflict prevention and resolution.
3. **Examine** the operationalization and strategic deployment of the African Standby Force (ASF).
4. **Assess** the role of the AU in combating **terrorism** and **transnational organized crime** in Africa.
5. **Understand** the principles of **early warning** and **preventive diplomacy** as tools for conflict de-escalation.
6. **Integrate** the **Women, Peace, and Security (WPS)** agenda into peacebuilding and security interventions.
7. **Critique** the challenges and opportunities in the AU's partnership with Regional Economic Communities (RECs).
8. **Apply** principles of **post-conflict reconstruction and development (PCRD)** in fragile states.
9. **Identify** key lessons from past and ongoing AU peacekeeping and peace support operations.
10. **Explore** the link between climate change, resource scarcity, and conflict in Africa.
11. **Develop** skills in **mediation**, **negotiation**, and **dialogue** for conflict resolution.
12. **Analyze** the role of civil society and youth in promoting peace and security on the continent.
13. **Formulate** policy recommendations to enhance the AU's effectiveness in achieving the "Silencing the Guns" initiative.

Target Audience

- Government officials and diplomats working on foreign policy, defense, and security affairs.
- Military and police personnel
- Staff of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) engaged in peacebuilding.
- Academics and researchers specializing in African security studies.

- Journalists and media professionals covering conflicts and security issues.
- Youth leaders and advocates for peace and security.
- Representatives from international and regional organizations.
- Corporate and private sector leaders interested in understanding the security environment in Africa

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Module 1: The African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA)

- Understanding the APSA Framework and its core components.
- The role of the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC).
- The AU-RECs partnership and principles of subsidiarity.
- Conflict prevention mechanisms: Early warning systems and preventive diplomacy.
- Peacekeeping in Africa: Mandates, challenges, and lessons learned.
- **Case Study:** The AU-led peace support mission in Somalia (AMISOM/ATMIS) and its transformation.

Module 2: Peace Support Operations & The African Standby Force (ASF)

- The African Standby Force (ASF): Structure, readiness, and deployment.
- Interoperability and standardization of forces.
- Civilian protection and the protection of civilians (PoC) in conflict zones.
- Logistics and funding for AU peace operations.
- The AU Peace Fund and the search for sustainable financing.
- **Case Study:** The deployment and challenges of the G5 Sahel Joint Force and the regional response to security threats.

Module 3: Conflict Management and Resolution

- Mediation, negotiation, and dialogue as primary tools for peacemaking.
- The role of the Panel of the Wise and FemWise-Africa.
- Security Sector Reform (SSR) and its importance in post-conflict states.
- Transitional justice and accountability in peace processes.
- Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) of ex-combatants.
- **Case Study:** The peace process in South Sudan, examining the challenges of implementing peace agreements.

Module 4: Emerging Threats and Contemporary Security Challenges

- Counter-terrorism strategies and the fight against violent extremism.
- Cybersecurity and its implications for national and regional security.
- Transnational organized crime (trafficking, piracy) and illicit financial flows.
- Climate change and security: A new frontier of conflict in Africa.
- The challenge of unconstitutional changes of government and the AU's response.
- **Case Study:** The rise of jihadist groups in the Sahel and the AU's comprehensive approach to counter-terrorism.

Module 5: Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Reconstruction

- Principles of Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD).
- The role of governance and institution-building in achieving durable peace.
- Humanitarian-development-peace nexus in fragile settings.
- Economic recovery and sustainable development.

- Community-led reconciliation and healing.
- **Case Study:** The role of the AU and its partners in the reconstruction of Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Module 6: Gender, Youth, and Human Security

- The Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda and its implementation.
- Youth engagement in peacebuilding and conflict prevention.
- Human rights and international humanitarian law in conflict.
- Protection of children in armed conflict.
- Addressing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in peace operations.
- **Case Study:** The implementation of the WPS agenda in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Module 7: Partnerships and International Cooperation

- The AU-UN strategic partnership in peace and security.
- Collaboration with the European Union (EU) and other international partners.
- The role of China, Russia, and the United States in African security.
- Diplomatic engagement and burden-sharing in peace operations.
- The future of multilateralism in African security governance.
- **Case Study:** The joint AU-UN mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and the complexities of hybrid operations.

Module 8: The Future of African Security

- The "Silencing the Guns" initiative and its progress.
- Data-driven approaches to conflict analysis and early warning.
- Technology and innovation in peace and security (e.g., drones, AI).
- Financing for peace and the AU Peace Fund.
- Forging a new vision for a prosperous and peaceful Africa by 2063.
- **Case Study:** A forward-looking analysis of the evolving security landscape and the AU's role in addressing future challenges like water scarcity conflicts in the Nile Basin.

Training Methodology

The training will employ a dynamic and interactive methodology that combines theoretical knowledge with practical application. This includes:

- Instructor-Led Presentations:
- Case Study Analysis.
- Role-Playing and Simulations
- Group Discussions and Brainstorming.
- Guest Speakers
- E-Learning and Multimedia.
- Individual and Group Exercises
- Action Planning

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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