

Confirmation of Participation

This is to certify that

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participated in the

Strategic Dialogues in Peace Processes virtual course 2022

which took place online on 28 November – 1 December, 7 – 9 December 2022 (7 half – days) and was organized by swisspeace in cooperation with the Advanced Studies of the University of Basel.

Description

Dialogue is a practical and effective method for transforming conflicts. Given the complexity of today's conflicts, peace processes require different initiatives to address multiple conflict dynamics and causes. Besides formal peace negotiations and mediation between warring parties, broader peace processes encompass strategic dialogues at various levels of society. Building understanding and trust among diverse societal groups, strategic dialogues have the potential to prevent violence, foster social cohesion, and improve relations between the population and governmental institutions.

In this virtual course, participants gained insights into the complex challenges and opportunities of strategic dialogue in peace processes. It provided an in-depth training for peace practitioners facilitating and supporting strategic dialogues.

Learning Objectives

In this course, participants

- acquired conceptual understanding as well as practical tools and skills that help facilitate and support dialogue processes more effectively. Beyond discussions of the instrument of dialogue in peace processes, the course focused on practical application through case studies, exercises, and reflection on own cases;
- learned how to assess the use of dialogue in complex peace processes by gaining a thorough understanding of the opportunities, challenges and requirements of a strategic approach towards dialogue;
- learned how to adaptively design strategic dialogue processes based on conflict analysis and consultations with stakeholders;
- learned how to prepare, promote and conduct locally-owned dialogue processes in a conflict-sensitive way;
- identified best practices with dialogue practitioners from different contexts;

- acquired communicative and methodological skills related to dialogue facilitation;
- exchanged experiences and became part of a community of practice.

Course methodologies included expert inputs, discussion, group work, peer exchange, self-reflection on transfer to practice and self-study of literature.

Experts and Facilitators

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