



Invitation to Course on Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration, 26 September – 7 October 2016 in Stockholm, Sweden

1. Background and scope

In countries emerging from violent conflict and/or serious political and social crises, a successful transition between conflict and peace is often dependent on the establishment of increased human security and the creation of a climate of confidence, which paves the way for a range of peacebuilding and recovery activities. The process of disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) is both an output of conflict resolution and a facilitator for peacebuilding.

DDR involves the standing down of parties to a conflict and the reintegration of ex-combatants into civilian life. It seeks to address the post-conflict security challenge that arises from ex-combatants being left without livelihoods or support networks, other than their former comrades, during that critical transition period. DDR is also often closely linked to security sector reform (SSR), such as police reform and army integration. Furthermore, DDR supports the economic, social and political reintegration of ex-combatants and their dependants, as well as children associated with fighting forces. Integrating a gender perspective in all areas of DDR will furthermore increase prospects for reconciliation and development and make successful DDR a chief contributor to sustainable peace. While much of a DDR programme will be focused on ex-combatants, the beneficiaries of the programme should ultimately be the wider community.

2. Aim

The aim of this senior/middle management course is to give the participants a comprehensive view on DDR in order to increase their understanding of programmes, projects and activities needed for a peaceful development. The course will combine experiences from different DDR programmes with theoretical views on the subject.

3. Course content

This course is to a large extent based on the UN Integrated DDR Standards (IDDRS) for guiding principles, preconditions, core strategies and approaches for undertaking integrated DDR. It outlines preconditions necessary for the success and sustainability of DDR programmes. It also provides guidance on key strategies and approaches to DDR programmes and operations. Furthermore, the course includes discussions on mandates as well as on the international legal framework within which integrated DDR programmes operate.

The course covers four general themes with underlying specifics:

Concepts, Policy and Strategy of IDDRS

- Concept of DDR
- UN approach and guiding principles
- Introduction to conflict analysis
- Stake-holders and partnerships

Operations, Programmes and Support

- Disarmament
- Demobilisation
- Social, political and economic reintegration
- Information campaigns

Structures and Processes

- Integrated DDR planning
- Mission and programme support
- National institutions for DDR
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Financing and budgeting

Cross-cutting issues and linkages

- Gender and DDR
- Children and DDR
- DDR and SSR
- DDR and Transitional Justice

Additional: Case studies; exercises; Operational Guide; and social activities

4. Participants

The participants are expected to have a basic knowledge of Peace Support Operations and a need or strong interest to learn about DDR. Invited participants are civil servants, diplomats, police, military personnel, academics and representatives from International and Non-Governmental Organisations. The course also provides the participants with an opportunity to build an international professional network. The course language will be English.

5. Venue

Folke Bernadotte Academy / Swedish National Defence College
Drottning Kristinas väg 37, Stockholm, Sweden

6. Accommodation

A preliminary block reservation has been made for the course participants at Elite Hotel Arcadia¹. Final reservations will be made by the course administration for those confirmed participants who wish to use this hotel. Participants who wish other accommodation are expected to make their own reservations.

¹ Elite Hotel Arcadia, Körsbärsvägen 1, Stockholm; price SEK 1258; 7 mins walking distance from the academy; <https://www.elite.se/en/hotels/stockholm/hotel-arcadia/>

7. Costs

The course is free of charge. However, participants are expected to cover their own costs for travel, board and lodging. The Academy can – in exceptional cases – offer a limited number of scholarships, covering parts of these expenses, for qualified participants who otherwise would not be able to attend.

8. Application

Please send us your applications by 4th July. We receive many applications and in order to better evaluate yours, please include a short motivation note as to why you wish to attend this course. In addition, CV's are welcome.

Applicants are kindly requested to use our online application form (link below).

<https://fba.se/en/how-we-work/courses/upcoming-courses/apply/>

9. Points of Contact

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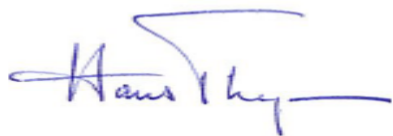
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