Conflict and Security in Great Lakes Region 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

1. To develop **advanced conflict analysis** and mapping skills for the Great Lakes Region.
2. To understand the historical and **geopolitical drivers** of conflict in the region.
3. To master **crisis management** and **de-escalation techniques** in volatile environments.
4. To build capacity for **peace negotiation** and **mediation** among diverse stakeholders.
5. To explore the nexus between natural resources and armed conflict, including **illicit mineral trade**.
6. To examine the role of international, regional, and non-state actors in security governance.
7. To apply **conflict-sensitive programming** for humanitarian aid and development projects.
8. To assess and respond to **emerging security threats**, such as climate change and cyber warfare.
9. To understand the impact of conflict on vulnerable populations, including refugees and IDPs.
10. To develop strategies for **post-conflict reconstruction** and **sustainable peacebuilding**.
11. To facilitate networking and collaboration among regional security and development professionals.
12. To incorporate a gender-sensitive approach to **peace and security** initiatives.
13. To strengthen skills in early warning and **conflict prevention mechanisms**.

Target Audience

- Diplomats and foreign affairs officers
- Military and police personnel engaged in peacekeeping operations
- Humanitarian aid and development workers
- United Nations and African Union staff
- NGO and civil society leaders
- Researchers and academics focused on African security
- Journalists and media professionals reporting on the region
- Policy analysts and government officials

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Module 1: The Historical and Political Landscape

- Historical Roots of Conflict: Exploring the legacies of colonialism and ethnic tensions in countries like Rwanda and Burundi.
- Geopolitical Dynamics: Analyzing the regional alliances and rivalries that fuel instability.
- Resource Curse: Understanding the link between natural resources (e.g., minerals) and armed groups.
- State Fragility: Assessing the impact of weak governance and corruption on regional security.
- **Case Study:** The Kivu Conflict in the DRC: Unpacking the role of mineral wealth and regional actors in a protracted conflict.

Module 2: Conflict Analysis and Early Warning

- Theoretical Frameworks: Using key models like the Onion and ABC Triangle to analyze conflict.
- Stakeholder Mapping: Identifying key players, their interests, and their influence.
- Early Warning Systems: Learning to recognize indicators of potential violence and crisis escalation.
- Data and Technology: Utilizing GIS and open-source intelligence for conflict mapping.
- **Case Study:** The Burundi Crisis of 2015: Examining the failure of early warning mechanisms and the escalation of political violence.

Module 3: Peacekeeping and Security Sector Reform

- Peacekeeping Mandates: Analyzing the successes and limitations of UN and AU missions in the region.
- Security Sector Reform (SSR): Rebuilding security institutions to be accountable and effective.
- Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR): Practical challenges in managing former combatants.
- Civil-Military Relations: Fostering trust and cooperation between armed forces and civilian populations.
- **Case Study:** The MONUSCO Mission in the DRC: Evaluating its effectiveness and challenges in protecting civilians.

Module 4: Humanitarian Action and Human Rights

- International Humanitarian Law: Understanding the principles of IHL and its application in conflict zones.
- Protecting Civilians: Developing strategies for the protection of civilians from violence and exploitation.
- Refugee and IDP Crises: Responding to the humanitarian needs of displaced populations.
- Gender and Conflict: Addressing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) as a weapon of war.
- **Case Study:** The Humanitarian Crisis in Eastern DRC: A deep dive into the challenges of delivering aid and protecting civilians amid ongoing conflict.

Module 5: Mediation and Negotiation

- Principles of Mediation: Mastering core techniques for facilitating dialogue between conflicting parties.
- Negotiation Strategies: Developing effective negotiation tactics for peace agreements and ceasefires.
- Track 1, 2, and 3 Diplomacy: Exploring different levels of engagement, from official talks to grassroots initiatives.
- Third-Party Interventions: The role of international and regional mediators in peace processes.
- **Case Study:** The Arusha Accords: A critical analysis of the peace agreement that attempted to end the Rwandan civil war.

Module 6: Post-Conflict Recovery and Reconstruction

- Transitional Justice: Implementing mechanisms like truth commissions and tribunals to address past atrocities.
- Economic Recovery: Rebuilding economies and promoting livelihoods in post-conflict settings.

- State-Building: Re-establishing effective and legitimate state institutions.
- Reconciliation: Fostering social cohesion and healing ethnic divides.
- **Case Study:** Rwanda's Post-Genocide Reconstruction: Examining the challenges and successes of national unity and reconciliation efforts.

Module 7: Emerging Security Threats

- Climate Change and Conflict: Analyzing how environmental degradation exacerbates resource competition and migration.
- Transnational Crime: The spread of illicit networks, including human trafficking and smuggling.
- Cybersecurity: Understanding the risks and challenges posed by digital threats in the region.
- Health and Security: The impact of pandemics and health crises on stability.
- **Case Study:** The M23 Rebellion and its regional security implications.

Module 8: Professional Development and Field Skills

- Personal Security and Risk Management: Practical training for operating in high-risk environments.
- Cross-Cultural Communication: Building rapport and trust with diverse local communities.
- Ethical Considerations: Navigating moral dilemmas in conflict and security work.
- Stress Management: Techniques for managing burnout and trauma in the field.
- **Case Study:** A simulated scenario where participants apply all learned skills to a fictional Great Lakes crisis, from analysis to negotiation.

Training Methodology

This course employs an immersive, multi-modal training approach to ensure a deep and practical understanding of the subject matter. The methodology includes:

- Expert-Led Lectures.
- Interactive Workshops.
- Case Study Analysis.
- Policy Simulation.
- Multimedia Resources.

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
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