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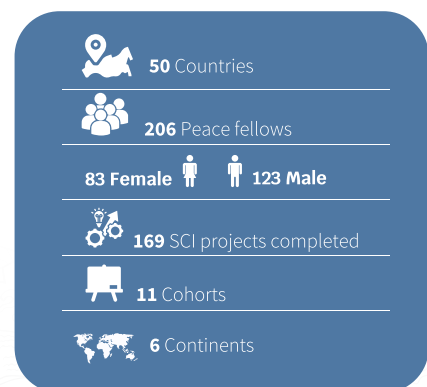
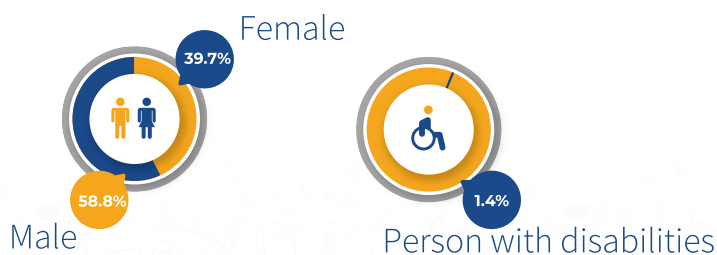
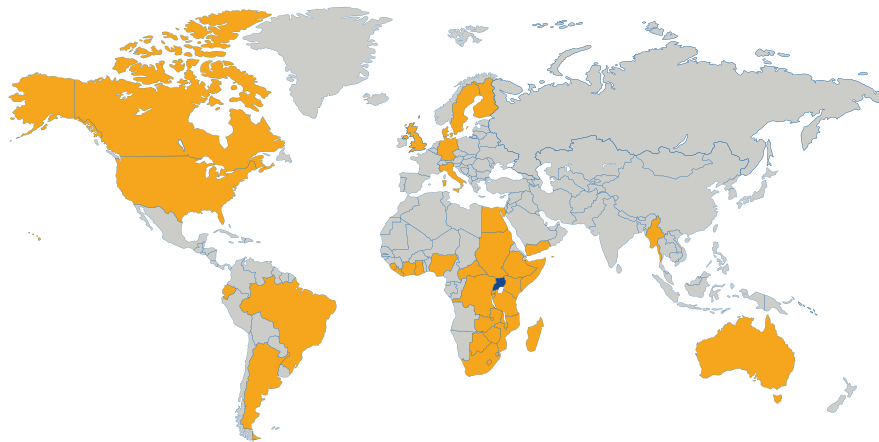


The Makerere Rotary Peace Center is the first Rotary Peace Center on the African Continent. It is the seventh Rotary Peace Center in the world that offers Postgraduate Diploma in Peace-building, Conflict Transformation, and Development hosted by the Makerere University Peace and Conflict Studies Program (PCS).

Up to 40 fellowships are awarded annually for the Professional Development Certificate program at the Makerere Rotary Peace Center, Kampala, Uganda.

The Makerere Rotary Peace Center is hosted by Makerere University, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Africa. Makerere University is composed of nine colleges offering programs for about 35,000 undergraduates and 3,000 postgraduates.

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses



			 				 
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

Professions

 ICT	 Theology
 Journalists	 Economist
 Community/Social Development work	 Security
 Lawyer	 Medicine
 Human Rights	 Public health
 Social Scientists	 Engineering
 Education	 Information Scientist
 Gender advocate	 Computer Scientist
 Music Artist	 Scientist
 Researcher	 Management
 Lecturer	 Pilot

Themes and area of focus for the social change initiatives

- 1 Youth Conflict Prevention in the electoral process.
- 2 Kick out cultism from our schools.
- 3 Youth and Women Empowerment
- 4 Education and Literacy
- 5 Peace Journalism
- 6 Domestic Violence
- 7 Refugee Empowerment
- 8 Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities
- 9 Religion and Peacebuilding
- 10 Governance and Human Rights
- 11 Natural Resources, Conservation and Climate Change
- 12 Maternal Health
- 13 Agriculture and Food Security
- 14 Economic empowerment
- 15 WASH and peace-building
- 16 Combating Violent Extremism and peaceful reintegration
- 17 Community Policing
- 18 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

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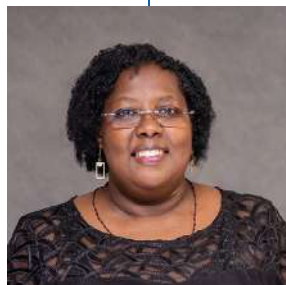
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Mafumbo**

Fellows



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Cohort I

Fellows

The Center welcomed its first inaugural Cohort of 15 fellows from 11 different countries with a broad range of backgrounds, experience and academic interests. These interests are reflected in the social initiatives that they implemented in 2022

**Somalia**

Amina Abdi Warsame

Amina Abdi Warsame is a dedicated advocate with over 10 years of experience in the humanitarian sector. Her work has been centered around supporting refugee rights, campaigning against gender-based violence in refugee camps, and promoting the participation of women and girls in leadership roles. Amina is passionate about advocating for the inclusion of women in leadership, particularly at the grassroots level.

SCI: Empowerment Of Women and Youth through Capacity Building Trainings Towards Self-Reliance and Leadership - Somalia.

**Zimbabwe**

Thomas Sithole

Thomas Sithole is a Zimbabwean civic leader and peacebuilder. He is a visionary leader adept at facilitating positive social change in marginalized communities. Thomas is a fearless campaigner for freedom of expression and an advocate for an open, accessible, and healthy internet. His expertise spans youth development, empowerment, and civic engagement, and he coordinates a youth exchange program to foster youth participation in civic transformation.

SCI: Tackling Information Disorder In Zimbabwe-Reimagining Media And Democracy In The Post Truth Era - Zimbabwe

**Nigeria**

Sunny Dada

Sunny Dada is a multifaceted professional with a strong background in peacebuilding, journalism, and university administration. With extensive experience as a Program Manager at the Institute for Media and Society, a leading media development and democratic governance NGO in Nigeria, and as a Project Coordinator at Search for Common Ground, an international peacebuilding organization, Sunny has led numerous media, democratic governance, and community peacebuilding projects in various regions.

SCI: Kick Out Cultism From Learning Institutions - Nigeria

**Uganda**

Ronald Kasule

Ronald Kasule is an experienced inclusive development practitioner with over 13 years of expertise in self-advocacy, community education, and development consulting. His work focuses on disability rights, education, and inclusive programming. During his fellowship, Ronald honed his skills and developed tools to engage partners on the essential need to consider the interests of persons with disabilities, particularly in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies.

SCI: Facilitating Online Access to Professional Support Services for Persons with Disabilities in Peace and Development Programming - Uganda

**Botswana**

Pinkie Pinkish Mothibedi

Pinkie Pinkish Mothibedi is a fully qualified community development expert with extensive hands-on experience in policy implementation, monitoring, and mainstreaming disability issues. She is dedicated to integrating disability considerations into all district development planning and implementation, working towards the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

SCI: Disability Inclusive Development - Botswana

**South Sudan**

Peter Pal

Peter Pal is a dedicated community educator working for the Victorian Electoral Commission in South Eastern Australia. Trained in peacebuilding and diplomacy, Peter leverages his skills to foster education, dialogue, and peace within diverse communities. His cross-cultural background and commitment to community development make him a significant contributor to peace initiatives both in Australia and South Sudan.

SCI: A Community Radio Project For Education, Dialogue, and Peacebuilding - Australia and in South Sudan

Cohort 1



**Democratic Republic
of Congo (DRC)**

Paul Mushaho

Paul Mushaho is an entrepreneur specializing in information, communication, and technology. He is renowned as the founder of the Rotaract Club of Nakivale Refugee Camp, where he spearheads various impactful projects. Paul is dedicated to empowering youth in refugee settlements, focusing on skills development, conflict prevention, and fostering community resilience.

SCI: Youth Conflict Prevention And Development In Nakivale Refugee Settlement - Uganda



Zimbabwe

Patience Rusare

Patience Rusare is a highly experienced communication expert with a strong background in peacebuilding, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), research, and advocacy. As an award-winning journalist, she has garnered over 12 years of experience advocating for sustainable peace and development across Africa, Asia Pacific, and the Middle East. Patience is renowned for her commitment to promoting Peace Journalism and empowering young journalists to report from a peace-inclined perspective

SCI: Peace Journalism Initiative - Zimbabwe



Nigeria

Olusina Ajao

Olusina Ajao is a seasoned peacebuilding and conflict management professional currently serving as the Assistant Head of the Gender Unit with the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC). The NSCDC is a paramilitary organization that provides security and humanitarian services across Nigeria. Olusina's extensive experience in gender and peacebuilding makes him a key figure in promoting peace and security in his community.

SCI: Youth for Peace - Nigeria

**Liberia**

Nobantu Taylor Ncube

Nobantu Taylor Ncube is a seasoned journalist, media developer, and passionate gender advocate with over 15 years of experience in media and communications. She champions equal justice and diversity across all levels of society, recognized for her contributions to gender equality in community radio stations in Liberia. Nobantu's career is marked by a commitment to using media as a tool for peacebuilding and social cohesion.

SCI: Empowering Women As Key Partners In Building Peaceful And Resilient Communities In Cross Border Areas In The Mano River Union - Liberia

**Zambia**

Jew Kabuwa Monde

Jew Kabuwa Monde is an experienced human rights officer with over 15 years of experience in the security sector. Currently, he works with the Criminal Investigative Department in the Zambian Police Force. Jew's dedication to promoting peace and security through youth engagement and mindset change makes him a pivotal figure in his community.

SCI: Youths, Conflict Prevention In The Electoral Process - Zambia.

**Burundi**

Fikiri Nzoyisenga

Fikiri Nzoyisenga is a dedicated community organizer, human rights activist, and advocate for gender justice with over ten years of experience. He is known for his leadership as the Executive Director of SEMERERA, a youth-led coalition in Burundi focused on eliminating gender-based violence and discrimination. Fikiri's work centers on promoting social cohesion, empowering women and youth in grassroots socio-economic activities, and enhancing livelihood resilience in vulnerable communities.

SCI: Social Economic Intervention For Vulnerable Grass Roots Women - Burundi



Uganda

Catherine Baine-Omugisha

Catherine Baine-Omugisha is a multifaceted professional with extensive experience in law, business administration, and alternative dispute resolution. As the founder and Managing Advocate of Baine-Omugisha Legal Consultants and Advocates, she leads a firm dedicated to conflict mitigation and ADR. In addition to her primary role, Catherine collaborates with various organizations to execute consultancy assignments. Her diverse background and commitment to justice and conflict resolution make her a key figure in promoting peace and legal advocacy in her community.

SCI: Local Council 1 Officers Championing The Prevention, Mitigation And Resolution Of Domestic Violence Cases In Ucb Zone, Bukoto 1 Parish, Nakawa Division, Kampala District - Uganda.



Zimbabwe

Eleanor Rose Curl

Eleanor Rose Curl is a dedicated psychologist with extensive experience in community support, education, livelihood development, and trauma therapy in Uganda. Her work is characterized by a deep commitment to enhancing community welfare through holistic support, including educational and psychological services. Eleanor's passion lies in building sustainable solutions to empower vulnerable communities, particularly through education and mental health support.

SCI: Facilitating Access To Inner-City And Rural Education - Kyebando, Kisalosalalo And Degaya, Kalagala, Uganda



Uganda

Stephen Sempande

Stephen Sempande is the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors at SHED, a registered charity organization dedicated to uplifting the livelihoods of vulnerable children and youth by addressing various factors that hinder their development. His leadership and dedication to social causes have significantly impacted community-based peacebuilding and gender-based violence prevention in Uganda.

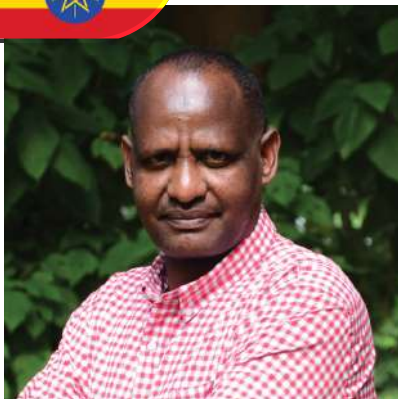
SCI: Training and commission of peace monitors in GBV prevention, response and community based mediation - Kalangala District.

Cohort II

Fellows

The Center offered a hands-on program that entailed course works addressing topics on; human rights, governance and the role of media in conflict. Other studies also focused on refugees and migration, as well as resource and identity-based conflicts.

The programmes' curriculum included the many global challenges in Peace, Security and Development studies. The courses studied incorporate Rotary's major focus areas

**Ethiopia**

Teshome Mengesha Marra

Teshome Mengesha Marra is a seasoned security professional with over 20 years of experience spanning multilateral institutions, educational organizations, public offices, private companies, and NGOs. His expertise lies in peacebuilding, conflict prevention, security sector governance, education, leadership, training, research, and consultancy. Teshome holds MA degrees in Peace and Security in Africa from Leipzig University, Germany, and in Human Resources/Organizational Development from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. He is passionate about empowering local communities to foster sustainable peace and development.

SCI: Re-Educating Peace: Building Peaceful Communities Through Peace Education - Southwest Ethiopia

**Denmark**

Teresa Labriola

Teresa Labriola is a private philanthropist and strategic development consultant with expertise in impact donations, early-stage project management, and corporate social responsibility (CSR) frameworks. She is also skilled in facilitating collaborations among entrepreneurs, students, the private sector, municipalities, and NGOs to bring innovative ideas to fruition.

SCI: Female empowerment through coffee production - Kenya

**Somalia**

Sharmarke Yusuf Farah

Sharmarke Yusuf Farah is a seasoned development practitioner with 15 years of experience dedicated to supporting Somalia's peacebuilding and development efforts. His work focuses extensively on engaging adolescents, youths, and community sectors to promote a culture of peace and stability in Somalia. Sharmarke has a strong background in leading initiatives that address youth empowerment, conflict prevention, and social rehabilitation.

SCI: Empowering Young People as a Positive Force for Transformational Change and Peace Stability - Somalia

**Finland**

Suvi Aarnio

Suvi Aarnio is a dedicated philanthropist with over 16 years of experience advocating and organizing fundraising events. She is the founder of Kapua, an organization renowned for raising funds through mountain climbing expeditions to support people in developing countries. Under her leadership, Kapua has successfully raised over one million euros and climbed 13 mountains, contributing significantly to alleviating poverty and promoting social justice globally. Suvi also established the fair and ethical Kapua Shop, which supports employment in developing countries while continuing to fund Kapua's humanitarian efforts.

SCI: Baby Box Uganda -Improving Maternal And Child Health - Kyanja, Kampala, Uganda

**United States**

Seth Kinzie

Pinkie Pinkish Mothibedi is a fully qualified community development expert with extensive hands-on experience in policy implementation, monitoring, and mainstreaming disability issues. She is dedicated to integrating disability considerations into all district development planning and implementation, working towards the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

SCI: African Peacemaking Database: A Local Paradigm to Positive Peace- Ethiopia, Somalia, Malawi

**Nigeria**

Phillipa Odiaka

Phillipa Odiaka is a licensed medical doctor in Nigeria with extensive experience in public health practice, particularly focusing on national HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis programs in resource-constrained settings. She has been recognized for her advocacy on gender equality issues in Africa

SCI: The Use Of Craft Trade To Economically Empower Women In The Niger Delta- Nigeria



Uganda

Oward Tumusiime

Oward Tumusiime is a seasoned development practitioner with over 8 years of hands-on experience in Uganda's socio-economic development sector. His expertise spans across stakeholder engagement, capacity building, livelihood recovery programs, and environmental and social impact assessments (ESIAs), particularly in communities affected by oil and gas projects.

SCI: Financial Management and Resilience for Oil and Gas Project Affected Households (FiMaRe)- Uganda



Uganda

Noah Sempijja

Noah Sempijja has over a decade of experience in the non-profit development sector in Uganda. He has held management positions at organizations such as Grameen Foundation, MTN Uganda, Edukans, and Opportunity International. Currently, he leads YICE Uganda, a social organization focused on delivering regenerative farming support to refugees and host communities in Uganda.

SCI: Regenerative farming for Refugee Communities (Re-Farm) – Uganda



Kenya

Maximilla Wandera

Maximilla Wandera is a dedicated Food Nutritionist with a decade of experience in various roles related to food security and nutrition advisory. She is known for her strategic acumen and commitment to community service, particularly in promoting food security and enhancing human nutrition through innovative initiatives.

SCI: Promoting Peace through Livelihood Development- Kenya

**United States**

Jennifer Montgomery

Jennifer Montgomery is a distinguished subject matter expert with over two decades of experience in public policy, communications, and community peacebuilding. She serves as Chair of the Kansas Human Trafficking Advisory Board and works in the Office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt. Jennifer is renowned for her advocacy in creating trauma-informed and inclusive approaches to conflict resolution, particularly in addressing human trafficking, gender-based violence, and complex trauma issues.

SCI: **Restoring Hope. Rebuilding Futures - Uganda**

**Nigeria**

Grace Anuforo

Grace Anuforo is a dedicated advocate for gender equality, a school administrator, and a public health professional. With over 6 years of experience in the education sector, she focuses on reducing child marriage among girls in northern communities of Nigeria by promoting access to education. Grace is passionate about achieving SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and established a nonprofit youth-led initiative in 2015 aimed at advocating for free education schemes for girls and promoting literacy development in underserved communities.

SCI: **Literacy Project For Girls In Underserved Communities: Its Effect In Building Positive Peace - Nigeria**

**Uganda**

Gorett Komurembe

Gorett Komurembe is a dedicated Gender and Peacebuilding Practitioner with 11 years of experience advocating for women's rights and promoting peace in Uganda. She has collaborated extensively with Civil Society Organizations and government bodies to advance the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda. Gorett is a committed feminist who actively works to challenge and transform societal norms that perpetuate unequal power relations

SCI: **Increasing the meaningful participation of Youth in decision making for positive Peace - Uganda**

**Sierra Leone**

Edmond Kposowa

Edmond Kposowa is a passionate community-based Peace and Development Practitioner with a strong commitment to poverty reduction and the creation of peaceful, inclusive communities for sustainable development in northern Sierra Leone. With over 15 years of experience, he specializes in the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of grassroots peacebuilding and development projects.

SCI: **Food and Peace under COVID 19 – Sierra Leone**

**Uganda**

Dinah Akallo

Dinah Akallo is a dedicated gender and peacebuilding practitioner with 10 years of experience in supporting peacebuilding efforts and gender empowerment within families. She is a staunch feminist and women's rights activist, currently serving as the Programme Officer in charge of Gender at the Uganda Joint Christian Council. Dinah's career is driven by a passion for promoting gender equality and empowering communities through local peacebuilding approaches.

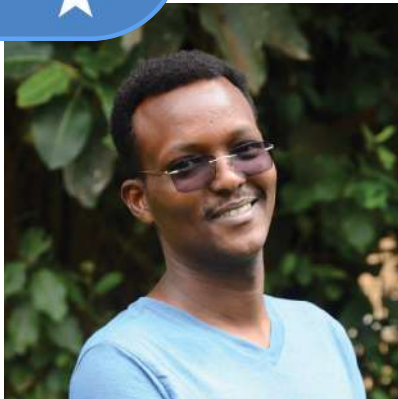
SCI: **Scaling up gender based violence prevention through male engagement- Uganda**

**Zambia**

Bayvel Moono

Bayvel Moono is a dedicated healthcare professional with over 15 years of experience in public health, specializing in HIV/AIDS prevention, family healthcare, and health communication in Zambia. His career has been marked by a commitment to sensitizing communities on public health issues and promoting family well-being through education and awareness.

SCI: **Parenting Project Building Peace and Improving of Parenting Skills for Sustainable Families - Zambia**

**Somalia**

Abdikadir Ibrahim Ahmed

Abdikadir Ibrahim Ahmed is a seasoned professional specializing in project localization, implementation, and adherence to budget and quality standards. Currently serving as a National Expert for Education and Employment Promotion with GIZ in Somalia, Abdikadir is committed to empowering marginalized groups, particularly youth and women, ensuring their inclusion in political and decision-making processes.

SCI: Peace Building through empowering Marginalized groups -Somalia

**Somalia**

Abdifatah Sayid Abdi

Abdifatah Sayid Abdi is a dedicated security professional with over 10 years of experience specializing in Security and Counter Terrorism in Somalia. He is driven by a deep-seated passion for promoting global peace and security to enhance living conditions worldwide.

SCI: Strengthening Ex-combatant Reintegration - Somalia

Cohort III

Fellows

For Cohort 3, we received 19 peace fellows from 16 countries. This years' Cohort was a hybrid with fellows originating from Africa, Asia and America, and with professional background in media, education, security, public health and humanitarian experience.

**Zambia**

Mundia Munikayumbwa

Mundia Munikayumbwa is the Programme Director for a community radio station that serves rural communities in the Western Province of Zambia. With a strong focus on community engagement and media, Mundia works to amplify voices and address key social issues through radio programming.

SCI: Increasing Women's Participation In Governance: Dealing With Factors That Inhibit The Participation Of Women In Politics - Zambia.

**Somaliland**

Mohamed Abdi

Mohamed Abdi is a Programmes Manager in Somalia, responsible for planning and coordinating institutional activities across the country. His work focuses on fostering community engagement and enhancing democratic processes through education and empowerment.

**Liberia**

Luther N. Mafalleh

Luther N. Mafalleh is a seasoned filmmaker and media educator who has been actively involved in the film industry since 2017. With expertise in writing, directing, and producing films, he also serves as a Programme Manager, focusing on youth and women empowerment projects in Liberia. Luther combines his passion for filmmaking with a commitment to social change, using his skills to educate and empower communities.

SCI: Action for Positive Peace - Liberia

**Nigeria**

Rikweka'a Musa

Rikweka'a Musa is a dedicated water engineer with extensive experience serving as the district manager and gender focal person at Taraba State Water and Sewerage Corporation (TAWASCO) in Jalingo-North District, Taraba State, Nigeria. She specializes in overseeing technical and commercial operations while advocating for gender equality in water management and sanitation.

SCI: **Action for Positive Peace - Liberia**

**Sudan**

Rehab Katik

Rehab Katik is a dedicated advocate and peacebuilding officer with a strong legal background in commercial law, particularly in companies and business names law. She brings extensive experience in managing projects related to peacebuilding in Khartoum, Sudan, leveraging her legal expertise to contribute effectively to her field.

SCI: **A Social Change Initiative with special attention to Nuba Mountains - Sudan**

**United States**

Rebecca Nansubuga Mukiibi

Rebecca Nansubuga Mukiibi is a dedicated development practitioner with a multifaceted background in project coordination, gender advocacy, and legal paralegal work in commercial real estate. She brings a wealth of experience in international relations, public speaking, research, and business administration to her roles.

SCI: **The Plight of South Sudanese Refugees in Uganda Confronting Gender Based Violence in Bidi Bidi - Uganda**

**Myanmar**

Aung Than Oo

Aung Than Oo is a dedicated Public Health Expert with a strong passion for community-based malaria prevention and control activities. He is committed to providing medical and psychological support to poor and vulnerable populations. Aung is also deeply interested in public management and the peacebuilding process, aspiring to contribute as a political researcher in the future.

**Sierra Leone**

Augustine Jerrimy Koroma

Augustine Jerrimy Koroma is a seasoned Central Intelligence and Security Expert dedicated to enhancing security and development in Sierra Leone. With a focus on political violence prevention and peacebuilding, Augustine has implemented initiatives aimed at empowering vulnerable youths and promoting civic education during critical electoral periods.

SCI: A Social Change Initiative on Political Violence and Positive Peace Ahead of Sierra Leone's General Elections - Sierra Leone

**Kenya**

Arinolah Elizabeth-Nite

Arinolah Elizabeth-Nite is a passionate Organization Capacity Building Consultant and Development Advisor dedicated to inspiring women, youth, and children to lead purpose-driven lives. She works tirelessly to enhance the capacity of organizations and charitable foundations to make a positive impact in communities.

SCI: Tackling Domestic Violence - Kenya

Cohort III

**Nigeria**

Mary Ann Okon

Mary Ann Okon is an accomplished journalist with over 18 years of experience in TV and radio. She is currently the Head of Politics Desk and a news anchor and producer. Mary Ann is known for her award-winning shows that cover a wide range of topics, including politics, war, famine, religion, insurgency, ethnic crises, culture, environmental degradation, and gender-based violence. She is also a dedicated women's rights advocate.

SCI: Conflict Sensitive Reporting For Violence Free Elections - Nigeria

**Mozambique**

Jousue Tambara

Jousue Tambara is a dedicated stakeholder engagement specialist with a focus on addressing youth and women's income generation challenges. With extensive experience in project management and community resilience, Jousue has significantly contributed to various initiatives aimed at enhancing local governance and community well-being in Mozambique. He has been recognized as a 2015 International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) participant and a 2009 Cochran Fellow.

SCI: Education Through Sport (Edu-Sport). Pemba City, Cabo Delgado - Mozambique

**Uganda**

John Rubaramira

John Rubaramira is a seasoned development and humanitarian consultant with over 15 years of experience in the humanitarian field. He has worked extensively as a peace builder in South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, and Somalia, focusing on fostering peace and development in conflict-affected regions.

SCI: Rights Advocacy - Uganda

**Ethiopia**

Gizealew Alazie Dagnaw

Gizealew Alazie Dagnaw is a lecturer with a focus on teaching, research, community service, and technology transfer to support sustainable development in Ethiopia. He is dedicated to harnessing the power of education and technology to foster positive social change.

SCI: Improving Social Media usage among Amhara Region Youths for Sustainable Peace - Ethiopia

**Kenya**

Eldad Wachira

Eldad Wachira is a dedicated development professional with extensive experience in strategic leadership and program management. Currently based in Somalia, Eldad provides overall strategic and technical leadership in designing, developing, planning, budgeting, and implementing program strategies. He is passionate about addressing climate change and promoting adaptations, particularly focusing on empowering women and youth.

SCI: Climate Resilience And Empowering Livelihoods For Women And Youth - Somalia

**Zimbabwe**

Cleto Makado

Cleto Makado is a dedicated theologian with expertise in preaching, teaching, counseling, vulnerability assessment, and project planning and implementation in Zimbabwe. He is committed to integrating biopsychosocial and spiritual approaches in his work, particularly in mental health awareness and promotion initiatives.

Cohort III

**Ghana**

Clara Valentine Tigenoah

Clara Valentine Tigenoah is a seasoned professional with a diverse background in non-profit management, health and education sector policy advocacy, community mobilization, and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) management. She is dedicated to promoting social protection, gender equality, disability rights, and social inclusion through her work.

SCI: Access To Social Protection Services By Persons With Disability In Greater Accra Region - Ghana

**Cameroon**

Christopher Fon Achobang

Christopher Fon Achobang is a dedicated writer and Programme Coordinator with a focus on human rights issues. He has taken on freelance roles where he contributes actively to raising awareness and advocating for justice.

SCI: Genocide Alert Magazine and Petitions for Independence of Ambazonia - Cameroon

**South Sudan**

Biong Deng

Biong Deng is an Executive Officer based in Melbourne, Australia, with over a decade of experience in the financial development sector. He is passionate about promoting social equity and addressing racial inequities faced by the African Australian community through his initiatives

SCI: The Belong - Antiracism Project- Australia



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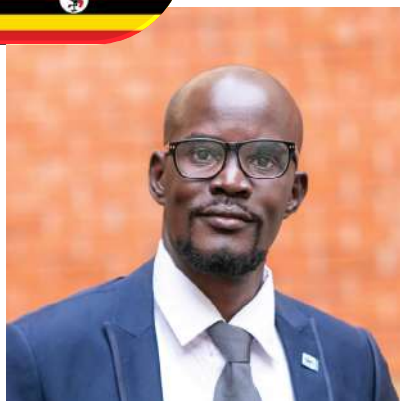


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Cohort IV

Fellows

In October 2022, the Peace Center received 19 peace fellows from 12 countries, including, Argentina, Burundi, Cameroon, Columbia, Cote d'Ivoire, Finland, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia, with professional background in agriculture, media, security, and humanitarian experience. The fellows successfully completed the online and onsite study program in December 2022.

**Uganda**

Peter Cromwell Okello

Peter Cromwell Okello is a dedicated teacher and peacebuilder from Uganda. Inspired by personal experiences in a community affected by cattle rustling and civil war, Peter chose to pursue a career in peacebuilding alongside his role as an educator. His passion lies in addressing the root causes of conflict and promoting sustainable peace through education and community engagement.

SCI: Get to The Youths First: Harnessing the Potentials of Students to Mitigate Cattle Rustling - Karamoja, Uganda

**Nigeria**

Usen Asanga

Usen Asanga is a seasoned social development specialist with a wealth of experience in peacebuilding, adolescent health, gender equality, and human rights. With over 14 years of experience, he has successfully coordinated and supported numerous donor-funded programs, particularly focusing on peacebuilding and conflict transformation initiatives in the Niger Delta region and North East of Nigeria. Usen is deeply passionate about empowering young people, promoting their human rights, and fostering social inclusion. He co-founded the Ala 40 Club, a group of professionals dedicated to volunteering their skills and resources to enhance health, education, and sustainable livelihoods for young people in disadvantaged communities.

SCI: Strengthening Young Influencers' Participation in Countering Fake News & Hate Speech - Nigeria

**Kenya**

Tom Okoth Omondi

Tom Okoth Omondi is a dedicated community development practitioner with over seven years of experience in managing rural development programs, coordinating and implementing projects, and providing mediation services in cross-border ethnic-based conflicts in Kenya. His work is driven by a commitment to fostering peace and development through community engagement and education.

SCI: Fostering Positive Peace Through Education Among Street Children - Kenya

**Cote D'Ivoire**

Souleymane Soumahoro

Souleymane Soumahoro is a dedicated development and peace officer with over 7 years of experience in community development, primarily focused on supporting populations affected by armed crises. His work has included coordinating food assistance efforts and planning civil society protection measures in Mali, as well as developing educational programs for children. Souleymane is committed to leveraging his expertise to strengthen the capacity of youth in Cote D'Ivoire against radicalism and violent extremism, aiming to promote peace and stability in the region.

SCI: Strengthening the Youth Capacity against Radicalism and Violent Extremism - Uganda

**Finland**

Sini Piippo

Sini Piippo currently serves as a Senior Programme Advisor at the Finnish National Agency for Education EDUFI. Her professional focus lies in international higher education cooperation and higher education in emergencies. Sini is dedicated to promoting quality education as a catalyst for peace and development, particularly through strengthening higher education partnerships between Finland and African countries.

SCI: Promoting Equal, Fair And Mutually Beneficial Partnerships In Education Cooperation Between Finland And African Countries- Finland

**Argentina**

Silvia Gabriela Mohaded

Silvia Gabriela Mohaded is a lawyer with extensive experience in intercultural mediation and intervention. She holds academic credentials in public policies, intercultural mediation, and development from Spain, complemented by professional expertise in Family Mediation. Currently, Silvia serves as a digital trainer on inter-culturality and contributes as a writer for the mediation column in the "Comercio y Justicia" newspaper in the City of Córdoba, Argentina.

SCI: Community Engagement And Garbage Management - Pikine, Senegal

Cohort IV

**Liberia**

Samuel Ford

Samuel Ford is a dedicated law enforcement and peace practitioner with specialized training in peace support operations and extensive experience in community policing. Commissioned as a 'Peace Ambassador' for his commitment to peace advocacy by the Young Ambassadors for Peace under the support of the Universal Peace Federation and the Youth Federation for World Peace, Samuel specializes in gender issues, security reforms, mediation, riot control, and crowd management. His passion lies in preventing pre-electoral violence among youth in Liberia, particularly focusing on the West Point Community through a community policing approach.

SCI: Prevention Of Pre- Election Violence Among Youths In Liberia: A Community Policing Approach - Liberia.

**Kenya**

Richie Olaka

Richie Olaka is a dedicated Rotary Peace Fellow from Kenya, with a strong commitment to peace and security. During his tenure as Assistant County Commissioner, he played a crucial role in resolving conflicts at the border of Kitui and Tana River Counties in Eastern Kenya as part of a multi-agency team. Richie is passionate about promoting peaceful coexistence through community dialogues and integrating Positive Peace principles into law enforcement practices.

SCI: Building Dialogues With National Government Administration Officers On Integration Of Positive Peace Pillars To Law Enforcement - Kenya

**Burundi**

Richard Nzambimana

Richard Nzambimana is a seasoned professional with over 15 years of experience in the Burundi National Police and currently serves as the Director of Prevention, Humanitarian Aid, and Rescue Operations at the Burundi Civil Defense and Disaster Management. He is actively involved in a project supporting Natural Disaster Risk Reduction and enhancing community resilience in Burundi, particularly focusing on flood-prone areas like Gatumba Zone.

SCI: Building Community Resilience To Natural Disasters: A Case Study Of Flood Victims - Gatumba Zone: Burundi.

**Nigeria**

Oguike Miriam

Oguike Miriam is a passionate and accomplished Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) in Abuja, Nigeria. With a robust background in peacebuilding, Miriam has actively engaged in numerous training sessions and workshops, enhancing her proficiency in conflict resolution and sustainable peace initiatives. As a distinguished alumna of the Makerere Rotary Peace Center fellowship, Miriam has focused on the intersection of climate change and conflict, specifically examining the profound impacts on women in the FCT Community, Abuja. Her Social Change Initiative addresses climate-induced conflicts by empowering affected women and fostering community resilience.

SCI: Gender Based Violence And The Impact Of Climate Change In Waru Community, Federal Capital Territory - (Fct), Abuja, Nigeria

**Nigeria**

Olaniyan Olaniyi

Olaniyan Olaniyi is a seasoned journalist with over 16 years of experience in peacebuilding, addressing violence against women and girls, gender issues, disability inclusion, community development, and media capacity development. Throughout his career, Olaniyi has demonstrated a profound commitment to social justice and community empowerment through his work in journalism and advocacy. Olaniyi's Social Change Initiative focuses on Strengthening Youth Participation in Combating Fake News and Digital Hate in Nigeria. By engaging and empowering young people, his initiative aims to promote media literacy, critical thinking, and responsible digital citizenship to counteract the spread of misinformation and hate speech online.

SCI: Strengthening Inclusive and Participatory Communication Frameworks for Sustainable Peace Building, Conflict Prevention and Conflict Transformation in Two Oil-Producing Communities (Afam Ukwu and Komkom) of Rivers State Nigeria.

**Cameroon**

Nkongho Nchong Achere

faced by the poor and vulnerable in Cameroon. Achere advocates strongly for health equity, emphasizing the impact of global leadership decisions on marginalized communities. She is committed to accountable leadership that brings sustainable positive transformations for those in need, focusing on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) awareness among conflict-affected young girls and women in Fako Division, South West region, Cameroon.

SCI: Improved Awareness of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and GenderBased Violence (GBV) among Conflict-Affected Females – Fako Division, Cameroon

**Cameroon**

Ndzi Divine Njamsi

Ndzi Divine Njamsi is a dedicated peace and development advocate with 7 years of experience, specializing in peacebuilding, research, governance, and advocacy. His career has been defined by a strong commitment to promoting global youth participation in peacebuilding and community development initiatives. Divine's Social Change Initiative focuses on Enhancing Citizenship and Youth Inclusion in the Advancement of Peace in Cameroon. His initiative aims to empower young people to actively participate in building sustainable peace, fostering inclusive governance, and promoting community development across Cameroon.

SCI: Enhancing Citizenship and youth inclusion in the advancement of peace - Cameroon

**Zambia**

Musaka Chikobola

Musaka Chikobola is a dedicated and experienced Marketing professional with 9 years of expertise in agribusiness, marketing, and managing government projects. Throughout his career, Musaka has worked closely with farmers to enhance their market access, improve their agricultural practices, and uplift their economic conditions. Musaka's Social Change Initiative focuses on the Market Access Rollout, which aims to connect smallholder farmers in the Northern Province, Zambia, to sustainable markets. By creating reliable market linkages and infrastructure, his initiative empowers farmers, promotes sustainable agriculture, and boosts the local economy.

SCI: Market Access Roll Out: Linking Smallholder Farmers To Sustainable Markets - Zambia

**South Sudan**

Mohamed Khalifa Tibin

Mohamed Khalifa Mohamed Tibin is a dedicated humanitarian worker with a strong background in supporting vulnerable communities in Darfur, Sudan. His expertise extends to training and raising awareness among Sudanese communities on comprehensive peace initiatives. Mohamed's Social Change Initiative focuses on the Role of Youth in Social Peace and Response to Climate Change in North Darfur State, Sudan. Through this initiative, Mohamed aims to empower young people to play an active role in promoting social peace and resilience to climate change impacts in their communities.

SCI: Role of Youth in Social Peace and Response to Climate Change- Sudan

**Colombia**

Michelle Cartier

Michelle Cartier is a dedicated political scientist with extensive experience in the fields of peacebuilding and human rights in Colombia. Her professional journey has been focused on contributing to societal transformation through advocacy, research, and practical initiatives aimed at promoting peace and justice. Michelle is currently participating in a fellowship to further enrich her knowledge and skills in peacebuilding, with the goal of applying theoretical insights and practical tools to continue serving her country and its people.

SCI: Radio and Pedagogy to disseminate the Colombian Truth Commission Final Report: A Youth-Led Initiative - Colombia

**Liberia**

Maroline Baysah

Maroline Baysah is a passionate advocate and Rotary Peace Fellow from Liberia. She has dedicated her career to volunteering for women and youth organizations, focusing on issues related to human rights, gender equality, and conflict resolution. Currently serving as a Program Assistant at CENSSAD, Maroline supports security sector and civil society groups in Liberia to promote accountability and transparency within the security sector. As a survivor of the 1999 civil war in Liberia, Maroline is deeply committed to advocating for the rights of women and fighting against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).

SCI: Ensuring A Community Based Approach To Sexual And Gender Based Violence To Protect The Rights Of Women In Marginalized Communities - Liberia

**Nigeria**

Helen Adamu Balami

Helen Adamu Balami is a dedicated humanitarian worker with over 5 years of experience in emergency contexts, specializing in peacebuilding, community engagement, protection, education, and administration. She is driven by a passion for promoting inclusiveness across diverse societies. Helen's Social Change Initiative focuses on Promoting Dialogue as a Tool for Positive Peace in Communities in Nigeria. Her initiative aims to foster dialogue and understanding among different groups within communities, promoting reconciliation, social cohesion, and sustainable peace.

SCI: Promoting Dialogue As A Tool For Positive Peace In Maiduguri Community - Borno State, North-Eastern Nigeria

**Sudan**

Alia Abdalla Mustafa Mohamed

Alia Abdalla Mustafa Mohamed brings over 7 years of dedicated experience in the humanitarian and development sector, working with both International and National Non-Governmental Organizations in Sudan. Her work has encompassed diverse projects focusing on age, gender, and community perspectives, with a strong emphasis on emergency response preparedness. Alia is committed to empowering youth in Sudan through mentorship and career development initiatives, recognizing the critical role of mentorship in nurturing future leaders and professionals.

SCI: Youth Empowerment through Mentorship and Career Advice - Sudan and Uganda

Cohort V

Fellows

The Rotary Peace Center welcomed 20 Rotary Peace Fellows to Makerere University in February 2023. The fellows originated from 15 countries, both in Africa and beyond. The countries included; Cameroon, Egypt, Italy, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sweden, Uganda, USA, Zambia, Zimbabwe. In February 2023, the fellows commenced their study program and ended on 5th of May 2023.

**Sweden**

Victoria Enström Lindskog

Victoria Enström Lindskog is a dedicated professional with a master's degree in Human Rights and a bachelor's in Social Anthropology. With extensive experience in peacebuilding and democracy, Victoria has worked internationally with various organizations on projects related to nonviolence, dialogue, and local democracy. Her background includes work in South Sudan, the Maghreb, and Cambodia. Currently, she serves as an election observer and consultant in peacebuilding and development.

SCI: Waamu: Urban Friends – Refugees and Host Community build Trust for Social Change – Uganda

**Sierra Leone**

Sulaiman Kondo Sesay

Sulaiman Kondo Sesay is a seasoned law enforcement and peace support operations professional with over 20 years of experience. He has served in various capacities within the Sierra Leone Police and has extensive international experience from his time with the UN/AU Mission in Darfur. Currently, he works as an Investigator at the Independent Police Complaint Board, overseeing police conduct and operations.

SCI: Empowering Police Officers to become Agents of Positive Social Change in East and West Freetown -Sierra Leone

**Kenya**

Sinaida Ibalai

Sinaida Ibalai is a dedicated police officer with over 12 years of experience with the National Police Service in Nairobi. She specializes in issues related to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and is passionate about making a positive impact in society. Sinaida holds a Bachelor's degree in Security Management and Policing from Kenyatta University.

SCI: Fostering Relations: A Successful Engagement Positive Initiative Between Youths And Police Officers At The Athi River Weighbridge Station - Kenya

**Italy**

Sara Formisano

Sara Formisano is a seasoned expert in Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Human Rights, Peace Operations, Mediation, and Conflict Management. With extensive experience as an International Observer for the Ceasefire Transitional Security Arrangement Monitoring and Verification Mechanism in South Sudan, Sara has a strong background in political science and gender rights. She holds a post-graduate degree in Gender Rights from the Latin America Social Science Institute, studied Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and completed training as an International Investigator on Gender-Based Violence at The Hague. Currently, she consults on conflict resolution and peace building, with a focus on enhancing women's participation in peace processes through collaborations with international organizations including the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the European Commission.

SCI: **Women in Equality for Lasting Peace- Italy, Ukraine and Sudan**

**Zimbabwe**

Rawlings Magede

Rawlings Magede is a seasoned Development Practitioner with over 8 years of experience in peacebuilding, democracy, governance, and human rights. He has extensive experience working with vulnerable populations, including women and youth across Africa, and has successfully coordinated projects in complex environments. Rawlings is dedicated to promoting peace and security through gender equality and the empowerment of marginalized groups.

SCI: **Women Peace building and Conflict Mitigation - Zimbabwe**

**Cameroon**

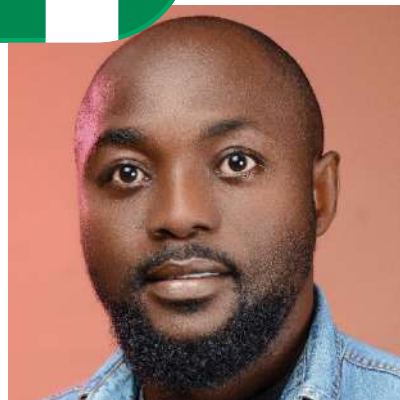
Ngombet Claudia

Ngombet Claudia is a journalist and advocate for peace and gender equality. She is the founder of CNews24, an online multilingual news platform aimed at promoting peace, combating hate speech and fake news, and bridging information gaps across geographic and linguistic barriers. Her work is driven by the belief that a more inclusive and interactive media landscape fosters social cohesion and sustainable positive peace. Claudia also teaches journalism and media studies part-time.

**Zimbabwe**

Nelson Mhlanga

Nelson Mhlanga is a distinguished environmental conservationist with a deep commitment to wildlife management, climate action, and grassroots community development. Holding a Master of Science in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management from the University of Oxford, Nelson is recognized as one of Africa's Top 100 Young Conservation Leaders for his impactful work in sustainable climate resilience and human-wildlife coexistence.

**Nigeria**

Nande Tersoo

Tersoo Matthew Nande is a dedicated peace and development practitioner specializing in dialogue and mediation. With a Master of Science Degree in Political Science from Bayero University Kano, Nande has over 5 years of experience in the field of development and peacebuilding. His work focuses on utilizing innovative methods to foster peace and reconciliation in conflict-affected communities.

SCI: Rebuilding Our Communities in Benue (ROC–Benue): Performing Arts for Peace – Gwer-West LGA, Benue State, Nigeria

**Egypt**

Nahla ElShall

Nahla ElShall is a seasoned development practitioner with over 9 years of experience in designing training programs for youth and refugees. Her expertise lies in creating educational opportunities and fostering dialogues that enhance learning and personal growth.

SCI: Books for Peace: Blessings of Storytelling Executed in: Refugee Community Schools in Cairo, Egypt

**United States**

Megan Lavery

Megan Lavery is a biomedical engineer from the United States with extensive experience in promoting the role of female engineers and technicians globally. She has served as a biomedical technician and program manager for international NGOs, healthcare centers, and education groups. Megan is dedicated to breaking down barriers and advancing gender equity in the workforce, striving to ensure that every young person has the opportunity to pursue a fulfilling and financially stable career, regardless of gender, nationality, or background.

**Malawi**

Masida Hastings Ziba

Masida Hastings Ziba is a dedicated Social and Humanitarian Activist from Northern Malawi. As the founder and Director of "Stimulus for Transformative Development," he focuses on advocating for the human rights of underprivileged youths in rural communities and prisons. With extensive experience in strategic planning, organization management, and project management, Masida is committed to fostering positive change in marginalized communities.

SCI: Human Security And Peace Education Through Transformative Action In Secondary Schools And Communities - Kitwe District, Zambia

**Mexico**

Maria Herrera

Maria Herrera is a highly experienced advisor with a strong background in strategic planning, program design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and knowledge management. Her career spans various roles with international organizations including UNDP, the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank. She has worked extensively across Latin America, Africa, and the Arab States.

SCI: Strengthening Of The Results Based Management (RBM) Approach In The Rotary Peace Center At Makerere University (RPCMU) Peace Fellowship- Uganda

Cohort V

**Kenya**

Kennedy Monari

Kennedy Monari is a specialist in education during emergencies, with expertise in designing and implementing educational projects from the emergency phase through to post-conflict situations. He focuses on ensuring the protection of children affected by conflict and disaster, and improving the quality of education during and after humanitarian crises.

SCI: Visual Artistic Expression for Social Cohesion between Urban Refugee Youths and Host Communities - Kenya

**Nigeria**

Joel Oluwatoyin

Joel Oluwatoyin is a dedicated member of the Nigeria Police Force with 16 years of experience in peace and security processes. He has a strong belief in the power of positive peace and advocates for the active involvement of women in peace and security processes. Joel's commitment to enhancing peace and security in Nigeria is reflected in his efforts to promote gender inclusion within these critical areas.

SCI: Promoting Women's Involvement In Peace And Security Processes Using Intergenerational Approach - Osun And Ogun State, South West Nigeria

**Uganda**

James Grant Opiyo

James Grant Opiyo is the Founder and Executive Director of Invisible Hope Uganda, an NGO dedicated to promoting peaceful coexistence and socio-economic well-being in vulnerable communities in post-conflict Northern Uganda. With over a decade of experience in education, peace-building, economic empowerment, and humanitarian interventions, James has played a crucial role in advancing peace journalism and behavior change communication in refugee settlements and post-conflict regions.

SCI: Strengthening Women's Land Rights For Economic Empowerment And Resilience - Acholi Sub Region Northern Uganda

**Zambia**

Gloria Mukamalindi Hingoma

Gloria Mukamalindi Hingoma is a dedicated Peace and Development practitioner, and the founder of the Zambia Peace, Conflict Resolution, and Development Initiative. She champions peace and security issues through education for peacebuilding and strengthening dialogues across Zambia and Africa.

SCI: Human Security And Peace Education Through Transformative Action In Secondary Schools And Communities – Kitwe District, Zambia.

**Malawi**

Galzete Tangwe

Galzete Tangwe is a seasoned social protection and development specialist with extensive technical expertise in climate change, cash transfers, agriculture, and food security programs. Over the years, Galzete has designed and implemented innovative and sustainable programs that have significantly improved the livelihoods of many poor and vulnerable Malawians. His work focuses on creating lasting impact through strategic interventions that address the complex challenges of poverty and food insecurity.

**Liberia**

Fuad Nyei

Fuad Nyei is a dedicated social and humanitarian activist with over five years of experience in community engagement and activities with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Fuad has a strong commitment to peace-building and is currently a Rotary Peace Fellow. He aims to deepen his understanding of peace-building through immersive experiences, focusing on the positive peace framework.

**Cameroon**

Francis N. Fultang

Francis N. Fultang is a dedicated humanitarian activist and researcher specializing in refugee protection and the rights of vulnerable groups affected by protracted conflicts. His work focuses on advocating for and defending the rights of those who are most at risk in challenging environments.

SCI: **Right To Smiles Foundation - Cameroon**

**South Sudan**

Emanuel Sabino

Emanuel Sabino is an experienced teacher and school administrator with over 18 years in the education sector. His extensive background includes volunteering in social activities, with a focus on training and capability development across various fields. Emanuel is dedicated to using his expertise to positively impact the community through education and leadership.

SCI: **Empowering Youth in Peace-building and Leadership Skills - Republic of South Sudan**

Cohort VI

Fellows

The Rotary Peace Center welcomed 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



Kenya

Amakanji Graham Oluteyo

Amakanji Graham Oluteyo is a researcher specializing in peace and conflict studies, focusing on the complexities of violent extremism. As a research fellow at Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology, Graham is dedicated to addressing the root causes of extremism and advocating for innovative approaches to conflict resolution in the Horn of Africa.

SCI: Strengthening Capacity Of National Government Administrative Officers For A Dual Approach To Calibrating And Preventing Violent Extremism - Kenya



Uganda

Sam Obua

Sam Obua is a development practitioner serving as a Liaison Officer at PATH Ministries International, an organization committed to rescuing and restoring orphaned children living in the most challenging environments. He coordinates programs that provide essential services to vulnerable communities, focusing on livelihoods, child protection, water and sanitation, education, and health. Through his work, Sam aims to uplift and empower marginalized populations, ensuring they have access to the resources and support necessary for a better future.

SCI: Child Mothers' Empowerment For Economic Self Sustainability - Uganda



Egypt

Safa Aboelmagd

Safa Aboelmagd is a dedicated peace educator and project manager with Habitat for Humanity Egypt. Specializing in peace-building, non-formal education, and urban development, Safa has extensive experience in fostering peaceful living and effective conflict resolution.

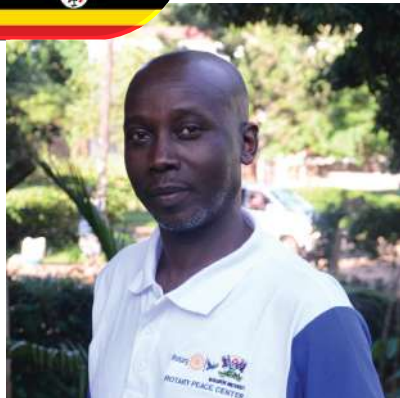
SCI: Peaceful living in the Workplace in NGOs in Egypt

**Liberia**

Ricks Sianneh Edwina

Ricks Sianneh Edwina is a sociologist and a dedicated program officer working with the Liberia Initiative for Empowerment, a non-governmental organization focused on the rights of women and their empowerment. Her work is centered on advocating for human rights, with a particular emphasis on the rights of women and children, and promoting women's political participation in Liberia.

SCI: Amplifying Local Women's Voice Toward Increasing Their Participation In The Reconciliation Process - Liberia

**Uganda**

Patrick Rwekamba

Patrick Rwekamba is a civil servant working in the public trade and industry sector in Uganda, with a focus on supporting both private and civil society sectors. In addition to his civil service role, Patrick is an agribusiness entrepreneur, contributing to the economic development of his community. His passion lies in community empowerment, with a strong emphasis on peace, gender equality, and creating effective networks for development.

**Nigeria**

Owoicho Apochi Nelson

Owoicho Apochi Nelson is a communications professional with expertise in digital and creative communication, policy, and impact communication. His work spans the intersection of media, education, and narrative, exploring how these elements influence human rights and drive social change and development. With a passion for using storytelling as a tool for transformation, Nelson seeks to leverage media to empower communities and foster social cohesion.

SCI: Climate Change Community Tracker Fellowship Storytelling for Peace - Nigeria

**Nigeria**

Mbanefo Uyanwune

Mbanefo Uyanwune is a medical doctor and sustainable development consultant with a passion for advocating for the rights of Persons with Albinism (PWAs). As the Co-Founder of the Same as You Foundation, he works tirelessly to reduce the stigma and violence against PWAs in Nigeria. His work is deeply inspired by Goal 10 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which focuses on reducing inequality as a pathway to achieving peace and international development.

SCI: Mitigating violence against persons living with albinism through enlightenment and empowerment - Nigeria

**Lesotho**

Matsietsa Ts'epang Joel

Matsietsa Ts'epang Joel is an advocate deeply involved in the civil society sector, where he plays a crucial role in promoting social development, advocacy, and public engagement. His work is focused on empowering communities, particularly youth, to actively participate in democratic and governance processes.

SCI: Participation And Inclusion Of Youths In The Decision-Making Processes - Lesotho

**Zimbabwe**

Marovah Tendayi

Marovah Tendayi is an experienced teacher, educator, and consultant specializing in curriculum and pedagogy. His work focuses on how education can contribute to social justice and human development, ultimately fostering peaceful societies.

**Cameroon**

Kengah Geraldine Yayah

Kengah Geraldine Yayah is a dedicated humanitarian and development activist based in Cameroon. She is passionate about working with youth to promote peace and fairness on the planet. Geraldine has extensive experience in community initiatives aimed at fostering peacebuilding and advancing public health.

SCI: Empowering young citizen journalists in Bamenda to counter hate speech and online violence - Cameroon

**Cameroon**

Julius Meleng Ntang

Julius Meleng Ntang is a seasoned peacebuilding and development expert with over 12 years of experience. As the co-founder of Unity Foundation and Country Director of Community Vision Group, he has dedicated his career to community and youth development, women engagement, governance, conflict prevention, and food security. Julius's work is centered on empowering women and youth to take active roles in peacebuilding and governance.

SCI: Enhancing Youth Leadership at Local and National Levels for Sustainable Peace - Cameroon

**Malawi**

Henry Mlinde

Henry Mlinde is an experienced community development professional with a strong background in agriculture. He specializes in project design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation, with a focus on value chain development, food systems, public-private partnerships, market systems, and inclusive governance.

SCI: CultivateAct: Smallholder Farmers as Investors for Inclusive Sustainable Empowerment - Malawi

**Sierra Leone**

Francis Mafinda

Francis Mafinda is a dedicated Program Assistant for the West African Youth Network in Sierra Leone. He is deeply passionate about peace and human rights advocacy, focusing on leveraging community resources for positive change.

SCI: Mobilizing Commercial Motorcyclists To Serve As Agents Of Peace - Sierra Leone

**Nigeria**

Deborah Obor Odu

Deborah Obor Odu is a seasoned peacebuilding practitioner and technical advisor at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) in Nigeria. With a focus on strengthening Nigeria's capacity in peace promotion and conflict prevention, management, and resolution, Deborah plays a critical role in developing policy-relevant research and capacity-building initiatives. Her work is geared toward creating effective interventions in peace and conflict management strategies.

SCI: Climatewise: Empowering Futures Through Comprehensive Climate Change Education - Nigeria

**Zimbabwe**

Caroline Mutimbanyoka

Caroline Mutimbanyoka is a dedicated community development educator and the driving force behind Sprout Women Empowerment Trust, a women-led organization in Zimbabwe. Her work focuses on addressing the socio-economic challenges that women and girls face, particularly in accessing opportunities for education, resources for business, and personal growth. Caroline is passionate about creating sustainable solutions that empower women and promote gender equality.

SCI: Empowering Women and Girls in Rural and Peri-Urban through Smart Farming Initiatives to Reduce Vulnerability and Conflict Amid Climate-Induced Poverty to Build Resilience, and Enhance Livelihoods- Zimbabwe

**Uganda**

Benard Kaawa

Benard Kaawa is a security professional specializing in Violent Extremism and Radicalization. With substantial experience in security management, Benard currently serves as a commander at Nakivale Refugee Police. His work focuses on ensuring the safety and security of refugees and host communities, addressing issues related to radicalization and violence.

SCI: Coexistence Between Refugees And Host Community: Case Study Of Nakivale Refugee Settlement - Isingiro, Uganda

**Ethiopia**

Atinafu Assefa Adane

Atinafu Assefa Adane is a lecturer and researcher in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Gondar. His work integrates animal science with broader issues such as climate change and its impact on livelihoods. Atinafu is committed to exploring how climate change affects community structures and state support systems, aiming to develop strategies that address these challenges.

SCI: Youth Capacity Building on Waste-to-Food Climate Smart Agribusiness in Tseda Community - Gondar, Ethiopia

**Rwanda**

Alfred Mupenzi

Alfred Mupenzi is an educator and advocate for social justice, specializing in sociology for educators, multiculturalism, and multilingualism. With a strong focus on equity and diversity in education, Alfred is dedicated to integrating social justice principles into teaching practices.

SCI: YShared parenting of infants in prisons: Support for female inmates - Uganda



Nigeria

Ahmed Yunana

Ahmed Yunana is a dedicated project manager and senior lecturer with extensive experience in youth participation and promoting peaceful coexistence. As a project manager for the United States Government Alumni in Gombe State and a senior lecturer at Gombe State University, Ahmed is committed to integrating peace education into school curricula.

SCI: Empowerher: Building Resilience, Breaking Silence - Nigeria

Cohort VII

Fellows

The Center welcomed 21 Rotary Peace Fellows to Makerere University in February 2024. The fellows originated from 19 countries, both in Africa and beyond. The countries included Australia; Botswana Brazil Cameroon Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt Gambia Madagascar Malawi Nigeria, Rwanda Sierra Leone South Africa South Sudan Tanzania Uganda United States of America, and Yemen. Cohort 7 Peace Fellows commenced their study program on 29th February 2024 and ended on 19th April 2024.

**Sierra Leone**

Wilfred Joseph Bangura

Wilfred Joseph Bangura is a theologian from Sierra Leone with a keen interest in governance and development. His work integrates theological perspectives with practical approaches to governance and community development, focusing on how ethical and faith-based frameworks can influence and improve governance structures and development practices.

SCI: Mainstreaming proactive and Conflict Prevention Mechanisms in the conduct of Public Exams in Selected Schools - Sierra Leone

**Tanzania**

Venant Christoms Mligo

Venant Christoms Mligo is an education professional from Tanzania, dedicated to advancing gender equality, mental health, peace, and human rights. His work emphasizes the integration of these critical issues into educational frameworks, aiming to foster a more inclusive and equitable society.

SCI: Empowering Youth as Agents of Change: Enhancing Mental Health and Fostering Peace Across Positive - Tanzania

**South Africa**

Sokfa Francis John

Sokfa Francis John is a social scientist from South Africa specializing in conflict mediation and peace research. His work focuses on understanding and addressing the root causes of conflicts and developing strategies for effective mediation and sustainable peace. Sokfa is committed to advancing research and practical solutions to foster peaceful resolutions and enhance social cohesion.

SCI: Connecting for Change: Establishing a Pan/African Digital Peacebuilding Community of Practice South Africa

**Malawi**

Sitithana Kasapila

Sitithana Kasapila is a researcher from Malawi with a focus on community development, youth empowerment, human rights, and gender equality. She is dedicated to investigating and addressing issues affecting marginalized communities, particularly in areas of youth development and gender equity. Sitithana aims to contribute to meaningful social change through evidence-based research and advocacy.

SCI: Ending GBV Project in Dzaleka Refugee Camp - Malawi

**Gambia**

Sang Isaac Jammeh

Sang Isaac Jammeh is a security professional from Gambia with a focus on peace and human rights. His work involves addressing security challenges while ensuring respect for human rights and the promotion of peace. Sang is dedicated to advancing security measures that also uphold fundamental human rights principles.

SCI: Tackling Female Genital Mutilation - Gambia

**Yemen**

Mugahed Al-Shaibah

Mugahed Al-Shaibah is a social scientist from Yemen with a strong focus on security, peace, and conflict resolution. He is dedicated to understanding and addressing the underlying social dynamics that contribute to conflict and insecurity in his region. Mugahed uses his expertise to develop strategies and interventions aimed at promoting peace and stability in conflict-affected areas, particularly in Yemen.

SCI: Mission for Peace Initiative "Enhancing the Role of Women in Peacebuilding and Community Development" - Yemen



**Democratic Republic
of Congo (DRC)**

Lukambo Bahii

Lukambo Bahii is a scientist from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) with a deep commitment to peacebuilding and conflict resolution. His work focuses on applying scientific principles to develop strategies that address the root causes of conflict and promote lasting peace.

SCI: Building Bridges for Peace: Empowering Youth & IDP's - North Kivu, DRC



United States

Kyle Beaulieu

Kyle Beaulieu is a social scientist from the United States specializing in international development, peacebuilding, and counterterrorism. His work focuses on developing strategies and policies to promote peace, prevent and counter terrorism, and support sustainable development initiatives on a global scale.

SCI: Peace and Security - USA



Madagascar

Herizo Ramanantsialonina

Herizo Ramanantsialonina is a communication specialist from Madagascar, with a deep passion for youth advocacy and health. He is committed to leveraging effective communication strategies to promote the well-being of young people and to address health-related issues in his community.

SCI: Using soccer to empower the young people of Fenerive area to tackle sexual and reproductive health problems and delinquency - Madagascar

**Botswana**

Hensen Seidisa

Hensen Seidisa is an education specialist from Botswana with a strong commitment to community development. His work focuses on enhancing educational systems and fostering community initiatives that support learning and development, particularly in underserved areas.

SCI: Empowering Resilience: Borehole Drilling Initiative for a Disabled Farmer to Mitigate Climate Change Impacts - Chanoga Village Botswana

**Egypt**

Doaa Shabana

Doaa Shabana is a computer scientist from Egypt with a keen interest in youth and rural development research. Her work focuses on leveraging technology to address challenges faced by young people and rural communities, aiming to create sustainable development solutions.

SCI: Interactive theater for peace - Egypt

**Brazil**

Diego Carneiro de Oliveira

Henry Mlinde is an experienced community development professional with a strong background in agriculture. He specializes in project design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation, with a focus on value chain development, food systems, public-private partnerships, market systems, and inclusive governance.

SCI: Orchestrating Peace through music -Brazil

**Rwanda**

Daniel Nteziyaremye

Daniel Nteziyaremye is an information scientist from Rwanda, deeply invested in peacebuilding and community development. His work bridges the gap between technology and social impact, focusing on how information systems can be leveraged to foster peaceful and resilient communities.

SCI: Nurturing dialogue skills among youth to prevent conflict and champion nonviolent campaigns against social injustice through youth peace clubs - Bugesera District, Rwanda

**Nigeria**

Chiamaka Juliet Osueke

Chiamaka Juliet Osueke is a social scientist from Nigeria who is passionate about promoting gender equality and youth empowerment. Her work focuses on creating opportunities for young people and advocating for the rights of women and girls, striving to build a more inclusive and equitable society.

SCI: Sustainable Empowerment for Peace -Nigeria

**Canada**

Carole St. Laurent

Carole St. Laurent is a computer scientist from Canada with a strong focus on peace and development. She is passionate about using technology to drive social change, particularly in promoting peacebuilding initiatives and sustainable development.

SCI: Raising a Generation for Peace - Canada

**Uganda**

Beatrice Acayo

Beatrice Acayo is a dedicated gender advocate from Uganda with a strong focus on gender equality, peace, and conflict mediation. She is committed to advancing the rights of women and ensuring their active participation in peace processes and conflict resolution. Through her advocacy work, Beatrice seeks to create an equitable society where all individuals, regardless of gender, have the opportunity to thrive and contribute to sustainable peace.

SCI: Advocacy for Participation and Accountability in Achieving Land Justice - Uganda

**Nigeria**

Adeola Adefemi

Adeola Adefemi is an education advocate from Nigeria, deeply committed to promoting gender equality through educational programs. She believes that education is a powerful tool for social change and works to ensure that both girls and boys have equal access to quality education. Adeola is passionate about developing and implementing educational programs that empower young people, particularly girls, to reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to society.

SCI: Empowering Educators: Integrating Peacebuilding Strategies and Peace Podcasting - Nigeria

Cohort VIII

Fellows

Fellows from Cohort 8 participated in a comprehensive program that combined rigorous academics, immersive fieldwork, and dynamic community engagement. The learning experience was designed to enhance their expertise in conflict transformation and equip them with the skills to design and implement sustainable peace initiatives across Africa.

**Uganda**

Julius Engemu

Julius Engemu is a dedicated Project Officer at the Communication for Development Foundation Uganda. With a focus on documenting change stories, building capacity, and managing reporting, Julius is committed to addressing violence, promoting gender equality, and advocating for social change. His expertise lies in coordinating inclusive projects, establishing networks, and planning advocacy events that empower youth and promote peacebuilding in communities.

**Nigeria**

Daniel Semeniworima

Daniel Semeniworima is a seasoned Editorial Director at Strategic Outsourcing Limited, where he leads the Digital Media Group. With a focus on shaping editorial strategy and guiding team efforts, Daniel oversees content delivery, analyzes performance metrics, nurtures partnerships, and reports directly to the CEO. His expertise lies in leveraging interactive methods such as seminars, workshops, adult literacy programs, family education, publications, fact-finding visits, and local peacebuilding initiatives to engage diverse audiences. Daniel is dedicated to developing the potential of young people across Nigeria to promote peace and effectively respond to conflicts through innovative media and educational approaches.

**Botswana**

Itseng Moruakgomo

Itseng Moruakgomo serves as the Staff Welfare Officer at the Office of the President in Botswana. She specializes in designing and implementing wellness programs and interventions for the workforce, ensuring employee well-being and productivity.

**Uganda**

Noerine Basa Muhindo

Noerine Basa Muhindo serves as the Executive Director of Rwenzori Peace Bridge of Reconciliation (RPBR) in Uganda. She plays a pivotal role in guiding the organization's strategic direction, overseeing program implementation, and ensuring effective financial management. Her focus is on promoting inter-ethnic dialogue and understanding in Kasese District.

**Nigeria**

Olutoyin Falade

Olutoyin Falade is a dedicated national consultant with UN Women, focusing on advancing Nigeria's Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda. With strategic oversight from the Country Representative and day-to-day reporting to the WPS Team Lead, Olutoyin provides technical support to stakeholders, including legislative engagements and capacity building. Her passion lies in empowering women and girls to actively promote peace through initiatives like the Monthly Peace Architecture Dialogue Platform in Plateau and Niger states.

**United Kingdom**

Soraya Ali

Soraya Ali is a seasoned Global Media Manager at Save the Children, where she excels in managing global media relations and serving as a primary spokesperson. With a focus on humanitarian emergencies, Soraya is committed to advocating for critical issues and ensuring effective communication during crises.

**Uganda**

Irene Arinaitwe

Irene Arinaitwe is the Program Director at Reach Your Goal Africa, where she oversees program performance, verifies and submits donor reports, innovates for organizational growth, supports recruitment, and supervises staff performance to ensure overall effectiveness.

**Sierra Leone**

Isata Ngombulango

Isata Ngombulango serves as the Deputy Program Coordinator at Youth in Action for Development, where she oversees project coordination, manages donor relations, and ensures effective implementation of youth-focused initiatives. Her work is dedicated to bridging cultural, social, political, and religious gaps among youth in Sierra Leone through proactive engagement and peacebuilding efforts.

**Nigeria**

Joan Sani

Joan Sani is dedicated to improving educational access for underserved children through innovative projects in Nigeria. As part of the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project, Joan focuses on addressing educational gaps among street children. Her commitment extends to providing informal and formal basic education through the School-In-The-Street Project. This initiative aims to support children who are not regularly attending traditional schools, including dropouts, by offering them opportunities to continue learning in non-traditional settings.



**Democratic Republic
of Congo (DRC)**

Abraham Kahasha

Abraham Kahasha is the Founder and Executive Director of The World and Peoples in Transformation (WOPT), based in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. He leads transformative sessions and PEACE talks, promotes and executes WOPT objectives, and organizes National PEACE Summits across the African Great Lakes Region. Abraham mentors Peace ambassadors, engages stakeholders, and coordinates official procedures for WOPT initiatives.



Ethiopia

Bamlak Yitbarek

Bamlak Yitbarek serves as the Coordinator at the Center for Diplomacy and International Studies at the University of Gondar. His role involves organizing conferences, conducting research, and providing community services. Bamlak is committed to fostering dialogue and understanding through interreligious forums aimed at addressing religious conflicts reported in Gondar. He plans to implement trainings and workshops to mitigate risks and promote harmony among believers, local administrators, and the community at large.



Malawi

Busta Chiona

Busta Chiona serves as the Director of Health and Social Services at Zomba City Council. In this role, he offers technical guidance to Directorate staff, enhances health and social welfare services with a focus on gender considerations, manages departmental budgets and plans, and conducts education programs on vital health and welfare topics, including gender awareness.

**Kenya**

Boniface Okumu

Boniface Okumu is a dedicated peacebuilding professional specializing in youth engagement and community development. As the Youth Peacebuilding Programs Coordinator at Peace at Heart Initiatives Network (PHIN), he designs and implements programs that promote social cohesion, advocate for human rights, and foster meaningful dialogue between communities and their leaders. Boniface is deeply committed to addressing gender-based violence (SGBV) and empowering women to participate actively in community development initiatives.

**Cameroon**

Rudolf Nchanji Nsang

Rudolf Nchanji Nsang is the Founder and Executive Director of Silver Lining Africa (SiLA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering young Cameroonians through entrepreneurship, leadership, and peacebuilding initiatives. Based in the Northwest Region, Rudolf oversees direct activities such as seminars and boot camps, develops strategic plans, speaks at events, and cultivates partnerships for organizational growth.

**Nigeria**

Rita Otu

Rita OTU is the Founder of Beau Haven Farms, dedicated to fostering collaboration with government ministries and community partners. Her focus is on identifying grant opportunities, preparing applications, and ensuring efficient grant administration. She is committed to addressing the conflict between farmers and herders in Nigeria through innovative initiatives aimed at promoting peace and sustainable development.

**Spain**

Chema Sarri Romo

Chema Sarri Romo is a communications specialist and peacebuilder currently working at the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP), where he leads communication strategies and coordinates initiatives on peace, memory, and youth engagement. He has developed international projects with Peace Boat and Rotary, focusing on climate justice, storytelling, and human rights. Passionate about connecting communities and policy, Chema brings a global perspective to his work. Before moving into peacebuilding, he worked for several years as a journalist in radio, print, and digital media.

**Poland**

Rafal Pankowski

Rafal Pankowski is a Professor and Coordinator affiliated with Collegium Civitas and the 'Never Again' Association in Poland. His work focuses on promoting peace, human rights, anti-racism, and genocide prevention. Rafal's initiatives aim to cultivate a culture of peace among young people through informal education methods. He leverages his experience from the 'NEVER AGAIN' Association's Music Against Racism campaign to develop training toolkits applicable at music festivals and sports events. His efforts also aim to foster trans-national cooperation between East-Central Europe and East Africa.

**Nigeria**

Precious Osemwonta

Precious Osemwonta is a dedicated Science Educator at Beehive School, where she teaches STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects and incorporates lessons on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She is passionate about empowering rural girls through education, addressing various SDGs such as poverty alleviation, hunger eradication, health improvement, education access, gender equality, and economic growth.

**Nigeria**

Olalekan Yusuf

Olalekan YUSUF serves as a Chief Superintendent in the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps. His expertise spans humanitarian assistance, disaster management, conflict resolution, protection of schools and national infrastructures, and ensuring the general security of lives and properties. As the Desk Officer of Safe Schools, Olalekan is deeply committed to his SCI, 'Edupeace' advocacy. This initiative asserts that education is pivotal in driving social change by fostering positivity, broadening perspectives, initiating behavioral shifts, and enabling constructive contributions to a progressive and tolerant society.

**Nigeria**

Tejumola Abigail Abiola-Oloke

Tejumola Abigail Abiola-Oloke is a passionate legal professional dedicated to advocating for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. As Head of Chambers at M.A. Banire & Associates, she provides pro-bono legal consultancy, focusing on prison reform, human rights, and crime prevention. Tejumola's work extends to advising startups, managing legal teams, overseeing litigation processes, and leading training and fundraising efforts. She is committed to enhancing the protection and integration of migrants and refugees through strategic policy development and community reorientation.

**United States**

Anton Lutz

Anton Lutz is a dedicated peacebuilder and project manager with a focus on addressing sorcery accusation-related violence (SARV) in Papua New Guinea (PNG). With an academic background in International Relations and extensive professional experience in the NGO and development sectors, Anton is committed to applying peacebuilding strategies to help combat violence and promote sustainable peace in his community. His leadership in the field is grounded in a deep understanding of cultural sensitivity, conflict transformation, and community-based responses, all of which he plans to expand upon through his participation in the Rotary Peace Fellowship at Makerere University.

**Rwanda**

Bashana Medard

Bashana Medard is a dedicated professional in the field of social work and cultural heritage management. He works as the Museum Manager Specialist at the Rwanda Cultural Heritage Academy in Kigali, where he focuses on the daily management of the museum. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and an advanced certificate in Humanities. Bashana is also a Rotary Peace Fellow, currently seeking to enhance his peacebuilding and conflict resolution skills through the fellowship at Makerere University. His goal is to contribute to the field of peacebuilding, particularly in conflict-affected regions, using both theoretical knowledge and practical experience.

**Kenya**

Muthuri Kithinji

Brian Muthuri Kithinji is an experienced peacebuilder and policy advocate with a strong focus on climate security and peacebuilding in Northern Kenya. With a background in Mass Communication and public policy, Brian leads the Policy Action Initiative, where he drives research, policy analysis, and stakeholder consultations. His career trajectory reflects his commitment to shaping policies that promote peace, security, and sustainable development, particularly in Kenya. His participation in the Rotary Peace Fellowship at Makerere University is poised to enhance his conflict resolution skills and expand his network of fellow peacebuilders.

**Cameroon**

Ekah Robert Ekah

Ekah Robert Ekah is a committed peacebuilding professional with a focus on advocacy, social change, and youth empowerment. As the Executive Director of the Association for Peace Education and Empowerment (APEE Cameroon), he leads programs aimed at promoting peace and nonviolence across Cameroon. Ekah is dedicated to establishing peace education initiatives for youth, enhancing their roles in conflict resolution and peace advocacy within their communities.

**Tanzania**

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Godasto Mudima is a Tanzanian development practitioner with over a decade of experience in community economic development, environmental management, and conflict resolution. As a freelance consultant based in Mwanza, he has worked with religious institutions, local governments, and community-based organizations to develop strategic plans, resolve land and social disputes, and improve infrastructure in environmentally vulnerable areas. Mudima brings to the Rotary Peace Fellowship a rich background in grassroots leadership, having served in several finance and audit committees within the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. Through the fellowship at Makerere University, he aims to sharpen his skills in peacebuilding and conflict

**Cameroon**

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Hendoka Essome Joel is a peacebuilding professional and the CEO of TOSUWO, an organization based in Mbengwi, Cameroon. With a strong background in community development, peacebuilding, and conflict resolution, Hendoka is dedicated to promoting sustainable peace initiatives in Cameroon and beyond. He holds a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Buea and has vast experience in youth empowerment, education, and leadership. As a Rotary Peace Fellow, Hendoka is expanding his knowledge and skills in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, and leadership, aiming to position TOSUWO as a leading organization in global peace efforts.

Cohort IX

Fellows

The Makerere University Rotary Peace fellows from Cohort 9 are passionate leaders dedicated to peacebuilding, social justice, and sustainable development. Their work spans advocacy, governance, education, humanitarian action, and community resilience, each contributing unique expertise to address complex challenges in their regions. Together, they embody collaboration and innovation, striving to create lasting change across communities and borders.

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**Philippines**

Jay Gallera Malaga

Jay Gallera Malaga is a dedicated peacebuilder, youth animator, and communications specialist with a strong background in community formation and intercultural dialogue. As a member of the Work of Mary – Focolare Movement in East Africa, Jay coordinates youth formation activities and supervises communication and publication efforts. With over two decades of experience in youth engagement, psychology, and theology, he brings a unique blend of spiritual depth and social activism to his work. His passion for unity and collaborative peace initiatives is central to his mission of fostering harmony across diverse communities.

**Sierra Leone**

Melvina Yeama Thomas

Melvina Yeama Thomas is a passionate peacebuilder, human rights advocate, and community leader with a strong commitment to empowering women, youth, and marginalized communities. With an academic background in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Melvina combines her expertise in conflict resolution and peacebuilding with her leadership in running impactful initiatives that promote sustainable development, gender equality, and social change. Through her work, she strives to create inclusive communities and ensure that vulnerable groups, especially women and girls, are empowered to lead transformative change.

**Colombia**

Miyerlandy Cabanzo Valencia

Miyerlandy Cabanzo Valencia is a dedicated professional in the human rights and development sector. As an Advisor at Agenda Joven Colombia, she focuses on improving technical and cooperation skills, guiding the platform's members, and ensuring the successful execution of projects funded by international donors. With a Master's degree in Historical Archiving and Memory and a background in Sociology, Miyerlandy brings a wealth of knowledge in social movements, youth, and community development. She is currently a Rotary Peace Fellow, seeking to broaden her perspective and deepen her expertise in peacebuilding through cross-cultural learning, particularly in Africa, with a focus on Uganda.

**Uganda**

Vivian Agaba

Vivian Agaba is a communications expert and freelance journalist with a strong passion for promoting positive peace through storytelling. She currently works as a Consultant Writer/Editor at Straight Talk Foundation in Kamwokya, where she produces success stories and newsletters. With a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication from Uganda Christian University, Vivian brings over a decade of experience using media as a tool for advocacy. Through the Rotary Peace Fellowship at Makerere University, she seeks to expand her understanding of peace and conflict resolution processes, with a focus on applying this knowledge in community work, refugee support, and media outreach. She is committed to contributing to a more just and peaceful world through impactful storytelling and strategic communication.

**South Africa**

Zuko Luyanda Gqadavama

Zuko Luyanda Gqadavama is a dynamic peacebuilding professional and the Deputy CEO of Inkululeko, an organization based in Makhanda. Holding a BA Honours in Psychology from Rhodes University, Zuko has demonstrated a strong commitment to social entrepreneurship and peacebuilding. As a Rotary Peace Fellow, Zuko seeks to deepen his understanding of peacebuilding by exploring the intersection of social, political, economic, and environmental factors. He is particularly focused on advancing financial sustainability within NGOs, fostering inclusive governance, and contributing to regional stability in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). His long-term goal is to influence policy frameworks that promote sustainable peace and development.

**Zimbabwe**

Prisca Nyasha Dhlandhlara

Prisca Nyasha Dhlandhlara is a dedicated peacebuilding advocate with extensive experience in community engagement, movement building, and training facilitation. As the Chapter Coordinator for the Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe, she is deeply committed to ensuring the inclusion of marginalized women in peace processes. With a Master's degree in Peace and Governance and a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, Prisca is focused on strengthening her leadership skills and peacebuilding expertise. As a Rotary Peace Fellow, she aims to gain new insights into peacebuilding while connecting with a global network of peace advocates to advance her mission of fostering peaceful communities.

**Somalia**

Said Ahmed Mumin

Said Ahmed Mumin is a dedicated public servant and policymaker working at the Ministry of Communications and Technology of Somalia. With a background in public administration, he plays a pivotal role in shaping strategic plans and monitoring national development initiatives. His work focuses on aligning communication and technology sector projects with Somalia's broader development and peacebuilding goals. Said is passionate about leveraging ICT for peace and community resilience across the country.

**Gambia**

Suwaibou Jammeh

Suwaibou Jammeh is a legal professional and the Director of Legal Services at the Gambia Armed Forces. He holds a law degree (LLB) from the University of The Gambia and has extensive experience in legal advisory roles, particularly in the context of military law. As a Rotary Peace Fellow, Suwaibou is expanding his expertise in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, and youth empowerment. His short-term goal is to contribute to enhancing youth participation while serving in the army, and in the long term, he aims to join a Rotary club in The Gambia and continue contributing to global peacebuilding efforts.

**Lesotho**

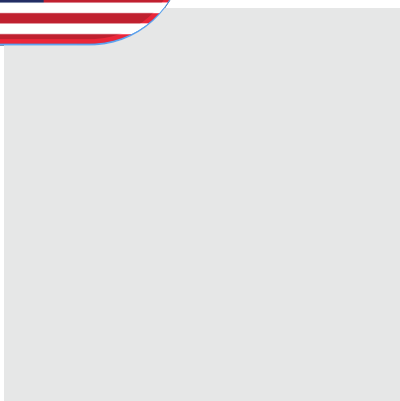
Tebello Agnes Sesinyi

Tebello Agnes Sesinyi is a dedicated peacebuilder, community leader, and management consultant with a strong focus on empowering youth and fostering self-reliance. With an educational background in African languages and literature, Tebello combines her knowledge of education with her expertise in public management and civic engagement. She is passionate about advancing social change and leadership development, particularly among young people in Lesotho. Through her work, Tebello strives to create sustainable, self-sufficient communities and foster authentic, responsible leadership.

**South Sudan**

Morris Kamilio Bagaiwia John

Morris Kamilio Bagaiwia John is an emerging peacebuilding professional based in South Sudan, with a strong commitment to community engagement, conflict resolution, and promoting stability in his region. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Mikese University College and works as a Project Officer at Hummingbird Action for Peace and Development, where he is actively involved in planning and coordinating field activities focused on peace and development. Through his participation in the Rotary Peace Fellowship, Morris aims to further develop his leadership skills, particularly in conflict resolution and mediation, to contribute to lasting peace and reconciliation within his community and beyond.

**Liberia**

Patrick Koffa Doe II

Patrick Koffa Doe II is a peacebuilding advocate and the Executive Director of the Youth Movement for Peacebuilding & Democracy, an organization focused on engaging former combatants affected by Liberia's civil crisis. With an MBA in Banking and Finance and a BBA in Management, Patrick has developed a robust foundation in leadership, governance, and financial sustainability. As a Rotary Peace Fellow, he aims to expand his expertise in peacebuilding and conflict management to further his goal of transforming the lives of affected youth in Liberia. His career aspirations include implementing impactful peacebuilding programs across multiple counties, contributing to long-term social stability in his country.

**Nigeria**

Safiya Musa

Dr. Safiya Musa is a strategic leader in healthcare and community development, passionate about social impact, peacebuilding, and women's empowerment. As BDM/CFO at ZaiHar NeuroSpine Care Ltd, she leads growth and sustainability efforts, while her nonprofit, EduShine Support Foundation, focuses on empowering youth and women through education, advocacy, and capacity building. Safiya blends her economic expertise with grassroots action to drive inclusive and lasting change, especially in underserved communities.

Cohort X

Fellows

Cohort 10 of the Makerere University Rotary Peace fellowship brings together dedicated peacebuilders, advocates, and changemakers from diverse backgrounds. With expertise spanning governance, climate justice, conflict resolution, human rights, and community development, they share a common commitment to building resilience, advancing justice, and fostering sustainable peace across the world. Their collective experiences reflect both local impact and global vision.

**Sierra Leone**

Alex A. Bah

Alex A. Bah is the Acting Public Relations Officer and Head of the Public Relations Unit at Sierra Leone's Anti-Corruption Commission, where he is the youngest to hold a managerial role. With over five years of experience, he focuses on anti-corruption, governance reform, strategic communication, peacebuilding, and youth empowerment. He previously led regional initiatives on conflict transformation and civic participation with the West African Youth Network.

**Finland**

Anna Lunden

Anna is a communication specialist and sociologist with expertise in development, advocacy, and social change communications. With experience in peace work, humanitarian aid, climate change, global education, and innovation-driven industries, she is skilled in audiovisual content creation and campaign design. Anna holds a Master of Social Science from the University of Helsinki and a Master of Arts (Distinction) in Media Practice for Development and Social Change from the University of Sussex.

**Ethiopia**

Awoke Wubie Abeje

Awoke Wubie Abeje is a communication specialist and sociologist from Ethiopia, with expertise in peace development, humanitarian work, and social change. He has professional experience managing development programs and holds an MA from Addis Ababa University and a postgraduate degree in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support from the University of Rwanda. Awoke is passionate about fostering peaceful systems, global collaboration, and inclusive governance.

**Kenya**

Linda Gwahala Jumbari

Linda Gwahala Jumbari is a Senior Compliance Officer with the Kenya Film Classification Board, bringing over 15 years of experience in public service. She specializes in communication, regulatory enforcement, and advocacy for inclusivity, with a strong focus on bridging communication gaps for persons with disabilities through sign language facilitation. Passionate about ethical media practices and community engagement, Linda is committed to promoting accessibility and safeguarding societal values.

**Kenya**

Joshua Otieno Onyith

Joshua Otieno Onyith is an Assistant County Commissioner with Kenya's Ministry of Interior and National Administration, bringing over a decade of experience in public service. He has served in diverse and conflict-prone regions including Marsabit, Isiolo, Kitui, Meru, and Machakos, where he has led peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and community engagement initiatives. With expertise in governance, security coordination, and stakeholder relations, Joshua is committed to fostering stability, trust, and inclusive development in Kenyan communities.

**Nepal**

Salina Chaulagin

Salina is a Sustainable Peace and Development Officer with expertise in addressing the root causes of conflict, promoting dialogue and reconciliation, and supporting inclusive governance. She has strong experience in peacebuilding, conflict sensitivity, crisis response, and sustainable development, helping communities build resilience and stability. Salina is committed to fostering inclusive systems and strengthening capacity for sustainable peace in conflict-affected areas.

**Kenya**

Erick Mutambo

Erick Mutambo is an Inspector with the Kenya Police Service, serving as a Staffing and Administration Officer in the office of the County Police Commander. He provides strategic oversight on human capital and staff administration while promoting sustainable peace and community engagement. With expertise in security operations, alternative dispute resolution, and peacebuilding, Erick is committed to fostering safe, inclusive communities and empowering youth through initiatives like Amani (Peace) Clubs.

**Ethiopia**

Fantahun Ketema Pro

Fantahun is a Peacebuilding Team Leader from Ethiopia with extensive experience in conflict prevention, resolution, disaster management, and humanitarian response. He has led national and regional peacebuilding programs, supported strategic reforms, and coordinated multi-stakeholder initiatives involving government, civil society, and traditional leaders. Currently with the Ethiopia Disaster Risk Management Commission, Fantahun focuses on regional peacebuilding, intergovernmental coordination, and post-crisis recovery and rehabilitation, fostering stability and resilience in conflict-affected communities.

**South Africa**

Geraldine Dunn

Advocate Geraldine Dunn is a South African legal practitioner, mediator, arbitrator, and governance consultant with over two decades of experience in dispute management. She has served as a state prosecutor, arbitrator, and disciplinary chairperson, and provides board advisory services with a focus on corporate governance, compliance, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Geraldine is a member of the Institute of Directors South Africa and continues to contribute to organisational governance, dispute resolution, and capacity building both locally and internationally.

**Sierra Leone**

Namsa Ruth Thoronka

Namsa Ruth Thoronka is a paralegal and women's rights activist from Sierra Leone with over a decade of experience advocating for the rights of women and children. She has led projects and policy initiatives on gender-based violence, child safeguarding, and access to justice, collaborating with local and international partners to promote accountability, gender equality, and empowerment. Namsa is committed to advancing legal education, community engagement, and advocacy that strengthens protections for vulnerable populations.

**United States**

Sirianna Santacrose

Sirianna Santacrose is an international educator and youth exchange practitioner from the USA with over ten years of experience in program leadership, teaching, and mentoring across seven countries. She has directed study abroad programs, developed experiential learning initiatives, and supported youth leadership development to help young people become ethical leaders in a globally interconnected world. Sirianna's expertise includes international exchanges, program management, intercultural communication, and community engagement.

**Canada**

Sarah Fardeen

Sarah Fardeen is a global mental health professional and Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) candidate at the University of Toronto, specializing in refugee and migrant mental health, trauma-informed care, and culturally responsive public health systems. With over a decade of experience across public service, academia, and humanitarian settings, she founded MindMatters Bangladesh and co-founded the International Mental Health Association to advance global mental health equity. Sarah's expertise spans mental health programming, organizational wellness, strategic leadership, and capacity building.

**Nigeria**

Ilugo Cletus C.D

Ilugo Cletus C.D. is a Nigerian specialist in economic diversification, development, and conflict management with over 20 years of experience leading programs in governance, peacebuilding, and livelihood development. He holds advanced degrees in Conflict, Security and Development, Development Studies, and Economics, along with professional certifications in project management, microfinance, and fund management. Cletus currently serves as the Nigeria Local Coalition Accelerator Country Lead with Share Trust/Warande Advisory Center.

**Zimbabwe**

Tapiwa Prosper Chimbadzwa

Tapiwa Prosper Chimbadzwa is a Zimbabwean youth leader, climate advocate, and peacebuilding practitioner with over five years of experience promoting climate justice, food security, and inclusive community development. He is the Founding Chief of Innovation Village for Young African Minds (IVYAM), advancing youth-led climate education and sustainability initiatives, and serves as Climate Smart and Resilient Livelihoods Officer with INERELA+Zimbabwe. Tapiwa combines grassroots action, research, and policy engagement to empower young people and marginalized communities to shape sustainable futures.

**Sudan**

Ahmed Khamis Alnour Badawi

Ahmed Khamis served as an Education Officer, coordinating with sectors and local authorities to implement education activities that ensured child protection in schools. He promoted quality education in refugee camps by supporting both refugee and host community children, fostering cohesion and strengthening social fabric.

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