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INFORMATION NOTE

Short Course on Gender, Media and Conflict

Femme Africa Solidarité (FAS) and the University for Peace (UPEACE) have organized a Short Course on Gender, Media and Conflict, which is taking place from 1st to 5th April 2009, at Laguna Beach Hotel in Mbodiène, Senegal. The course will be attend by women and men working in the field of Peace and Media.

The five-day short course gathers together experts in peace and Media, Media and Communication professionals, academics, women’s grassroots organizations and other institutions, member of civil society organizations, in decision-making position or leading projects in peacebuilding area, with the purpose to improve their skills and allow them to develop their approach to issues of Media coverage during and after conflict.

The aims and objectives of the course are:
- To clarify concepts, terms and definitions of Gender, Media and Conflict;
- To strengthen the capacity of participants in the areas of Media coverage before, during and after conflict with a focus on Gender;
- To empower Media professionals and people working in communication;
- To create a critical mass on gender issues among Media professionals.

Following the two successful short courses organized by FAS and UPEACE on Gender and Peacebuilding in July 2006 and a course on Human Rights and Transitional Justice in April 2007, the thirty participants from several African countries will attend a series of sessions, workshop and case study to gain a better understanding of gender issue and Media in the different levels of conflict. All the realized courses are intended to lead to the creation of a Master degree programme in Gender and Peacebuilding which is part of the programme of FAS’ Pan-African Centre on Gender, Peace and Development.

The Centre’s programmes are endorsed by the institutional partnerships of FAS for a collective production of knowledge and exchange of expertise, resources and methodologies.
It also functions as an interface between different institutions and serve as a source for information for the development of UN programmes.

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