

(RE)INTEGRATION ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE

Saturday 8 of July to Friday 14 July 2017, Barcelona, Spain

The Barcelona International Peace Resource Centre (BIPRC) and Transition International (TI) are pleased to announce the Advanced (Re)integration course on community based reintegration of ex-combatants, returnees, refugees, internally displaced persons, children released from armed forces and groups and other youth at risk, to be held in Barcelona, Spain from the 8th July to 14th July 2017.

INTRODUCTION

This course aims to bring together senior and mid-level practitioners, policy makers, researchers and donors from around the world to share experiences and develop a common understanding of possible and innovative approaches to reintegration. Best practice on economic, political and social (re)integration are shared by a pool of experienced trainers, and further explored and challenged by the participants.

Several targeted (re)integration, self-reliance and community security projects usually occur in parallel. They tend to create further divisions in the communities, and are often not sustainable. Often, separate programmes are provided for children which, in many cases, are not linked to the adults' reintegration programmes, reducing opportunities for benefitting from the pooled resources and having young people falling in the cracks. Most programmes are highly centralised and thereby do not adequately respond to local contexts, nor empower local actors to plan, execute, and own the processes.

This course explores these dynamics and proposes different means to build bridges between the different (re)integration, stabilisation, community security, community violence reduction and resilience approaches and its target groups (e.g. ex-combatants, returnees, refugees, internally displaced persons, children released from armed forces and groups and other young people at risk) in order to foster durable solutions, stability, local economic development, and (re)integration of the different groups in their host- or receiving communities. It explores responding to new realities, new practices and theories, including on (re)integration and prevention approaches in ongoing conflicts, radicalisation, recruitment and disengagement from extremist groups, sustainability of reintegration etc. Finally, the course presents an innovative approach for more comprehensive context and community driven (re)integration, integration, resilience, and community security programming, named Community Based Reintegration and Security (CBRS).

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The training will allow participants to assess specificities of different programming contexts, develop informed and coherent programmatic responses, and coordinate and implement coherent and context-driven socio-economic (re)integration and community security programmes in partnership with communities. The overall objectives of the course are therefore to:

1. Create a common understanding of the different approaches in (re)integration, release and reintegration of children, resilience, community violence reduction, community security and youth in conflict programming, and build bridges between the participants coming from these different fields
2. Obtain the tools to effectively assess local context dynamics for programming in insecure areas
3. Learn how to design and adapt context driven CBRS-like interventions, in a participatory fashion
4. Obtain the tools to implement context driven CBRS programming including: information, counselling, and referral systems, targeted (re)integration assistance, local economic development, social support and development, and security and small arms and light weapons management
5. Learn how to address cross-cutting issues including public information, persons with disabilities, natural resource management, gender and age responsiveness, conflict sensitivity, and especially capacity development of local service providers
6. Explore implementation modalities and innovative community driven monitoring and evaluation approaches

FOR WHO IS THIS COURSE?

The course is designed to benefit government of officials of locations where (re)integration programming is relevant, civil society actors of these countries, and staff from UN, research institutes and other international organisations and donors supporting these processes.

TRAINING APPROACH

Participants will be encouraged to share experiences amongst themselves, in addition to learning from the experienced trainers. Lessons from past and recent (re)integration and community security experiences are constantly used to illustrate theory and standards, and participants are expected to contribute their experiences, thereby creating a wealth of comparative knowledge and experiences into the discussions. Practical hands-on adult learning techniques are combined with transfer of knowledge. A wide variety of teaching methods are used including lectures, discussions, role-plays, a full day simulation exercise, cooperative learning, teamwork, etc.

TRAINERS

TI puts great emphasis on delivering the course with a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team. The course will be led by Irma Specht of Transition International (TI) who brings over 20 years' experience working on socio-economic (re)integration programmes. Other senior trainers from TI and experts with experience of different programmatic areas will be brought in for particular sessions, to ensure a variety of approaches and perspectives. Guest trainers from international organisations will be brought in to share their experiences.

DATES & LOCATION

The course will be held from 08:45h on the 8th July to 13.30 on the 14th July 2017, in Barcelona, Spain.

LANGUAGE & COST

The course will be taught in English. The course duration is 6.5 days and the partially subsidised course fee is 2000 Euros. This fee includes lunch, daily refreshments and all course materials. It does not include accommodation, breakfast and dinners, or the cost of insurance and travelling to Barcelona. Help can be provided in acquiring low or middle price accommodation, including in the venue. Unfortunately, this course has no scholarship scheme but we can provide participants with letters of support in obtaining sponsorship, within the participant's country of residence or work.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application **deadline is the 15th of May 2017**, but acceptance onto the course will be granted on a rolling basis. To apply for the course, please submit your current Curriculum Vitae and the completed application form to Eva Lopez, course coordinator, at bcncentrepau@bcn.cat with copy to natasha@transitioninternational.com. Please see the enclosed application form for further details. We can provide logistical assistance and letters in support of participants' visa applications upon request and after receiving 50% of the fees (non-refundable). Payment arrangement information will be included in acceptance letters.

ABOUT US

Barcelona International Peace Resource Center (BIPRC) – www.bcnpeacecenter.cat

The Barcelona International Peace Resource Center (BIPRC) is the outcome of an initiative launched by Barcelona City Council to promote the culture of peace through dialogue, awareness-raising, and training in crisis management and conflict resolution. Created in 2009, the BIPRC is the only center of its kind in Spain. Its work is inspired by the philosophy of centers around the world specializing in crisis management and peace operations. The BIPRC's main activity is an international specialized training program designed to meet the extensive learning needs of civilian personnel and to equip them with the skills they need to engage in field operations around the world. The center offers a range of training courses aimed at professionals working in peacebuilding, complex crisis management, and humanitarian affairs.

Transition International – www.transitioninternational.com

Transition International (TI) is a Netherlands-based, international consultancy firm with a network of senior consultants around the world. We specialise in assisting key actors in tackling the challenges of transitions. We promote change through knowledge, training and advisory services. TI, while operating on a commercial basis, is a value-driven consultancy firm. We are guided by the ambition to contribute to a peaceful and more secure world, in which human dignity and our environment are both respected and protected. We demonstrate this commitment and promote these values in everything that we undertake. At TI, we understand that context is often at least as important as the substance of a programme and therefore employ a conflict, culture, gender, and age-sensitive approach, and strive towards the broadest possible participation of stakeholders, and affected communities. This course truly reflects TI's multidisciplinary approach and solid expertise.