

UNIVERSITY OF PEACE IN AFRICA

UPA – 2021 Campus de Formation Panafricaine de Paix

16th UPA SESSION: Campus 2021 is successfully launched in Bénin

18 leaders of NGOs, ministries, development associations and Human Rights organisations from **8 African countries** started their Pan-African Peace Training this week in Porto-Novo/Benin. From 10 to 30 October, hosted by the Songhai Centre, they are developing their skills in work for social cohesion, de-escalation and positive management of conflicts, violence and trauma. Our team of **5 international trainers** from Cameroon, Rwanda and Germany are teaching 6 modules: **biographical work, conflict analysis, mediation and negotiation, non-violent communication**, the resourcing as peacebuilder by the “**The Real Inner Power**” and the “**Holistic Development of Man and Society – Africa of Hope**”. During 2 days, participants go on an exposure visit to understand the work and commitment of local peace actors.



UNIVERSITY OF PEACE: an annual opportunity hosted by CIPCRE

The UPA Campus is offered each year, upon invitation of a Peace partner in a particular country: hosted this year by CIPCRE-Benin (International Cercle of Promotion of the Creature) Bénin is the 13th country that UPA visits since Senegal in 2003. In a socio and political context that is still complex and violent in Africa, UPA continues to send a strong signal to all men and women of good will to continue their commitment and actions for Peace in their country, their respective communities and in the world. **290 laureates from 30 countries have been trained** on the UPA Campus. They have all understood that a sustainable and peaceful social cohesion cannot be built by conventional political diplomacy only, and especially not by (violent) political manipulation. It can only be achieved through changes in approach and attitudes within communities and the society itself. Thus, a new 2021 class of African Peacebuilders will act with new knowledge (**the “know what”**), new competences (**the “know-how”**) and especially new attitudes (**the “know to be”**).

UPA 2021: a strong signal in the Covid-19 pandemic

Carefully prepared, respecting the national rules and regulations of health authorities in the host country, through its particular hygiene concept applied (tests, quarantine, disinfection), the Campus protects its participants and its host community: thus, the Peace Builders send a strong signal of responsible and fearless action in a complex and a challenging situation.

PAN AFRICAN UNION OF PEACE BUILDERS: PAUPB The International Platform of UPA Laureates

Facing political and social challenges, actors of Peace stand up, individually and in groups. They are countless those who are involved in non-governmental, state, international and national organizations, churches, mosques and temples. The UPA Laureates Peacebuilders are networking on their active alumni platform. The PAUPB is registered in Cameroon and organizes training in Peace, supports in advocacy and activates synergy between Peace action of its members and their institutions. PAUPB is becoming a dialogue partner of the African Union and international organizations and donors.

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- pour les inscriptions au Campus 2022
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