

Climate Change, Peace, and Security Training CONCEPT NOTE & INFORMATION PACK

26-29 October 2026
Humanitarian Peace Support School (HPSS)
Nairobi City, Kenya

[Registration of Interest Link](#) (open until August 20th, 2026)

1. CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

In recent years, climate change has increasingly been recognised as a security concern and a global threat multiplier. Unpredictable weather patterns and more frequent extreme events - such as heatwaves, floods, cyclones and droughts - are disrupting ways of life, particularly for the world's most vulnerable populations. While climate change does not directly cause conflict, it exacerbates existing pressures, including food insecurity, resource scarcity, social tensions, and forced displacement.

Consequently, the United Nations (UN) has been actively calling for peace missions and operations to assess climate-related risks and develop strategies to manage these risks within their mandates. The African Union (AU) followed suit in 2022, when the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Governments explicitly acknowledged the “inextricable link between climate, peace and security” and underlined the role of climate change as a potential threat multiplier in the domain of peace and security.¹

Therefore, if peace operations are to successfully fulfil their indispensable mandates, climate change considerations must be systematically integrated into their planning and implementation. In the field of peace missions and operations, further action is needed to equip military, police, and civilian personnel with the knowledge and tools to effectively implement increasingly diverse mandates while understanding the security implications of climate change. The nature of UN peacekeeping operations is that they frequently take place in particularly fragile and climate-vulnerable environments. Africa hosts some of the largest UN peacekeeping missions, and five of the eleven currently active operations are on the continent, in countries among the most exposed to the impacts of climate change.²

Additionally, there is growing evidence that the impacts of climate change are exacerbating existing conflict dynamics in several hotspots across the African continent, intensifying competition for natural resources while degrading ecosystems and landscapes. Climate change, along with other major trends, is also impacting livelihood opportunities, traditional transhumance routes, and migration patterns, thereby placing additional strain on already vulnerable communities and national institutions.

¹African Union. (2022). AU Assembly Decision [Assembly/AU/Dec. 815(XXXV)].

https://au.int/sites/default/files/decisions/44015-Assembly_AU_Dec_813-838_XXXV_E.pdf

²United Nations Peacekeeping. (2026). Peacekeeping factsheet. <https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/peacekeeping-factsheet>

TRAINING OBJECTIVE

Given that the largest UN peacekeeping operations are deployed in Africa, and that most peacekeeping missions on the continent operate in conflict zones that are highly vulnerable to climate change, it is important for contingents and personnel deployed in these missions to develop a deeper understanding of the links between climate, peace, and security within the context of peace operations in Africa.

In this regard, the Peace Operations Training Centre (POTC) and the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) are organising a training programme titled **“Climate, Peace and Security Training”**. The programme aims to strengthen the capacities of personnel deployed in peace missions and operations by enhancing their understanding of the risks posed by climate change to peace and security across Africa.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

More specifically, the training will enable participants to:

- Develop a strong grasp of climate change science fundamentals and their implications for planning and implementing peace operations;
- Strengthen understanding of the complex interplay between climate, peace, and security, including how climate change affects conflict dynamics and the protection of vulnerable communities in peace operations;
- Apply analytical tools to assess climate-related risks and resilience in conflict-affected settings, in order to better inform peace operations planning and operations;
- Explore the connections between climate change, forced displacement, and conflict, and analyse their impact on sustainable development in Africa, especially in regions hosting peace operations;
- Design and implement programmes that embed climate-responsive strategies in peace operations to foster sustainable peace.

TRAINING KEY TIMINGS

The training will be conducted over the following dates:

- a. **The applications** (registrations of interest) are to be received by **August 20th, 2026**.
- b. Participants arrive in HPSS Embakasi on Sunday, October 25th.
- c. **Course starts: 07:30, October 26th**.
- d. **Course ends: 16:00, October 29th**.
- e. Participants depart from Thursday, October 29th, from 16:30 onward, and at the latest, Friday, October 30th, 10:00.

Participants are expected to remain within IPSTC for the entire training duration and not depart early. All other dates and times are as per the published training programme or as briefed during the conduct of the course.

TARGET GROUP, DELIVERY PERIOD AND LOCATION

The training will be tailored to the needs of civilian experts, police officers, and military personnel - either currently deployed or preparing for deployment in UN or AU peacekeeping missions and UN special political missions, as well as government officials working in peace and security from across the African continent.

Participants will be selected through a selection process conducted by the Peace Operations Training Centre (POTC) and the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC).

The training will take place in person in **Nairobi, Kenya, between 26 and 29 October 2026 in the Humanitarian Peace Support School (HPSS).**

LANGUAGE

The training activity will be conducted in English. Kindly ensure participants are fluent in English, both written and spoken.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance is free of charge for all selected participants. The training organisers will also support participants with the following services:

- economy-level plane tickets for arrival and departure to Nairobi, Kenya,
- assistance with visa/electronic travel authorisation (ETA) procurement and reimbursement,
- local transport between the airport and the training venue,
- accommodation costs at a select accommodation in HPSS, along with breakfast and dinner for the entire duration of the training,
- lunch, beverages and other refreshments provided during the training for all participants.

Travel and Arrival: The Republic of Slovenia will pay for international flights, accommodation, and full board meals. Consequently, it is imperative that **all participants send the correct details** to the given points of contact at the earliest opportunity so that flights can be booked at the most competitive rates. Once confirmed, the travel details will be communicated to the participants. All participants will be met on arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and transported to HPSS, Embakasi. IPSTC support staff will be at the airport with a notice clearly identifying themselves. Any private travel arrangements to IPSTC will not be refunded.

Transport: All overseas participants will be met on arrival at the airport and transported to IPSTC. Kenyan participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to IPSTC.

ETA (Visas): All overseas participants attending the training are requested to check their requirement for a Kenyan eTA prior to commencing travel. **It is the individual's responsibility to apply and obtain his/her e-Travel Authorisation (eTA) and to have the correct travel (including medical) documentation.** The training organisers will also not be liable for any costs resulting from an unsuccessful visa application.

Kindly note that per diem is not paid. Participants are therefore requested to contact their parent Organisations/Governments before departure and ensure that they bring sufficient cash for their personal expenses during the course (drinks from the bar, phone calls, any laundry requirements, toiletries, souvenirs, shopping, private eating out, etc.). Participants will need to convert their money to Kenya Shillings either in advance or on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport or at nearby forex bureaux near Embakasi shopping centres.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

All participants should note the following health details:

- a. The Government of Kenya will provide medical facilities for emergency first aid at our Medical Reception Station (MRS) within HPSS. Any medical situation beyond the MRS's capacity will require the patient to be transported to a private hospital at the individual's own cost.
- b. In case of major medical requirements, it is recommended that individuals arrange for their own personal medical insurance. Anyone suffering from an existing medical condition (e.g., diabetes, asthma, etc.) should ensure that they carry sufficient supplies of medication for the duration of the training.
- c. If a participant requires hospitalisation, it becomes the responsibility of his/her National Embassy, High Commission or Consulate. IPSTC is not responsible for paying any medical bills. This is the responsibility of the participant either through their own medical insurance or through their diplomatic mission.
- d. Nairobi is not a malaria-prone area due to its altitude; hence, malarial prophylactics are not considered essential. To avoid irritation from insect bites, long sleeves are recommended in the evenings, especially when operating outdoors.

CERTIFICATION AND ATTENDANCE

Participants who successfully complete the training will receive a certificate at the closing ceremony. Full attendance throughout the entire training programme is required to receive certification.

DRESS CODE

Dress throughout the course will be combat uniform for uniformed personnel and smart civilian attire for civilian personnel. Dress for the bar and restaurant in the evenings will be casual civilian attire.

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REGISTRATION OF INTEREST – APPLYING FOR THE TRAINING

All interested parties are welcome to register their interest in joining the training activity via the link below. **Applications are open until 20 August 2026 (23:59 CET).** Please note that registration of interest does not equal nomination or selection. Once POTC receives the registrations, a selection process will take place, and the most suitable candidates will be selected on a merit basis to participate in the training. Once selected, all candidates will undergo a security check, and their participation will be confirmed following this process. Notifications of selection will be sent out approximately one week after the registration of interest deadline expires - all registered will be notified of the outcome.

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[REGISTRATION OF INTEREST LINK](#)