



# Mainstreaming Gender in Peacebuilding

4<sup>th</sup> Short Course on Gender and Conflicts: Early Warning for Early Response Mechanisms

*Organized by the PanAfrican Centre for Gender, Peace and Development (PAC) of Femmes Africa Solidarité in partnership with University of Peace (UPEACE) and University Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD)*

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**This course provides an opportunity for young women and men from across African countries to enhance their understanding of factors such as Gender biases and discrimination that cause conflicts, and be able to identify rising conflicts and address them.**

## Background

This fourth Short Course follows a series of training sessions on gender and peacebuilding; human rights and transitional justice; and gender, media and conflict. The Short Course trainings built the foundation for a Master Programme in Gender and Peacebuilding, which will be launched in 2012.

The course will bring together participants from the first, second and third courses, as well as other actors that work in conflict prevention and peacebuilding, to facilitate the exchange of ideas, best practices and experiences. It will facilitate the growth of the knowledge base and skills of Africans working in gender and peacebuilding, and the creation of a framework of trained, young African professionals who will use these skills within their own countries, bilaterally and regionally.

As a result, this intensive course will lead to the creation of an online platform on early warning mechanisms, providing a space of dialogue and think tank to be effective and active in these issues. Therewith continue an exchange where everyone, in each country, could become a focal point.

The Short Course on Gender and Conflict: Early Warning for Early Response Mechanisms and online platform will come as reinforcement to the AU's efforts and determination to regard early warning through gender lenses and include women in the process of conflict prevention. It will serve as an information gathering and monitoring tool that could be complementary to the regional network, as the African Union's Continental Early Warning system, ECOWAS Network (ECOWARN), Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARN), and Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in Eastern Africa.



## Objective

- Clarify concepts, terms and definitions of Gender, Conflict, Early Warning, Early Response;
- Strengthen the capacity of participants in the areas of conflict prevention, Early Warning and Early Response;
- Empower women in the conflict prevention process;
- Create mechanisms to detect early signals of Gender discrimination and Gender based violence;
- Mobilize a group of professionals to monitor an online platform on Gender and Conflicts: Early Warning for Early Response Mechanisms;

## Profile of participants

The course is designed for a maximum of 30 participants and targets young women and men, recent graduates looking to work on issues of conflict prevention, as well as professionals from across African countries. The participants will be gender balanced and include peace activists, academics, women in grassroots organizations, members of civil society organizations, in decision-making positions or leading projects in the field of peace.

## Methodology

The course will be interactive, drawing on the participants' specific knowledge and experiences. The course will be enriched by input from recognized UPEACE professors, as well as experts familiar with collective learning about effective implementation of conflict early warning and response mechanism.

Plenary and working group discussions will be facilitated by highly experienced resource persons.

## Participation

Participation is by application. Interested candidates must follow the application process attached.

## Fees

The course is fully funded by the Government of Norway and UNESCO and free of charge for the participants.

## Language Requirement

The course will be held in English. English/French interpretation will be provided.

## Liability

PAC does not cover health care expenses. All participants are responsible for adequate insurance (accident, liability and health) or need a governmental guarantee to cover any health care expenses in Senegal.