



THE MAKERERE UNIVERSITY ROTARY PEACE CENTER

CENTER PROFILE





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Architects of Peace and Leaders of Transformation

The Makerere University Rotary Peace Center stands at the intersection of a century of academic prestige and a contemporary commitment to global stability. Established in 2021 within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, this Center is the first of its kind on the African continent. It serves as a premier global hub for developing leaders who are equipped to actively shape the course of history.

The program is made possible through the funding and strategic vision of Rotary International, which supports these fellowships to advance its seven areas of focus. These areas represent critical

humanitarian needs, including peacebuilding and conflict prevention, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, community economic development, and environmental protection. By investing in the training of peace professionals, Rotary International actively fosters the conditions necessary for peaceful, thriving, and sustainable societies.



Vision, Mission, and Core Philosophy

The Center operates as a global beacon for peace, social transformation, and sustainable development throughout Africa and beyond. Its framework is deeply rooted in the African philosophy of peacebuilding and social cohesion. Grounding its operations are five core values: peace, inclusivity, integrity, accountability, and human dignity.



Mission:

The Center builds a culture of Positive Peace through transformative teaching, research, and service that remains responsive to both national and global needs.



The Positive Peace Advantage:

Developed in partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, the curriculum is anchored in the Positive Peace framework. This methodology focuses on the eight pillars of stability, including sound business environments and the equitable distribution of resources.



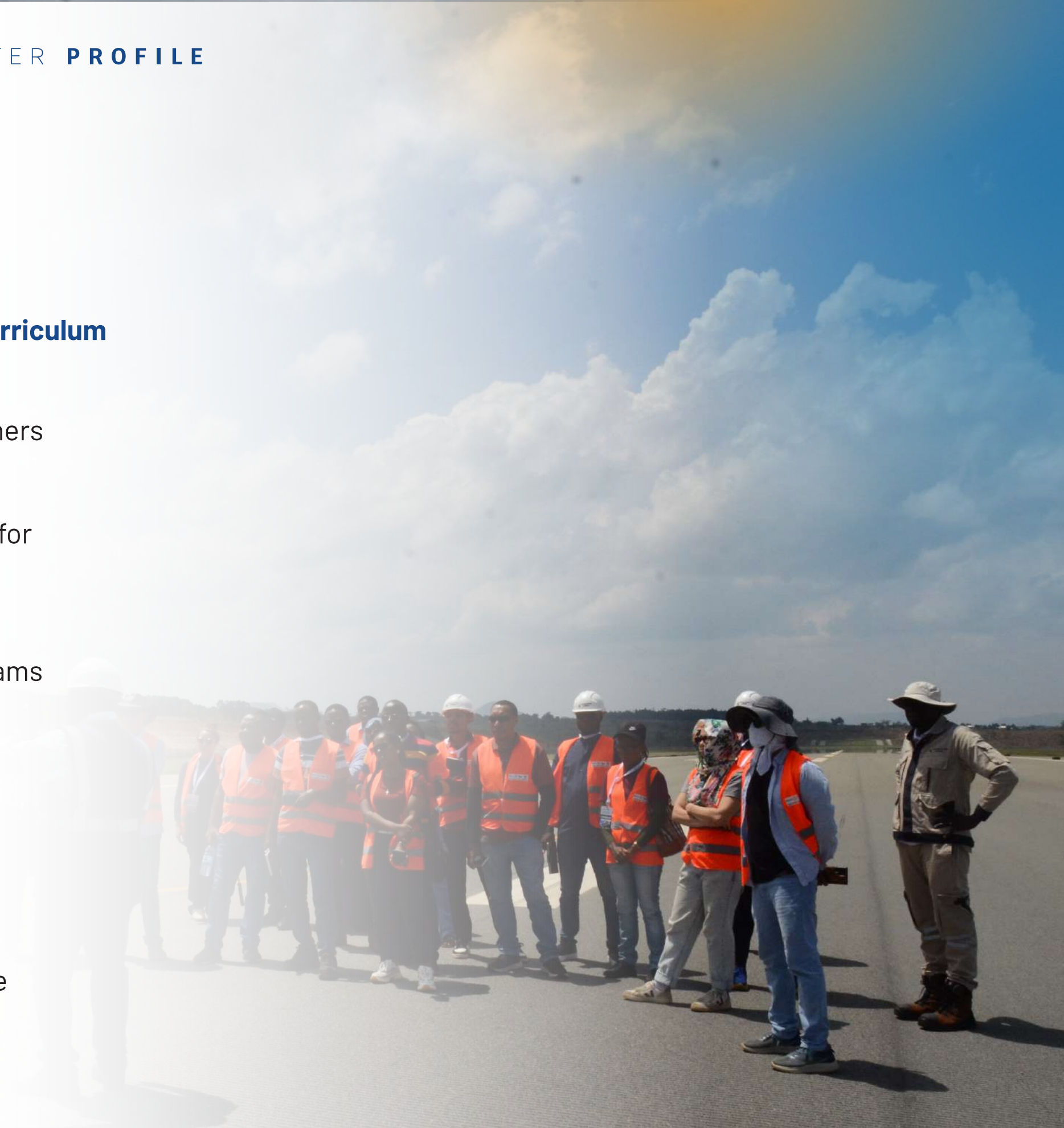
The Living Laboratory:

The program utilizes the Great Lakes region as an immersive living laboratory, providing fellows with direct access to complex regional security and peace dynamics.

Institutional Objectives

The Center pursues clear strategic objectives to ensure its curriculum and research drive meaningful change:

- To equip peace and development actors and practitioners with new skill sets for community development.
- To equip fellows with the requisite knowledge needed for increasing the reach of positive peace approaches through enhanced regional networks.
- To expand research knowledge and educational programs in peacebuilding of Africa and beyond.
- To produce a diverse group of international peace professionals to become ambassadors of peace.
- To engage regional and international stakeholders on peacebuilding approaches.
- To develop a curriculum aligning with the Rotary Peace Centers Program Guidelines



The One-Year Leadership Journey

The Professional Development Certificate is a comprehensive, blended learning program designed for high-impact leaders who remain active in their professional careers while they study. The fellowship follows four distinct phases:

Phase I:

Two weeks online providing a foundational theoretical grounding in peace and development.

Phase II:

An intensive ten-week residency at Makerere University in Kampala, covering core themes such as human rights and governance, media and communication, refugees and migration, and climate change.

Phase III:

Nine months dedicated to the implementation of a self-designed Social Change Initiative within the fellow's home community. This comes with support and guidance from the center.

Phase IV:

A final results presentation and defense at the university.

Throughout the program, fellows engage in leadership seminars, peace simulation sessions, and field visits to reconciliation sites and post-conflict regions to observe peace initiatives firsthand.

Professions

 ICT	 Theology	 Food security
 Journalists	 Economist	 Performing Arts
 Community/Social Development work	 Security	 Community/Social Development work
 Lawyer	 Medicine	 Justice
 Human Rights	 Public health	 Climate Change and Food Security
 Social Scientists	 Engineering	 Governance and Development
 Education	 Information Scientist	 Policing
 Advocacy	 Computer Scientist	 Culture
 Music	 Scientist	 Dialogue
 Researcher	 Management	 Digital Literacy
 Lecturer	 Pilot	 Media

Professions

The Social Change Initiative is the cornerstone of the fellowship, serving as an action-oriented project targeting specific challenges in the fellow's community. To ensure these projects achieve measurable impact and technical viability, the Center provides structured support

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Project Management Training:

Specialized technical guidance to ensure project viability, success, and long-term sustainability.

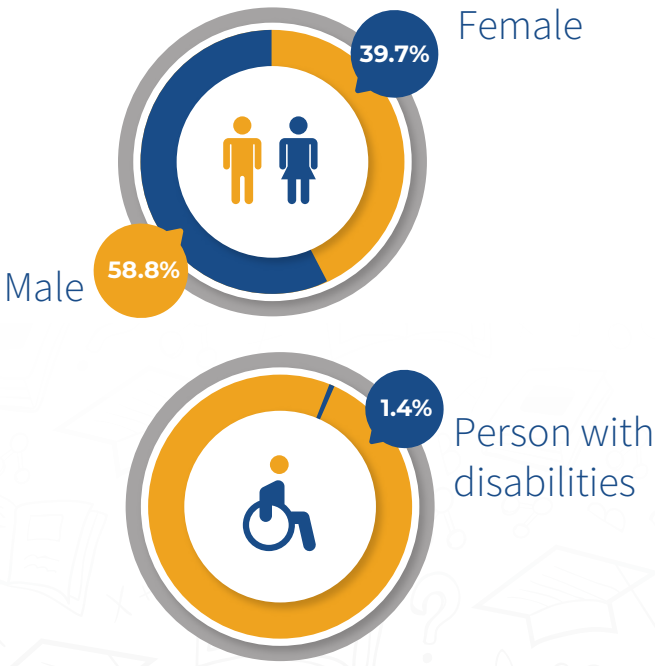
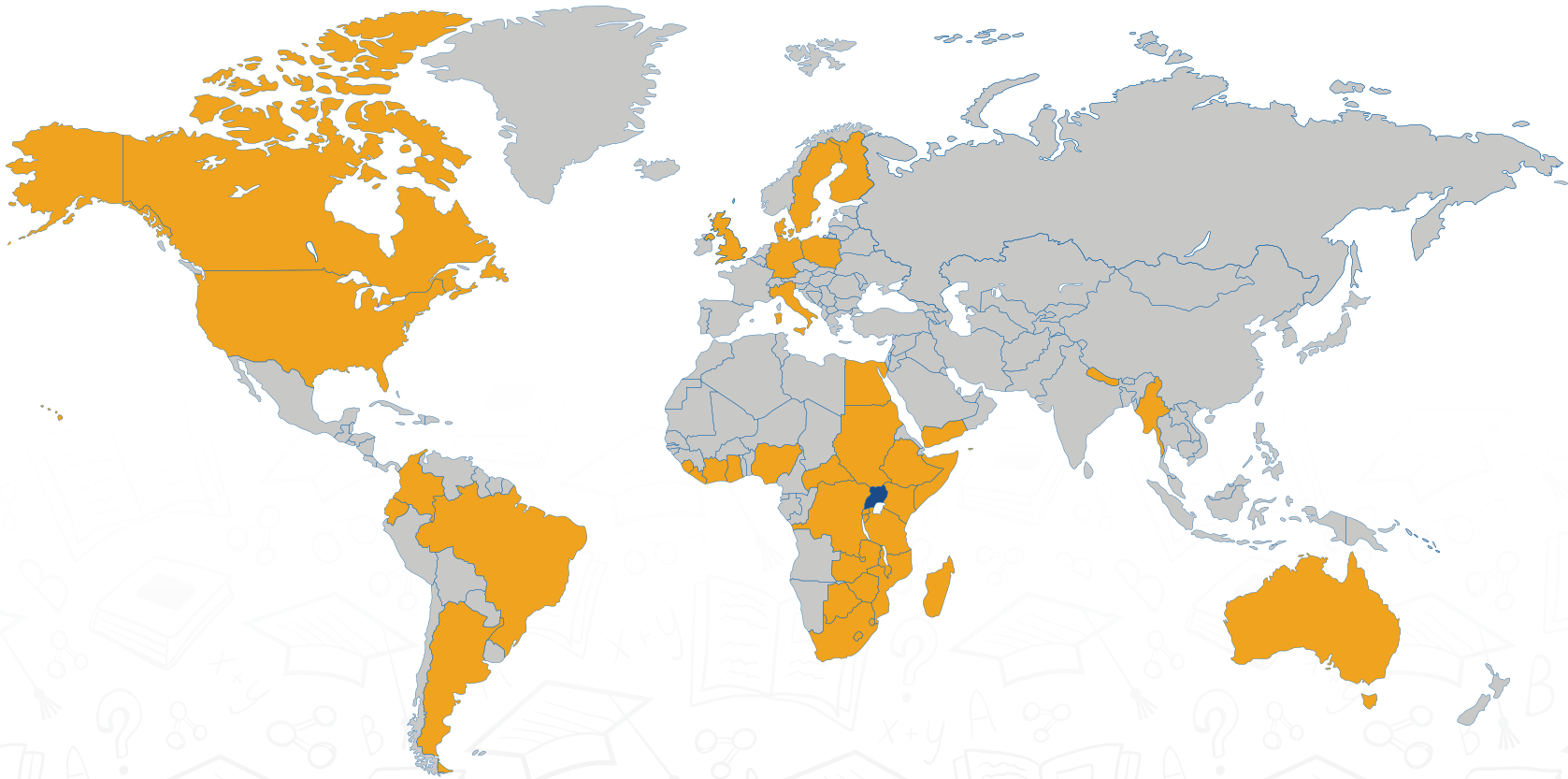
Structured Mentorship:

Continuous support delivered through a structured program of both virtual and physical coaching sessions.

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Global Network and Reach

The Center maintains an established footprint, having trained 206 Peace Fellows from 50 countries. To date, fellows have successfully completed over 168 community-based projects. Graduates join an elite global network of over thousands of alumni from other peace centers who hold influential roles across the globe.



-  **50** Countries
-  **206** Peace fellows
-  **83** Female  **123** Male
-  **169** SCI projects completed
-  **11** Cohorts
-  **6** Continents

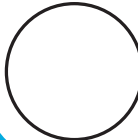
Global Network and Reach

							
Argentina	1	0	1	Mexico	1	0	1
Australia	1	2	3	Mozambique	0	2	2
Brazil	1	1	2	Myanmar	0	1	1
Bangladesh	1	0	1	Nigeria	14	12	26
Botswana	3	2	5	Nepal	1	0	1
Burundi	3	0	3	Papua New Guinea	0	1	1
Cameroon	4	7	11	Poland	0	1	1
Canada	2	0	2	Philippines	0	1	1
Columbia	2	0	2	Rwanda	1	4	5
Cote Ivoire	0	1	1	Sierra Leone	3	7	10
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	3	3	Somalia	1	6	7
Denmark	1	0	1	South Africa	2	3	5
Egypt	3	1	4	South Sudan	0	6	6
Ecuador	0	1	1	Spain	0	1	1
Ethiopia	1	6	7	Sri Lanka	0	1	1
Finland	3	0	3	Sudan	1	4	5
Gambia	0	2	2	Sweden	1	0	1
Ghana	1	1	2	Tanzania	0	2	2
Germany	1	0	1	Uganda	6	14	20
Italy	1	1	2	United States	6	4	10
Kenya	4	8	12	United Kingdom	2	0	2
Lesotho	1	1	2	Venezuela	1	0	1
Liberia	3	5	8	Yemen	0	1	1
Madagascar	0	1	1	Zambia	1	5	6
Malawi	1	5	6	Zimbabwe	4	6	10



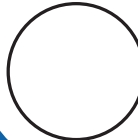
Admissions and Eligibility

The fellowship is highly selective, seeking candidates who demonstrate a readiness for advanced leadership:



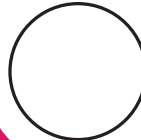
Professional Impact:

Applicants must demonstrate full-time professional experience in peacebuilding, development, or related fields.



Academic Readiness:

A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university is mandatory.



Visionary Thinking:

A clear, viable proposal for a Social Change Initiative that directly benefits an African community.



Core Values:

A demonstrated commitment to integrity, accountability, inclusivity, and human dignity.



Financial Support

Rotary International removes financial barriers to ensure the most capable minds can lead Africa's transformation. The fellowship is fully funded and covers:



Academic Costs

100% of all tuition and university fees.



Subsistence

On-site accommodation and a stipend during the intensive residency period.



Logistics

All field study expenses and round-trip international transportation.

Application Process

Applications open annually in February, with a global deadline of May 15th. Candidates are encouraged to contact their local Rotary Clubs to seek a partnership endorsement, which serves as a critical step in the application process. Prospective fellows are invited to apply and contribute to building the Africa we want.



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Theory of Change

Teachers are the heart of the fulfilment of societal change, equipping them is a guarantee for long-term community development.

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