Transitional Justice and Reconciliation 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

- Comprehend the core concepts, principles, and historical evolution of transitional justice.
- Analyze the four pillars of transitional justice: truth, justice, reparations, and guarantees of non-recurrence.
- Evaluate the role of truth commissions and fact-finding in establishing historical narratives.
- Assess the effectiveness of criminal prosecutions?Çöincluding international, hybrid, and domestic tribunals?Çöin addressing impunity.
- Design and implement victim-centered reparations programs for redress and healing.
- Formulate strategies for institutional reform and vetting to prevent future atrocities.
- Explore the intricate relationship and potential tensions between justice and peacebuilding.
- Examine the role of memory, memorialization, and cultural heritage in reconciliation.
- Integrate a gender-sensitive and child-friendly perspective into transitional justice processes.
- Apply a restorative justice framework to community-level reconciliation efforts.
- Develop skills for effective dialogue, mediation, and conflict resolution in divided societies.
- Critique the challenges and lessons learned from global case studies in transitional justice.
- Identify emerging trends and innovative approaches in the field.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhance organizational capacity in **post-conflict programming** and **human rights advocacy**.
- Strengthen project design and implementation in complex, fragile environments.
- Improve stakeholder engagement and collaboration with local communities and government bodies.
- Increase the impact and sustainability of peacebuilding and development initiatives.
- Ensure programs are aligned with international legal standards and best practices.
- Build a reputation as a leader in **ethical governance** and **social responsibility**.

Target Audience

- Government Officials and policymakers in transitioning states.
- NGO and Civil Society leaders and program managers.
- Human Rights Advocates and researchers.
- Legal Practitioners and prosecutors.
- Diplomats and international relations specialists.
- Peacebuilding and Development professionals.
- Academics and students of law, political science, and conflict studies.
- Journalists and media professionals reporting on conflict and human rights.

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Module 1: Foundations of Transitional Justice

- Defining the Field: Core concepts, principles, and the evolution of transitional justice.
- The Four Pillars: A deep dive into truth, justice, reparations, and guarantees of non-recurrence.
- Peace vs. Justice Dilemma: Analyzing the tensions and complementarities between accountability and peace agreements.
- International and Domestic Legal Frameworks: Overview of relevant laws, treaties, and human rights conventions.
- **Case Study:** The post-apartheid transition in South Africa and its Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Module 2: Truth-Seeking and Historical Memory

- Mechanisms of Truth-Telling: The purpose, design, and functions of truth commissions.
- Gathering Testimony: Best practices for interviewing victims and witnesses, ensuring safety and confidentiality.
- Narrative Building: Creating a credible and shared historical record from a multitude of perspectives.
- Memory and Memorialization: The role of museums, monuments, and educational initiatives in preserving memory.
- **Case Study:** The Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation in East Timor (CAVR).

Module 3: Criminal Accountability and Prosecutions

- The Role of Justice: The importance of prosecutions in combating impunity and affirming the rule of law.
- International Tribunals: The functioning of bodies like the International Criminal Court (ICC) and ad hoc tribunals.
- Hybrid and Domestic Courts: Balancing international standards with local ownership and capacity.
- Challenges of Prosecution: Addressing political will, witness protection, and evidence collection.
- **Case Study:** The Special Court for Sierra Leone and its impact on justice for war crimes.

Module 4: Reparations and Redress for Victims

- Understanding Reparations: The various forms of redress, including restitution, compensation, rehabilitation, and symbolic measures.
- Designing Victim-Centered Programs: Principles of inclusivity, participation, and non-discrimination.
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation: Addressing the trauma and psychological impact of conflict on victims and communities.
- Funding and Implementation: Practical challenges in resource mobilization and program delivery.
- **Case Study:** The reparations program implemented by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Peru.

Module 5: Institutional Reform and Non-Recurrence

- Reforming State Institutions: The importance of security sector reform (SSR), judicial reform, and police vetting.
- Vetting and Lustration: Processes for removing individuals from public office based on past human rights abuses.
- Good Governance: Strengthening democratic institutions, promoting transparency, and combating corruption.

- Constitutional and Legislative Reform: Amending laws and constitutions to enshrine human rights protections.
- **Case Study:** The institutional reforms enacted in Chile following the Pinochet dictatorship.

Module 6: Community-Level Reconciliation

- Defining Reconciliation: Moving beyond co-existence to rebuilding relationships and trust.
- Restorative Justice: A victim-offender dialogue-based approach to healing and resolution.
- Local and Traditional Justice Mechanisms: Integrating indigenous and community-based practices.
- Dialogue and Mediation: Facilitating conversations between former adversaries and divided communities.
- **Case Study:** The Gacaca courts in Rwanda as a form of community-based justice and reconciliation.

Module 7: Gender, Youth, and Transitional Justice

- Gender-Sensitive Approaches: Documenting and prosecuting sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).
- Youth Participation: Engaging young people as agents of peace and social change.
- Addressing Marginalized Groups: Ensuring the inclusion of women, children, minorities, and IDPs in transitional justice processes.
- Victim-Centered Design: Tailoring mechanisms to meet the specific needs of vulnerable populations.
- **Case Study:** The inclusion of gender-based violence in the work of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

Module 8: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Sustainability

- Program Assessment: Developing metrics and indicators to measure the impact of transitional justice initiatives.
- Data Collection and Reporting: Utilizing data to inform policy, track progress, and ensure accountability.
- Stakeholder Collaboration: The importance of working with victims' groups, civil society, and government partners.
- Adaptive Management: Adjusting strategies in response to evolving political and social contexts.
- **Case Study:** The monitoring and evaluation framework of Colombia's Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP).

Training Methodology

The course employs a highly **interactive** and **participatory** methodology, combining theoretical lectures with practical exercises. Key elements include:

- Case-Based Learning.
- Interactive Workshops.
- Expert-Led Sessions: Facilitation by leading scholars and practitioners in the field.
- Peer-to-Peer Learning.
- Simulations and Scenarios.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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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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