Advanced Conflict Analysis and Mapping Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. **Analyze** the multi-layered **structural causes** of violent conflict.
2. **Apply** advanced **conflict assessment tools** and frameworks.
3. **Conduct** comprehensive **stakeholder analysis** and actor mapping.
4. **Identify** and evaluate the **dynamics of conflict** and escalation patterns.
5. **Develop** robust **conflict-sensitive programming** and intervention strategies.
6. **Create** detailed **conflict maps** to visualize complex relationships.
7. **Master** the principles of **Do No Harm** in humanitarian and development work.
8. **Evaluate** the **impact of interventions** on conflict transformation.
9. **Utilize** data-driven insights for **strategic peacebuilding**.
10. **Formulate early warning and response** mechanisms for emerging conflicts.
11. **Integrate gender and diversity** perspectives into conflict analysis.
12. **Build** a professional **network** of peace and security experts.
13. **Translate** theoretical knowledge into **practical, ethical action**.

Target Audience

1. International NGO and INGO staff
2. United Nations and multilateral organization personnel
3. Government and foreign service officers
4. Peacekeeping and security sector professionals
5. Journalists and researchers working in conflict zones
6. Humanitarian aid and disaster response specialists
7. Policymakers and diplomats
8. Graduate students and academics in peace and conflict studies

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundational Concepts of Conflict

- Define and differentiate between conflict, violence, and war.
- Explore the key theories and paradigms of conflict analysis.
- Analyze the root causes and triggers of socio-political violence.
- Examine the lifecycle of conflict from latent to post-conflict stages.

- **Case Study:** The Rwandan Genocide. Analyze the historical, political, and social factors that led to the escalation of latent tensions into a full-scale genocide, applying a multi-level analysis.

Module 2: The Art of Conflict Mapping

- Introduce and apply the core principles of conflict mapping.
- Conduct actor and stakeholder mapping to identify key players.
- Visualize relationships and power dynamics within a conflict system.
- Create a dynamic conflict map using digital tools and templates.
- **Case Study:** The Syrian Civil War. Map the intricate network of state and non-state actors, their alliances, and their evolving interests over time.

Module 3: Advanced Analytical Frameworks

- Master the ABC (Attitudes, Behavior, Context) Triangle model.
- Apply the Onion and Tree models for deeper analysis.
- Use the Conflict Wheel to understand issues, interests, and needs.
- Integrate systemic analysis to reveal hidden drivers of conflict.
- **Case Study:** The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Use the Onion and Tree models to peel back surface-level positions and uncover the core interests and needs of each side.

Module 4: Conflict Sensitivity and Do No Harm

- Understand the principles of Do No Harm in humanitarian aid.
- Analyze the unintended negative impacts of interventions.
- Develop strategies for conflict-sensitive programming.
- Identify indicators for monitoring and evaluation.
- **Case Study:** Aid delivery in Afghanistan. Examine how well-intentioned aid programs can exacerbate local tensions and learn how to re-design them to be conflict-sensitive.

Module 5: Early Warning and Response Systems

- Explore the components of an effective early warning system.
- Identify key indicators of escalating conflict and violence.
- Analyze the role of information and communication technologies (ICTs).
- Formulate a strategic response plan to emerging threats.
- **Case Study:** The Bosnian War. Analyze the warning signs and missed opportunities for international intervention that preceded the conflict.

Module 6: Role of International and Local Actors

- Examine the mandates and limitations of the UN, regional organizations, and NGOs.
- Assess the influence of global powers and regional alliances.
- Analyze the impact of local civil society and peace movements.
- Understand the complexities of cross-cultural engagement.
- **Case Study:** The peace process in Colombia. Evaluate the roles of international facilitators, the government, rebel groups, and civil society in negotiating and implementing a peace accord.

Module 7: Geopolitical Risk and Strategic Foresight

- Analyze global and regional trends that drive conflict.
- Apply scenario planning and strategic foresight methodologies.

- Assess geopolitical risks and their implications for project design.
- Develop a professional risk mitigation strategy.
- **Case Study:** The South China Sea dispute. Conduct a geopolitical risk analysis to forecast potential escalations and their effects on international trade and security.

Module 8: Gender, Diversity, and Inclusion in Conflict

- Integrate gender analysis into conflict and peacebuilding efforts.
- Understand the differentiated impacts of conflict on vulnerable groups.
- Explore the role of women and minorities as agents of peace.
- Apply inclusive mapping and data collection techniques.
- **Case Study:** Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Examine how gender-based violence is used as a weapon of war and analyze the critical role of women-led peace initiatives.

Module 9: Post-Conflict Recovery and Reconstruction

- Examine the challenges of transitional justice and reconciliation.
- Analyze the complexities of disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR).
- Explore the links between security sector reform and peace.
- Assess the role of economic recovery and social cohesion.
- **Case Study:** Post-genocide reconstruction in Cambodia. Evaluate the effectiveness of different international and national programs in rebuilding state institutions and addressing historical trauma.

Module 10: Digital Tools for Conflict Analysis

- Introduce software and platforms for data visualization and mapping.
- Learn how to collect and analyze open-source intelligence (OSINT).
- Explore geospatial data and satellite imagery for conflict monitoring.
- Understand ethical considerations for using digital tools in conflict zones.
- **Case Study:** Monitoring human rights violations in Myanmar using satellite imagery and social media data.

Module 11: Mediating and Negotiating Complex Conflicts

- Master advanced negotiation and mediation techniques.
- Differentiate between interest-based and positional bargaining.
- Understand the role of third-party facilitators.
- Develop a negotiation strategy for a multi-party conflict.
- **Case Study:** The Dayton Accords. Analyze the negotiation process that ended the war in Bosnia, focusing on the roles of key mediators and the structure of the talks.

Module 12: Leadership in Peacebuilding

- Explore ethical leadership in high-stakes environments.
- Develop skills in team management and resource allocation.
- Build resilience and manage stress in conflict settings.
- Understand the dynamics of working with diverse teams.
- **Case Study:** Leading a humanitarian team during the Ebola crisis. Focus on the ethical dilemmas and logistical challenges faced by a team leader operating in a volatile health emergency.

Module 13: Communication and Advocacy in Peacebuilding

- Formulate a strategic communication plan for peace initiatives.
- Master public speaking and media engagement in a sensitive context.
- Design and execute effective advocacy campaigns.
- Understand the power of narrative and storytelling in conflict.
- **Case Study:** The role of social media in the Arab Spring. Examine how digital platforms were used to mobilize support and shape public opinion during political uprisings.

Module 14: Funding and Sustainability of Peace Programs

- Identify key donors and funding mechanisms for peace projects.
- Develop a compelling proposal and a detailed budget.
- Analyze the impact of funding on program design and outcomes.
- Build partnerships and leverage resources for long-term sustainability.
- **Case Study:** A micro-grant program for local peace initiatives in Nigeria. Analyze how a small, well-targeted funding stream can empower community leaders and promote local ownership of peace.

Module 15: Final Capstone Project

- Select a real-world conflict and conduct a comprehensive analysis.
- Develop a full-scale intervention strategy and a conflict map.
- Present the analysis and strategy to a panel of experts.
- Receive personalized feedback and refine the project.
- **Case Study:** Participants will choose a contemporary conflict (e.g., the conflict in Yemen or Sudan) to apply all learned methodologies and present their findings and strategic recommendations.

Training Methodology

This course employs a **blended and interactive methodology** that combines theoretical knowledge with practical application. The approach is **participant-centered**, encouraging active engagement through **case studies**, group discussions, role-playing, and hands-on exercises. Expert facilitators use **real-world conflict scenarios** to guide participants through the analytical process, ensuring the skills learned are directly transferable to their professional contexts. The training fosters a collaborative learning environment that leverages the diverse experiences of all participants.

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	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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