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Executive summary

Every year, the Makerere University Peace Center receives two cohorts of Rotary Peace Fellows. For Cohort 6, we received 20 peace fellows from 12 countries namely, Australia, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The cohort comprised of diverse field experiences ranging from media, education, security, public health and humanitarian work.

I am pleased to report on growing number of alumni network and reach both on the continent and beyond. Currently, the Center prides in a network of 110 peace fellows originating from 35 countries. From 2021, the fellows have impacted communities through social change initiatives that have addressed contemporary issues ranging from Climate Change, Agriculture, Media, Youth and economic development.

Study Programme

Cohort 6 study programme was both virtual and onsite. The fellows had 2 weeks of class on zoom and 10 weeks onsite taught by professionals and experts in different disciplines. Through the sessions, the fellows had great experience in developing innovative, community-centered, and scalable responses to the world's most pressing issues. The mode of learning was through interactive class participation, role play, hypothetical case analysis on issues affecting peace and development on the African continent and beyond, break-out room engagements and group discussions. Along the way, fellow's leaders increased their knowledge, improve skills, and establish identities as peacebuilders and change makers.

Onsite Engagement

The Rotary Peace fellows reported onsite for their experiential field learning in October 2023. Throughout their study visits, they practically engaged with relevant organizations that address contemporary issues. The areas visited included; Youth organizations, Religious institutions that uphold inter-religious dialogue, Urban refugees, Slums, Health and institutions of justice.

Cohort 4 Capstone Conference in October, the Center hosted its fourth Capstone conference where 19 Cohort 4 and 1 Cohort 3 fellows presented their Social Initiatives under the theme: "Achieving peace through collaboration and Community Engagement."

Networking

The Center continues to enjoy cordial relationships with the local rotary clubs in Uganda and beyond, the University community and our stakeholders. I am delighted to inform you of our successful bid to the Elsie Initiative Fund research fund which was competitively won by the Peace Center, together with our Partners the Uganda Police Force. Focusing on the Uganda Police Force, we are carrying out a barriers' assessment on impediments to Women's participation in the UN peace support operations. We are also delighted for yet another opportunity, to host the Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones – the first female RI President – who has graciously planned to Visit the Peace Center as part of her "Imagine Tour". In the same month we shall be receiving our Cohort 4 fellows from different countries across the globe.

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Meet our Cohort 6 Peace Fellows- September 2023



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Egypt

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Area of interest: Peacebuilding, non-formal education, and urban development



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Sierra Leone

Ahmed Yunana is a Project Manager for United States Government Alumni at Gombe State and a Senior Lecturer at Gombe State University, Nigeria.

Area of interest: Youth participation and peaceful coexistence.



Alfred Mupenzi

Australia

Alfred Mupenzi is a full time lecturer at Excelsia College and a Casual lecturer at Western Sydney University – Australia. He is also an advocate for social justice education, teaching sociology for educators, multiculturalism, and multilingualism.

Area of interest: Social justice education, equity and diversity



Owoicho Apochi Nelson

Nigeria

Owoicho Apochi Nelson is a communications professional, working at African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET) as a digital and creative lead. He has experience cutting across digital and creative communication, policy, and impact communication. He also works at the intersection of media, education, and narrative and how it influences human rights and translates to social change and development

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Rotary Peace Fellows promoting peace and development in a changing world





Assefa Adane Atinafu

Ethiopia

Atinafu Assefa Adane is a Lecturer and researcher at Department of Animal Science, University of Gondar, Ethiopia.

Area of interest: Climate Change and Animal science



Benard Kaawa

Uganda

Benard Kaawa is a security professional with experience and Training in Violent Extremism and Radicalization. He currently works with the Uganda Police.

Area of interest: He is interested in Refugees and Security.



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Area of interest: Gender, Peace and Media



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Area of interest: Women empowerment, sustainable livelihoods, gender and climate justice



Deborah Obor Odu

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Liberia

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Area of interest: Human rights with emphasis on women and children rights, democracy, women's political participation, good governance, and local government



Francis Mafinda

Liberia

Francis Mafinda is a Program Assistant for West African Youth Network in Sierra Leone, passionate about Peace and Human Rights Advocacy.

Area of interest: Peace and Human Rights.



Amakanji Graham Oluteyo

Kenya

Amakanji Graham Oluteyo is a Research Fellow in Department of Peace & Conflict Studies at Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology.

Area of interest: Violent Extremism in the Horn of Africa Region



Henry Mlinde

Malawi

Henry Mlinde is currently working as a Project Manager at the African Institute of Corporate Citizenship. He has vast experience in agriculture, specializing in project design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation, and also an expert in value chain development, food systems, public-private partnerships, market systems, and inclusive governance.

Area of interest: Food security, economic stability, and community cohesion.



Matsietsa Ts'epang Joel

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Matsietsa Ts'epang Joel is an advocate involved in the civil society sector, which plays a vital role in supporting and advancing social development, advocacy, and public engagement.



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Julius Meleng Ntang is a co-founder of Unity Foundation and the Country Director of Community Vision Group, Cameroon. He is a peacebuilding and development expert with 12 yrs of experience in community and youth development, women engagement, governance, conflict prevention and food security.



Kengah Geraldine Yayah

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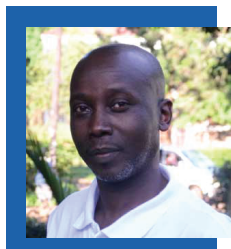
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Mbanefo Uyanwune

Nigeria

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Patrick Rwekamba

Uganda

Patrick Rwekamba is a civil servant working with the public trade and industry, an institution that focuses on private and civil society sectors. He is also an agribusiness entrepreneur.

Area of interest: Community empowerment, Peace, Gender and Networking.



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Zimbabwe

Marovah Tendayi is a Teacher, educator and consultant on curriculum and pedagogy, specialized in studying how curriculum and pedagogy contribute to social justice and human development leading to peaceful societies.



Sam Obua

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Sam Obua is a Liaison officer at PATH Ministries International, an organization that rescues and brings restoration to orphaned children living in the harshest places. He coordinates programs that deliver services to the vulnerable communities including children in rehabilitation, focusing on livelihoods, child protection, water and sanitation, education, and health.

SUMMARY OF THE CLASS STUDY

WEEK 1: ON-LINE Class Study (Orientation)

Cohort 6 peace fellows commenced with their study program virtually. They had a two weeks' orientation that helped them to extensively understand the course program, the life in Kampala and Uganda. The fellows learnt variety of topics ranging from societal challenges, indigenous peacebuilding initiatives, cultural traditions and peacebuilding, and the notion of conflict transformation. The topics of study included;

Topic: Peoples and Culture of Uganda and a brief overview of the Great Lakes region.

The session gave an overview of the Great Lakes region, the social etiquette in Uganda, history and the political, social and economic environment of Uganda.

Topic: Survival Luganda & Luyaaye in Kampala

Fellows were briefed about the Kampala Urban Language variety, also introduced to the Ugandan youth linguistic called, Luyaye Decoded, an urban youth language used to uphold peace in slum areas.

Topic: Safety and Security in Kampala and Uganda

The fellows were briefed on the security situation in Uganda. The presenter further shared basic knowledge on personal security, safeguards on urban crime and a guide on areas of safety around Kampala.

Topic: Health orientation Director University Health Services

During the orientation, the fellows also interacted with the Director of the University Hospital, who briefed them on the health services offered by the University Hospital and requirements to access the services.

Topic: Psychosocial Support during the Fellowship Manager Guidance and Counselling

In this session fellows had a talk on the psycho-social support services rendered during the fellows' onsite study.

Topic: Graduate Studies at Makerere University,

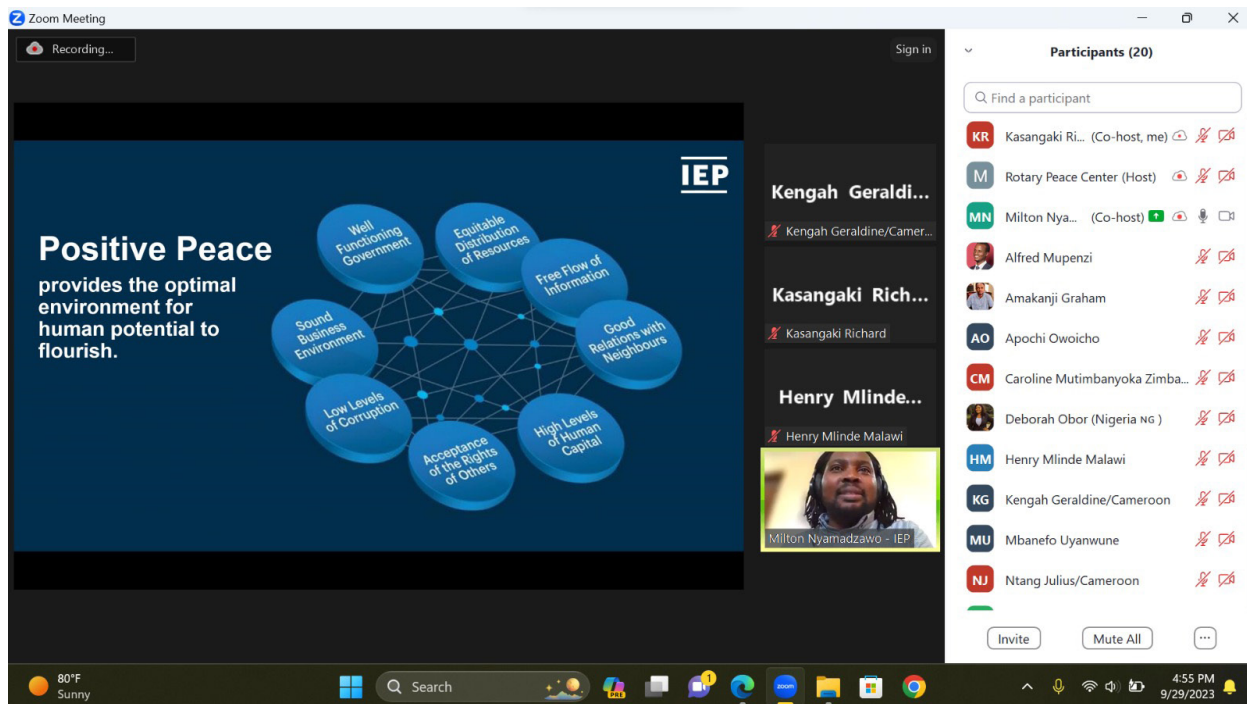
Fellows were briefed on the types of graduate programs at Makerere University, the duration of the postgraduate studies and supervision, managing and administering graduate training and policies that guide graduate studies.

Topic: Meeting with faculty & a word from the Academic mentors:

The fellows were debriefed on the course-study-program, interacted with the academic mentors and the Center-management. The session guided on managing the fellows' expectations while on the fellowship and the general lifestyle at Makerere University.

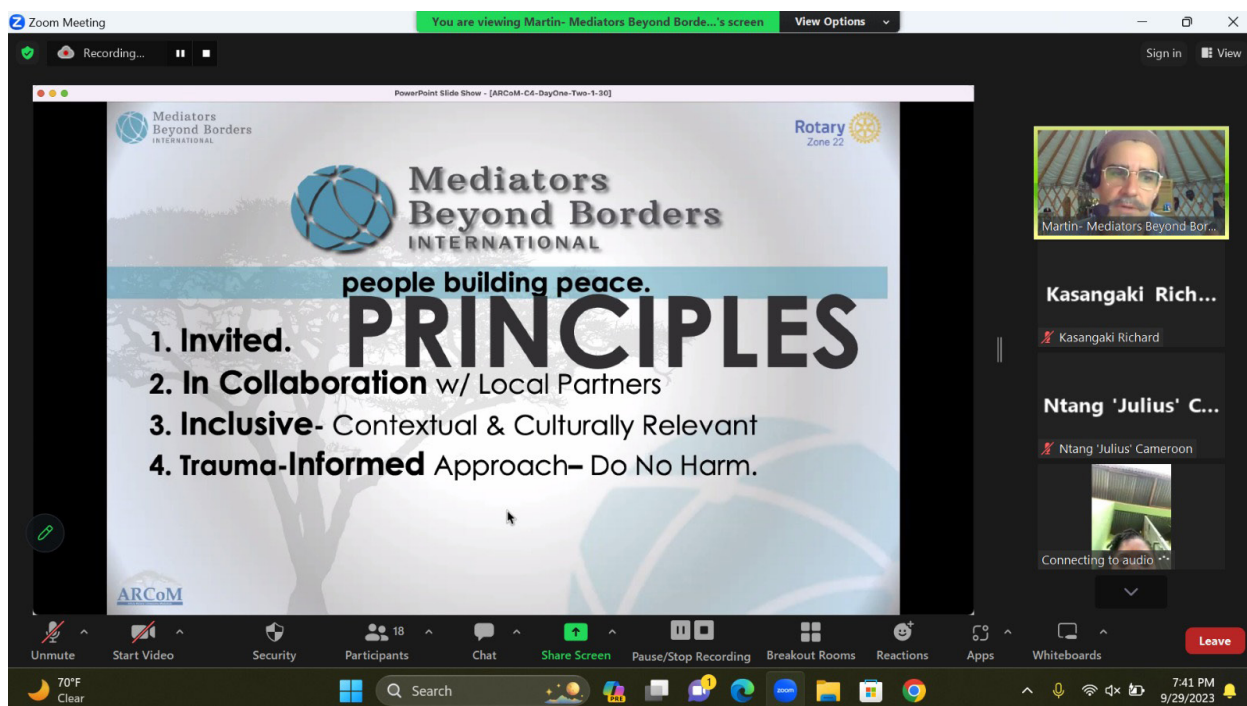
Topic: Introduction to the Positive Peace Philosophy Institute of Economics and Peace

Under this session, the fellows were introduced to the philosophy of positive peace, its pillars and mechanisms of determining system that serve the needs of the whole population



Topic: Introduction to Community Mediation Mediators Beyond Borders International:

Fellows were introduced to the Community Mediation Definitions, Principles, Approaches and the Peacebuilding-Process used in conflict management.



Topic Understanding Peace, Conflict and Development in Africa and its Implication

This topic explored the basic, practical and theoretical foundations of peace, conflict and development. The areas of focus included theoretical and practical discussions of conflict management, peacebuilding, and, significantly, the indigenous and endogenous approaches to peace and conflict resolutions.

Topic: The Architecture of the research project and Ethical challenges

Fellows were introduced to some foundational principles of ethics and the ethical questions and capacities of architectural practice in research projects. The aim is to expose fellows to a series of ethical challenges during the architecture of the research project.

Topic: Data Collection Methods for Identifying a Community Challenge. (Shaping the Social Initiatives)

Fellows learnt the key elements/aspects of the Social Change Initiative (SCI), the Structure of the research project, data collection methods selected and the reasons why researchers collect data.

Topic: Participatory Rural Appraisal.

Fellows, were introduced to the history of Rural Rapid Appraisal (RRA) and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) methods, demonstrate the applicability of these methods. Fellows were encouraged to apply the methods to obtain the best results when working with communities.

Topic: Localizing Peace: Methods and Approaches

The fellows analysed the local peace approaches, methods and approaches of conflict analysis, highlighting the state and non-state actors in peacebuilding and development, indigenous approaches to conflict management and peacebuilding in Africa

Topic: African Philosophy & Indigenous mechanisms for Conflict Transformation

In this session fellows were introduced to different traditional African philosophies of conflict management, causes of conflict between indigenous people and the patterns or mechanisms for conflict resolution in traditional African societies.

ON-SITE STUDY PROGRAM (Week 3- Week 12)

In October 2023, the Center received 20 peace fellows from 12 countries at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The fellows commenced with their onsite class study and field visits. During the 10 weeks, the fellows study relevant topics that address contemporary challenges, among which include human rights, governance and media, identity, human security, resources and climate change, refugees, migration and community cohesion, fundamentals, approaches to peace, and conflict transformation.



MODULE 1: GPC-6101-FUNDAMENTALS AND APPROACHES TO PEACE & CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Topic: Critical and Academic writing

Fellows learnt critical skills in academic writing in peacebuilding. The focus was on reading strategies and focused reading, how to analyze literature content and organize an essay. Focusing on Language styles, reference and in-text citation styles. Under this session the fellow learnt the steps used in writing Annotated Bibliographies, i.e. the sources used, having a complete bibliographies information sheet, reviewing the items collected when searching for information, writing the citation using the correct style: MLA, Harvard, APA, Chicago, Turabian, and writing the annotation - Summary of the article, which are all useful in research.



Topic: Theories and concepts for psychosocial well-being in practice: Models and domain of intervention,

Under this session fellow studied key terms and Concepts of Humanitarian System, Psychosocial issues, Mental Health. Competencies for psychosocial interventions, principles and practices of mental health and psychosocial support intervention in the field. fellows learnt key issues on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), interventions in humanitarian responses. They also studied Competency Domains needed at different levels of mental health support services and competency in promoting wellbeing through psychosocial interventions as part of an integrated humanitarian programming.



Guest Speaker: The Importance of Psychosocial support for humanitarian workers.

Fellows had a talk on humanitarian relief/assistance to refugees, key issues needed in giving humanitarian relief, challenges humanitarian workers face, and Solutions associated with giving humanitarian relief.

Topic: Doing Research Methods and Approaches

Fellows studied the array of methods that could be used in carrying out social research, especially in the area of conflict analysis and peace studies. The areas covered included, how to write an academic proposal, the basic methods of research in social science, both qualitative and quantitative, from which fellows can select suitable instruments for studying problems of the society.



Topic: Practical Engagement: resources in the University Library

Fellows had a study visit to the Makerere University Library. They had a practical engagement on how to access the resources in the library online using the Makerere University Library Link Platform <https://www.mulib.mak.ac.ug>. Understanding Plagiarism and the use of Endnotes Referencing Management.



Topic Application of Theatre in Peace Building

Using applied theatre as a tool in peacebuilding and conflict management giving an example of how theatre has been used in mobilizing communities to pass messages of peace and to communicate issues affecting societies.

Topic: Music as a Dialogic & Methodological Space for Negotiating Peace and Conflict in Africa

In the session fellows learnt Music as a dialogic space for negotiating peace and conflict in Africa and as a methodological tool for peacebuilding. In the session, fellows explored how music is used as tool in fueling conflict and as a tool to mitigate conflict. They also learnt the Procedure of using music as an intervention tool and women as mediators of peace through music.



Site visit: Makerere Art Gallery,

Exploring art as a tool for Peace Building, in the session fellows were introduced to different art pieces/ pictures that communicates peace and conflict and different art colors that communicate peace.


Topic: Leadership Seminar (the Paradox of Survivor Leadership in Difficult settings)

The fellows were trained in leadership skills and etiquettes. In this session, the fellows learnt the different leadership theories, leadership versus management, habits of successful leaders, leadership qualities and models of problem-solving mechanisms, which are key skills needed for leaders to succeed in times of pressure to survivor.


Topic: Conflict Analysis Frameworks and tools



Topic: Financial Literacy

Fellows learnt the key aspects of financial literacy such as budgeting, spending, saving, investment, record keeping. They also learnt accountability in humanitarian projects focusing on the mechanism of accountability, the challenges, best practices, reporting, and financial performance best practices.

Topic: Alternatives to Violence Programme (AVP)

In this session fellows were introduced to a peace-educational and conflict-transformation-program, that is volunteer run as a mechanism to develop their abilities to resolve conflicts without resorting to manipulation, coercion, or violence. The topics covered aimed at making them develop primary conflict management skills using personal experience, problem-solving techniques, and experiential exercises. Some of the discussed topics included Affirmation, communication cooperation, creative resolution, community building and relating African traditional conflict handling mechanisms to AVP.



IDENTITY, HUMAN SECURITY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Topic: Understanding Resilience: Definitions Concepts and Mechanisms

In this session fellows learnt the definition of resilience, concepts and mechanisms used, the main typologies of resilience and strategies for building resilience, they also learnt how to generate a resilience building plan for different situations.

Topic: Models and Approaches to Individual and Community Resilience

During the session, the fellows learnt how to develop a conflict-resilience model and the main components or approaches, that are necessary. Fellows learnt the Logic of the resilience model (i.e., TOC), the type of resilience, the conditionality of resilience, and the strategies for resilience building.

Topic: The Overview of the Notion of & Drivers of Violent Extremism in Africa

During the session, the fellows learnt the concept of Violent Extremism in Africa, the key drivers of violent extremism, factors leading to extremism and the trend of violent extremism in Africa, and international and regional approaches to preventing and countering violent extremism.

Topic: Pathways to Radicalization and Violent Extremism

During the session, fellows studied different stages of radicalization, how radicalization led to violent extremism, and drivers of radicalization to violent extremism. Fellows also learnt early warning signs of radicalization, factors contributing to radicalization, and the role of different stakeholders in preventing and countering violent extremism.

Guest Speaker: The Terrorism Threat: Responses & Global Initiatives

Fellows talked about the key terms and concepts of terrorism. Terrorism threat focuses on a historical phenomenon, types of terrorism, the salient causes of terrorism, targets, weapons tactics and weapons of choice, the impact of terrorism, and the global response to terrorism. They also had a talk on Uganda's experience and response to terrorism and the challenges encountered.



Topic: Human Rights and Governance: Norms & Principles,

Under this session the fellows learnt human rights principles and the key attributes of good governance, corruption, and bad governance in Africa. They also learnt, how the international and African regional human rights and human rights system works. The aim of the session was for the fellows to understand, how good governance and human rights are mutually reinforcing.

Guest Speaker: Application Human Rights Institutions and Mechanism & Role of Key Actors

Fellows had a talk on leadership and governance in African countries. They also learnt the role of different actors in the violation of human rights, the challenges of African governance and strategies for winning a dictatorship in Africa, and the need for the liberation of Africa from dictatorial regimes.

**Topic: Contemporary Challenges of Governance and Human Rights**

Under this session, fellows learnt the linkage between corruption and bad governance in Africa, Development, Aid, and Governance, the role of civil society, and the challenges they face while implementing human rights.

**Topic: The concept of human security and drivers of forced migration**

During this session, fellow learnt a critique of the Human Security Paradigm, how to conceptualize forced migration, the migration game changers and drivers of forced migration. Fellows also learnt how to manage

displacement and migration, actors in refugee protection, refugee law, and humanitarian assistance programs.

Topic: Land, Livelihoods and Sustainable Development

In the session, key issues regarding land in Africa were discussed based on Uganda's experience. Livelihoods and development, economic development target, outcome, and challenges. Fellows also learnt about the livelihoods and gender, with a focus on Karamojas' position on the role of women in mining and livelihoods in oil-rich landscapes of Uganda.

Topic: Effects of climate change on conflict escalation in Africa

In this session, fellows studied climate change, conflict drivers and forms/typologies of conflict, and causes of climate change/variability. Fellows also learnt about greenhouse gases and the links between climate change, security, peace, and conflicts.

Topic: Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa

The fellows discussed how natural resources have contributed to conflict in Africa and beyond, focusing on learnt how conflicts in Africa have been caused by natural resources. For example, the relationship between gold mining in Karamoja in Uganda and the insecurities.

HUMAN RIGHTS GOVERNANCE AND MEDIA

Topic: Community Building & Social Cohesion

In this session, fellows studied community mediation definitions, peacebuilding processes, establishing common agreements and engagements in communities, building community cohesion, and active and expert listening skills in conflict. A reflection group exercise was given to fellows to help them understand the communities they belong to, how conflicts are addressed or managed, and the agreement they have reached.



Topic: Conflict Awareness

In this interactive session, the fellows learnt, how they know, that there is conflict (frustration, Heart beating, anger, avoidance, discomfort, silence, and division), the visible and invisible experience they have gone through and how they felt. They also studied conditions that trigger negative reactions to conflicts and responses, the actions and reactions, the Perceptions vs. Reality and Facts.



Topic: Trauma-Informed Peacebuilding

Fellows discussed the concept of Trauma, the four acts of violence, where trauma exposure, such as (direct violence, cultural violence, natural violence, structural violence). They also discussed the greatest needs of a traumatized person i.e. safety, trust, control, connection, and predictability, and the possible tools for the expression of trauma.

Topic: Culture & Conflict

Fellows learnt a common understanding of culture as well as the role it plays in conflict, factors that influence differences in perspectives & behaviors, the power dynamics in cultural contexts, and linkages between historical & current conflicts, and socio-cultural diversity in Conflict Management, Transformation Resolution, and Peacebuilding. In the session, each fellow was asked to mention the most important things about their culture and common misunderstandings that they want the group to know.

Topic: Conflict Analysis & assessment Mapping 1

Fellows learnt about different processes used in understanding conflict, like conflict transformation, conflict triangles, and conflict mapping. Different conflict analysis questions that are important when analyzing conflicts. A small-group mapping exercise to create a relationship map was given for the fellows to identify who are the stakeholders, the parties, and their connections and relationships.



Topic: Facilitation & Dialogue

In this session, the fellows studied the dialogue processes, which include evaluating and building awareness, process co-design, engaging communities, facilitating dialogue, reflection, and feedback. They also learned the six P's to consider when facilitating a dialogue (purpose, people, plan, prepare, prevent, promote, and prepare), the agreements reached, the roles of a dialogue, and key elements to consider when facilitating youth dialogues.



Topic: Mediation

In this session, fellows learned about conflict management styles, focusing on their own needs, task completion, and relationships, as well as others' needs and processes. They were also introduced to the mediation concept, the principles, and the mediator's role and practices. They also learned the core mediation skills. Using a scenario role play, they were told to design complex factors in mediation, Surfacing interests vs. positions, and practice.



Topic: Mediation is a process

During the session, fellow learnt Mediation as a Process that involves the following,

- Intake and preparation,
- Setting and opening
- Conflict stories
- agenda setting
- problem solving
- Agreement and follow up



Topic: Restorative practice

In this session fellows studied a practical approach to restorative practices, tools and living restoratively, how to use restorative practices in everyday life, families, work communities and facilitate conflicts restoratively. They were able to differentiate between Restorative Practices and Restorative Justice. They also learnt Restorative Practices Typology and the three pillars of Restorative Justice.

Topic: Demography, youth Peace Building and Conflict in Africa

The discussion on demography entailed the Mortality-life-expectancy Comparison, reasons why demography and conflicts matter, sourcing out diverse examples of World War 11, the Lord's Resistance Army – Uganda, Genocide-Rwanda. The session also highlighted the impact of conflict on a country's demography through fertility, mortality, migration.

Topic: Family and family dynamics in conflict settings

During this session, the fellows discussed the nature of the family systems, the immediate effects of conflict on family systems- and how conflict has changed family systems. The fellows also engaged in the discussion on the impact of conflict on families, their resilience, and coping mechanisms.



Topic: Principles and Critical Debates of political economy in Africa Nature of political/systems and peace prospects in Africa,

In this session, the fellows learnt the impact of political economy on the conflict in Africa, the approaches, and critical debates about Africa's economic position in the global economy, the continental economic relations, and the national-level economic inequalities. They also learnt, how the Political Economy functions in Africa, the economic injustice and social stability, socioeconomics: rapid urbanization and unemployment, and the economy-related conflicts in Africa.

Topic: The political economy of the African Continental free trade Agreement (AfCFTA)

In this session, fellows learnt the meaning of Political Economy, the reason why they must care about the political economy of Africa, and how to locate AfCFTA in the global policy architecture. They also learnt the controversial elements of AfCFTA and were able to understand, whether AfCFTA is a friend or foe of (East) Africa Development.

Guest Speaker: The component of justice, peace, and accountability

Fellows had a talk on the role of the ICC: Accountability, Peace and Justice in Uganda using a case of Dominic Ongwen. They talked about the unique features of the ICC in ending impunity for the perpetrators of serious crimes: jurisdictions, exercise of jurisdiction, the principle of complementarity, victim's participation and reparation. He also talked about the ICC being a last resort if a state fails or is unable to properly discharge its duty to prosecute regarding international crimes.

Guest Speaker: The Rotary Foundation and area of focus

Fellows had a talk on the Rotary foundation, the mission of programs and the project grants that Rotary provide. The guest talked about funding club projects like the Global Grants, District Grants, Scholarships and Vocational Training Teams. He mentioned that the Rotary Grants focuses on the 7 Humanitarian area such as, Peacebuilding and conflict prevention, Diseases prevention and treatment, Water sanitation and Hygiene, Maternal and Child health, Basic education and literacy, community economic development and environment.

Topic: Media, Peace, and Conflict Sensitive Reporting

In this session fellows learnt the roles/function of journalism in society and how to harness them for peace. They also learnt the values of news and how several of them inadvertently valorize conflict/violence. They were also taught on how to rethink the principles of journalism and the values of news in ways that promote Peace (reframing mass media values).

Topic: New journalism paradigms: Peace journalism and conflict sensitive reporting

In this session fellows were able to recognize the nuanced difference between peace-journalism (PJ) and conflict-sensitive reporting (CSR) and to comprehend how the media has been used to propagate. They also learnt the various efforts, in which media has been used to promote peacebuilding in Africa and strategize on how to embrace the new paradigms of PJ and CSR, to assist and the mass media journalists escalate conflicts.

Topic: Concept of news Vs. Fake news media & information literacy to curb 'Fake news'

Under this session fellow studied what is fake news, types, and examples of fake news and why there is a lot of fake news today. Fellows also learnt about Information disorder and factors that have precipitated the growth of fake news. Flashback1: Uganda's Case, Media, and Information Literacy (MIL), tools to curb fake news, Sever tools, facts checker tools, and Media and Information Literacy (MIL), whose responsibly 7 types of MIs-Disinformation.

Topic: Media for Peacebuilding, Media in propagating hate rhetoric

In this session fellows learnt the role of media in conflict and in peacebuilding, the importance of peace journalism and conflict-sensitive reporting and media in propagating hate rhetoric.

Topic: Digital Story Telling for Peacebuilding

Under this session fellow learnt, how the digital storytelling is integral in peacebuilding, how they can use technology to share their personal experience and how to communicate about peace effectively using multimedia, types/elements of media, the effective use of photo, videos, graphics, audio, and text in multimedia and the 7Cs of communication checklist. They also learnt about using social media as a tool for Peacebuilding and they engaged in designing peacebuilding messages using Canva (peace Flyer), World Art and Pictory (Videos) and infographic.

Topic: Understanding Inter-religious and Inter-cultural dialogue

Fellows studied the concepts, approaches, issues and values of inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue and the similarities and differences among different religions and cultures. Fellows also learnt the complexity of existential, social, cultural, philosophical, and spiritual issues raised by religious pluralism, and the culture of religious and cultural co-existence and respect for all religions and cultures.

Topic: Religion & Culture as sources of Peace and Conflict

Fellows studied the relevance of religious and cultural co-existence in the peacebuilding and humanitarian work of Rotary International. They also learnt the challenges of inter-religious and inter-cultural co-existence and the way forward to overcome the challenges, and they were equipped with the necessary skills to become active peacemakers in society.

Guest Speaker: Exploring Inter-Faith Dialogue in action & the role of Inter Religious Council

Fellows had an interactive talk on the Inter-Religious Council of Uganda, the board, vision and mission, the IRCU's theory of change and the objectives of the IRCU from 2021-2025. They also talked about the IRCU's service delivery structure, Inter-Faith Dialogue in Action, the primary objectives of interfaith dialogue and the 6 pillars of IRCU.

Topic: Introduction to emergency situations: issues and concepts

Under this session fellow were introduced to emergency situations: issues and concepts, what constitutes an emergency and the two broad categories of emergency situations. They also learnt about the major characteristics and challenges of working in emergency settings, conflict and emergencies, and conflict and violence.

Topic: Cross border dynamics and how these contribute to cross border conflicts

In this Session fellows learnt about Cross-Border-Dynamics and how they contribute to Cross-Border-Conflicts. Gender and other identities as critical factors in emergency situations, especially in refugee- and IDP-contexts. They also learnt how to prepare for and respond to emergencies. The 4 Phases of Emergency Management and how to design an activity that addresses issues that catalyze conflict and violence in a community.

Topic: Core tools Used in Analyzing Community Situations and the Development of Action Plans to Sustain Peace

In this session fellows were taught the core tools used in analyzing community situations such as observation, Focus-Group-Discussion, Storytelling, Opinion-Survey and Workshop. They also discussed the social mapping and geographical mapping using group discussions and presentations.

POSITIVE PEACE WORKSHOP (IEP POSITIVE PEACE ACADEMY)

The peace fellows participated in a one-week workshop on the positive peace philosophy from the Institute of Economics and Peace. During the session, the fellows covered different topics o

Topic: Introduction to the Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP): which is an institute that acts as a global think tank that measures peace and organizes peace indexes globally.



Topic: Positive Peace Activation in Africa Jude's case study IEP Ambassador program

In this session fellows learnt about positive peace, the difference between negative and positive peace. They also learnt how to measure actual peace – crime suppression, military, armed conflict and positive peace index. Fellows learnt the 8 pillars of positive peace and resilience in local system which include;

- Good Relations with neighbours
- Well-functioning government
- Sound business environment
- Respect of Rights of others
- Free flow of information
- Equal distribution of Resources
- High level of human capital
- Low levels of corruption

Topic: Pillar Island simulation • Debrief on Pillar Island activity

Fellows were introduced to the positive peace simulation exercise, a signed with a group exercise to highlight the difficulty of negotiating a solution between four groups with competing interest, the aim was to understand the challenges external parties have in brokering solutions, and to offer away for the fellows to interact with every one within the group, to avoid remaining with in their own cliques.



Topic: Overview of IEP Research • Economic cost • Positive Peace Index • Benefits of Positive Peace

Under this session, an exercise on how to generate country's economic global index using a positive peace framework by focusing on the 8 pillars. Fellows were made to analyze the index of each country. Fellows learnt about the global peace index, the economic impact of violence, the global cost of violence and the breakdown of the economic impact of violence.



Topic: Finalize and Report on Country Research

In this session fellows made a report back on country-research-case-studies for different African-Countries. Report back on country-research-case-studies Sydney Team. They also learnt how the Pillars of positive peace can be incorporated in the individual SCI.



Topic: Overview of IEP research continued • Global Terrorism Index • Ecological Threat Register • -Deep dive on Pillars, Pillar speed date activity

Fellows learnt about the Global Terrorism Index (GTI), non-state actors, Ecological Threat Index. The use of local resources (modern slavery, modern globalization), radicalization, reparations to calm down tension between colonies and those colonized, and Dormant Threat to the World (early warning approaches). Fellows also conducted a critical reflection exercise on the 8 Pillars and feedback presentations on what could be done under each Pillar.

Topic: Systems Thinking and Yarn game

Bringing the pillars together, learning about the Partners for positive peace and how they work (training, locally-led project design, policy design, dialogue, train the trainers) and System thinking theory, Properties and Characteristics, and they were able to understand that the applicability of system thinking theory in positive peace leads to societal change.



Topic: Implementing Positive Peace

Under this session fellows learnt about the implementation of positive peace, how positive peace approaches differ from the traditional peacebuilding approach, the recommended steps for developing positive peace projects. the aim was for the fellows to understand positive peace as a process of change framework and how to apply and activate positive peace.

Introduction to gender and gender concepts, Gender framing of conflict and peace building

The fellows learnt, how gender has revolved to the notion of economic, social, cultural, and political attributes and opportunities associated with being women and men, reflecting on the Documentary they watched on Kalya Peace Village. During the session, the fellows learnt the role of the Sanai Women in stopping FGM and early marriages.

Fellows Led Presentation

In this session fellows learnt how to tell a story in 10 minutes using videography, key things to consider when making a good presentation, the structure of a memorable presentation of the SCI. They also discussed about effective public speaking, the importance of public speaking in peace presentations, public speaking pyramid and the public speaking foundations

Guest Speaker: Women combatants and non-combatants in providing security

In this session fellows learnt the key concepts of combatants, non-combatants, security, conflict and peacebuilding. They talked about the role of women combatants UPDF in perspective (using State Security approach) and noncombatants (using Human security approach). They also talked about the challenges faced by women in providing security to both combatants and non-combatants and recommendations.

Guest Speaker: The UN system and genesis of UNSCR 1325 and WPS Agenda in Africa

The session focused on the genesis of United National Security Council Resolution 1325, the 4 Pillars, Participation of women in peace and security, Protection, Prevention and relief recovery and how they are implemented. Fellows also had a talk on the supporting resolutions according to WPS which include SCR (1820, 1888, 1889, 1960, 2106, 2122, 2422, 2467 and 2493), the state of Africa is in terms of the implementation and challenges.

Urban Fields

Field visit to CAFOMI

Cohort 6 fellows visited CAFOMI (Care and Assistance for Forced Migrants), a humanitarian emergency management organization that supports refugees and internally displaced persons. The visits aimed at familiarizing the fellows with the role of NGOs in humanitarian work and equipping fellows with practical knowledge of working in the humanitarian field. During the discussion, the fellows learnt the role of NGOs in transforming the lives of migrants in Uganda.



Field Visit to Kiteezi

The cohort 6 fellows visited the Kiteezi **dumping** site, where Kampala City Council (KCC) disposes off, where the garbage is managed and collected. The aim was for the fellows to understand and compare the urban livelihoods of their countries with the ones we have in Uganda and to understand the impact the garbage waste has on climate change.



Field Visit to TASO

The cohort 6 fellows visited TASO, a non-governmental organization that supports people living with HIV and AIDS in Uganda. The aim of the visit was for the fellows to locate TASO support within the framework of peacebuilding in situations of epidemics and pandemics and also to understand, that discrimination causes a lot of self-stigma among people leaving with HIV and Aids, which results in violence.



Field visit to Namuwongo Slum

Fellows visited Namuwongo Slum, one of Kampala's informal settlements, the poorest and the second largest slum area in Kampala. During the visit, the fellows interacted with the chairman to understand, how the community policing model is being used in resolving conflicts in the community and interacted with the community at Kayongoga slum area to explore the life and socio-economic status of informal settlements, the Impact the informal settlement has on families, the resilience and coping mechanisms of people living in the sum area of Kanyongoga.



Field Visit to Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL)

Study visit to Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL) is a community-based organization (CBO) based in Kampala slum area. Fellows studied how MYDEL deals with vulnerable children and youths living in informal settlements. Fellows also learnt the Community-based Approach MYDEL uses in Peacebuilding. During the visit, the fellows interacted with the children and youth living in this settlement and they understood, how the children, who live in an unprotected environment, struggle with a wide range of challenges such as increased use of drugs, domestic violence, high crime rates, forced child labour and high illiteracy levels.



Site Visit to New Vision Group

Fellows visited New Vision, a leading multimedia company in Uganda, providing news and entertainment across print, radio, television, and digital platforms since March 1986. During the visit fellows learnt the role media play in conflict and practical steps on how to operate and report in a conflict-sensitive manner. The session was facilitated by the Senior Editor at New Vision, who took fellows through the session on **"Conflict-sensitive Reporting in Action."** He focused extensively on general principles of conflict sensitive reporting and strategies used by New Vision. The day was concluded by making a tour in different departments of New Vision, i.e. Bukedde TV, where fellows were hosted for a TV-Program known as Akayisanyo, and on Urban TV few fellows were identified with potential to work as Reporters for their shows.



Swaminarayan Temple in Kampala

Swaminarayan Temple in Kampala is a Hindu temple and is one of over a thousand BAPS Swaminarayan temples worldwide. It is considered a holy place. Fellow had an opportunity to tour the place, but they had no opportunity to interact with the faith leaders to understand their teachings on peacebuilding, due to the language barrier of the few leaders present at the time of the visit.





The Uganda National Mosque

Fellows visited the Uganda National Mosque or Gaddafi Mosque, one of the major religious sites in Uganda and the largest mosque in East Africa and second in Africa after the Morocco's King Hassan Mosque, located in Casablanca. The mosque stands tall on Kampala Hill, which is one of the 7 major hills of the capital. This strategic location in the heart of the Kampala City allows it to be accessed from all directions, hence making it one of the top attractions in Kampala City. During the visit fellows learnt, that the Islamic faith means peace and all the 5 pillars of the Islam religion aim at building peace among the believers.



Uganda Martyrs' Shrine

The fellows visited the Uganda Martyrs' Shrine in Namugogo, Kampala, a site where 22 Uganda Martyrs were killed under the orders of the Kabaka (King) Mwanga of Buganda between 1885 and 1887, for choosing to defend their Christian faith. During the visit, the fellows learnt the sacrifices of the Martyrs and how this action instilled the need to build peace through inter-faith dialogue and co-existence. They were also able to conduct a tour of the Namugongo Martyrs' Shrine.



Bahai temple

Fellows visited Bahai temple the only temple in African country. The temple is built on Kikaaya Hill, which is one of the most prominent hills in Kampala, hence offering amazing views of the city. During the visit fellows learnt that the Bahai faith inspires individuals and communities, as they work to improve their own lives and contribute to the advancement of civilization, which teachings all aim at peacebuilding.



Excursion one

During the field visit to western Uganda, the fellows visited Amabere Ga Nyina Mwiru heritage site, a strong, cultural heritage site in Tooro (Batooro dominated ethnic group) western Uganda. The days that followed involved entry meetings with the Resident District Commissioner of Kasese District, Lt. Joel Walusimbi, at the Kasese Municipal Headquarters. He welcomed fellows and briefed the fellows on the security in Kasese District and narrated the ordeal that led to abduction, killings and destruction of property at Rubiriha, a Secondary School in Mpondwe, Kasese District, located in Western Uganda that was attacked by Allied Defence Forces, a rebel group based in DRC.



A Peace and Community meeting was held with 3 Ex-ADF-Returnees. The fellows engaged the returnees and learnt that the government of Uganda had given them amnesty. They were also pardoned by the President of Uganda who they called very kind.



Muhokya Resettlement Village and Community (Camp): Fellows learnt that the IDPs in this settlement were a result of the floods in Kasese that had resulted from the bursting of Rivers Nyamwamba, the settlement consist of 179 households.



In the picture, cohort 6 peace fellows pose for a picture at Kilembe Mines at Bulembia Division

Headquarters. Through the interaction with the Chairperson, it was revealed that the region had suffered land and flooding that led to internal displacement.

Visit to Bwera sub-county: The fellows interacted with Bwera United Women with Disabilities, a women-led organization that provides psychosocial support to families of the victims of the rebel attack that happened on 16 June 2023 at Lhubiriha Senior Secondary School which claimed the lives of 40 students



The fellows also visited Kyaka II Refugee settlement, where they interacted with the Office of the Prime Minister's Settlement Commandant Mr. Alex Muhwezi. He provided basic statistics of the settlement and the key features of the settlement. He also briefed the fellows on the challenges the settlement faced as well as the numerous interventions of the operating partners, implementing partners and the government of Uganda.



Visit to Kyaka II refugee settlement with YARID. Fellows interacted with the refugees and learnt from them the multiple initiatives they had started that helped them survive even though it was so hard. In Kyamagabo, YARID had provided education support to refugee children who had homes or were unaccompanied minors. The programs of Bridging to Formal School (BFS), Teaching at the Right Level (TAL) and Early Child Hood Learning. (ECL). A total of 2,652 pupils were benefiting from the support from YARID and Transect walk through Bukerere zone was the highlight of the excursion of the day.



International Study Visits: **THEME: Ethnicity and Indigenous methods of conflict resolution** Introduction:

Cohort 6 peace fellows conducted one international study trip to Kigali, Rwanda. The purpose of the study trip was to introduce fellows lived examples of a post-conflict setting. During their study visit, the fellows learnt the indigenous peace building approaches that the communities in Rwanda used to avert the ethnicity conflicts and the overall genocide.

Lecture at the Hotel: Genocide in Rwanda: What happened? Lessons learnt and Post-Genocide Peacebuilding and Reconstruction

The session was facilitated by Ms. Betty Mutesi, the Regional Director for International Alert's work across the Africa Region. The first session covered the Genocide in Rwanda: What happened? Lessons learned: during the session, fellows learned about the background of the Rwanda Genocide from the pre-colonial era to 1994, the causes and specificities of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, and in the second session, they learned about post-genocide peacebuilding and reconstruction, where they covered the approaches and strategies put in place for reconciliation and social cohesion in Rwanda after the Genocide.



1. After the afternoon session, fellows had a tour of Kigali City; later, they returned to the hotel and watched the movie ***Ghosts of Rwanda***. The aim of the movie was to prepare the fellows psychologically, offer them groundbreaking, firsthand accounts of the genocide from those who lived it, and hear the diplomats on the scene who thought they were building peace, only to see their colleagues murdered. After the movie, fellows had a debrief with the director of the Rotary Peace Centre.

Excursion debrief I:

In the debrief, key reflections on the movie were as follows: Fellows identified a shift from the Rwanda genocide to the Tutsi genocide. They identified a need for Rwandans to tell their own stories about the genocide and a need for Africans to solve their own problems without international intervention.

Fellows questioned the presence of international organization and African regional organization in stopping the genocide and in building peace in Rwanda. They also talked about the existence of conflict entrepreneurship during the genocide (there are some people who gain from conflict). They argued that Rwanda needs to document the testimonies of the perpetrators and for Rwandans to tell their positive stories (re-collect themselves on what happened and concentrate on how the survivors of the genocide can use the memories to tell their stories. Fellows also argued that the movie showed how the local structure of governance in Rwanda during the genocide failed to perform its role.



The study sites visited include;

1. Nyamata and Ntarama Genocide Memorial Sites; The fellows visited Nyamata and Ntarama genocide memorial sites, catholic churches where over 45,000 people were killed by the militia and genocide forces during the 1994 genocide in Kigali,





Community Engagement: the peace Village: perpetrators and victims' co-existence

Fellows visited Mayange village in Bugesera district, Eastern Province (where victims /survivors and Perpetrators of the genocide against Tutsi live together in peaceful co-existence). The fellows interacted with the community in Bugesera during the focused group discussions, the community respondents discussed how the Rwanda's forgiveness and reconciliation processes like the Gacaca Courts has helped them co-exist with each other.



Fellows had an opportunity to tour the Campaign Against **Genocide Museum**, one of the eight museums managed by the Rwanda Cultural Heritage Academy. It is housed in the Parliamentary Building of Rwanda (the former Conseil National de Development) and was inaugurated in 2001.



The museum is made of 11 rooms, and the way it was planned was to execute the strategies the Rwanda Patriotic Army used regardless of the withdrawal of United Nations troops from Rwanda during the genocide. The museum also highlights how the 600 RPA soldiers rescued victims with support from different stakeholders and community members. One of its popular monuments is a machine gun that was used by RPA armies residing in the parliament building to mitigate genocidal forces.



Watched a movie called **the 100 Men**. The movie was about the 600 soldiers (the Rwandan Patriotic Army) who stopped the Rwanda genocide. The PRA army was composed of people who were in exile in countries like Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, and Western countries who fought for the equal rights of citizens of Rwanda.



Peace Circle debrief II:

The day was concluded with a peace circle, where fellows were reflecting on what happened in the movie. They discussed the principles passed by President Kagame after the genocide that made Rwanda develop, the stages Rwanda has taken to develop more than other African countries despite the genocide effect. They also learnt that any country where a rule of law applies development is possible and taking a decision requires strong people with strong principles and they concluded that no one else would come to rescue Rwanda during the genocide than themselves.

Cohort 4 Capstone Conference

In October 2023, 20 Cohort 4 and 2 Cohort 3 Rotary Peace Fellows successfully presented their community peace projects implemented in their respective communities for a period of nine months. The fellows presented reports that demonstrated how the different interventions impacted the community. The projects presented addressed issues on food security and climate change, sexual reproductive health and gender-based violence, youth empowerment and skills development, community dialogue, and the role of community leaders in conflict management.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Kampala City tour

The fellows had a tour around Kampala City to learn its history. They toured major 5 hills out of 7 that make up Kampala. The sites toured included Nakasero hill, Kololo hill, Mengo hill, Namirembe hill and Makerere University hill. The aim was to show them a suitable picture about Kampala City.



Fellowship Leadership

During the ten weeks of onsite study, the Center led the fellows through a self-motivated leadership platform where peace fellows selected different leadership roles while on the program. Through their respective roles, the peace fellows actively participated in programming activities that involved field

work, class activities, entertainment, and leisure. The leadership program greatly promoted creativity, social cohesion, and inclusiveness.

Center welcomes IEP Founder, Steve Killelea AM

In October 2023, the Center received delegates from the Institute of Economics and Peace, Steve Killelea AM, the founder and chairman, and Peder Pederson, the CEO of the Charitable Foundation. During the visit, they interacted with university leadership, cohort 6 peace fellows, and the Rotary Peace Center to explore best practices and partnerships that contribute to peace education and development.



In the picture: Steve Lillelea, Founder IEP, Prof. Henry Alinaitwe, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Makerere University pose for a photo with the Director of the Rotary Peace Cnter, Prof. Helen Namabaliwa Nkabala. Dr. Margaret Okello and Rtn. Connie Magomu, during the visit.

Third Edition of the Africa Peace Concert

In November 2023, the Peace Center and Makerere University participated in the third edition of the Africa Peace Concert in Kampala, Uganda. The Africa Peace Concert is a fundraising event organized annually to raise funds to support the Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University.



Visit from Rotary Trustee Marty Helman

The Center received Rotary Trustee Marty Helman for a courtesy visit to Makerere. During the visit, she interacted with Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, on the available opportunities for partnering together on more projects. She interacted with the Cohort 6 Peace Fellows. She was accompanied by Rotarians, namely PDG Bob Nsibirwa, PDG Emmanuel Katongole, PDG Mike Kenedy Sebalu, and Rtn. Margaret Okello.



Fellow-led activities: Commemorating 16-days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

On November 25, the Rotary Peace Center, together with Cohort 6 Peace Fellows, launched the campaign to raise awareness against gender-based violence.



During the event, Rotary Peace Fellows and Makerere University students marched with the university halls of residences to sensitize the students' community and also read solidarity messages that educated the community on the dangers of gender-based violence.



On December 1, Fellows organized a trip to Jinja. The few activities they did, included the boat ride, which started on Lake Victoria through the Source of the Nile. Fellows enjoyed the sites of the river at this unique location, enjoyed the birds such as the African Eagle, kingfisher and other



Cohort 6 Farewell Lunch: Cohort 6 Peace Fellows held a bonfire that marked farewell to their onsite study. The fellows shared their experiences and how to build positive collaborations that contribute to peace



They also interacted with their mentors and lecturers.



ALUM ENGAGEMENT: Magenta Girls Initiative receives \$159,000 Global grant to provide GBV Crisis response and vocational skilling for women

Our Cohort 3 Alums, Jeniffer Montgomery and Gorett Komurembe, the founders of Magenta Girls Initiative, together won a global grant from the Rotary Foundation worth \$159,000 (one hundred fifty-nine thousand dollars) to support the project on providing a gender-based violent response, community sensitization, and vocational skilling for 70 women from Kisenyi slum in Kampala, Uganda. The grant will provide a one-year education program for women and also provide urban farming skills.



Prof. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabila (Center) speaking during the launch of the GBV crisis response and vocational skilling for women in Mengo

Support from Rotary Host Counselors

The Peace Center has continuously enjoyed the support from the local Rotary Host counselors. Each fellow was teamed with a Rotary Host to support in building the fellows' understanding of how Rotary works to serve the community.



ICC Africa Peace Forum, Cairo-Egypt

From November 17–19, 2023, the Director of the Center, Assoc. Prof. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala, participated in the ICC Africa Peace Forum in Egypt. During the summit, she presented about the Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University and its contribution to peace on the African continent and beyond. The summit was also attended by a cohort 5 Rotary Peace Fellow, Nahla Elshall, from Egypt, who presented about her social change initiative that uses books to promote literacy and peace among refugee children.

**Center welcomes new board members**

The Peace Center welcomed three new board members who will guide its strategic move towards excellence. The members include Prof. Mukadasi Buyinza, the Makerere University Academic Registrar, Prof. Eric Awich, and PDG Owek. Bob Waggwa Nsibirwa.

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