DRR course at UPEACE

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- The DRR course
The UPEACE System: Mission

In short: WE EDUCATE FOR PEACE

Created through UN GA Resolution 35/55, December 1980
Under the initiative of President Carazo

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Our ‘Three Pillars’
Face-to-Face Teaching
Master’s Programmes:

• Department of Peace and Conflict Studies:
  – International Peace Studies
  – Dual program in International Peace Studies,
  – Media, Peace and Conflict

• Department of International Law and Human Rights:
  – International Law and Settlement of Disputes
  – International Law and Human Rights
Master’s Programmes:

• Department of Gender and Peace Building
  – Gender & Peace Building
  – Peace Education

• Department of Environment, Peace and Security
  – Dual Program in Natural Resources & Sustainable Development (with American University)
  – Environmental Security and Peace
  – Natural Resources and Peace
Other planned MA Programmes:

• Development, Peace and Security
• Disarmament and Non Proliferation
• Health, Development and Peace
Courses from August to May

Final graduation work or internship
Extending our Presence Worldwide:

- Africa Programme
- Asia and the Pacific Programme
- Central Asia Programme
- Latin America and Caribbean Programme
Disseminating our Programmes to Reach Others: Sharing Knowledge for Peace

- Toolkits for Teaching
- Distance Learning
- UPEACE book series
UPEACE Students and Alumni

• Close to 800 from 60+ countries, and 170 more to come in August
• Average age of students is late 20s
• Women represent almost 60% of student & alumni bodies
• Graduates work for UN, NGOs, academia, governments
International course on Disaster Risk Reduction at the local level (2nd edition)

Feb 18 – Mar 10, 2009

Photographs by 2008 course students
The 2008 1st edition of the course was made possible by the technical and financial support of ISDR
Objectives

At the end of the course, the students will have strengthened their:

- Capacity to analyze, synthesize and assess risk, hazards and vulnerability and their underlying ecological, social and economic dimensions.

- Comprehension and application of the main tools of prevention, mitigation and adaptation at the local level.

- Understanding of the relationship between disasters and conflicts, as well as of the facilitation of peace processes linked to disaster relief operations.
Participants

- Practitioners from the Caribbean and Central America
- Fluent in English
- UPEACE students in the master’s programs
Instructors

- Lorena Aguilar, IUCN.
- Xavier Castellanos, IFCR
- Julio Garcia, EIRD
- Allan Lavell, FLACSO
- Mohit Mukerjee, UPEACE Center for Executive and Professional Education
- Giovanni Peraldo, UCR, School of Geology
- Rolain Borel, UPEACE
Topics

- Nature of risk, hazards and vulnerability
- Identification of the most vulnerable populations; gender and DRR
- Relationship between disaster and conflict
- Hyogo Framework of Action and other international DRR processes and networks
- Introduction to people-centered development issues, monitoring and evaluation, and environmental analyses
- IFRC´s vulnerability and capacities assessment;
- Skills in conducting educational and training workshops;
Activities

• Introductions to different topics by experts
• Visit and analysis of CNE
• Vulnerability and capacity analysis in the field
• Seminar presentations on selected cases
• Discussions of readings
• In-class exercises and simulations
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UPEACE System
Enhancing our impact worldwide
Where are they now:
UPEACE alumni employment by sector

- NGO’s: 22%
- Academia: 19%
- UN bodies: 18%
- Governments: 14%
- Private Sector: 11%
- Others: 16%
Where are they?

- Environmental Working Group
- IDB, WB
- Millenium Challenge Corporation, DC
- PhD (several)
- Chemonics International Inc
- Worldwatch
- U.S. EPA
- WWF Coastal East Africa Program
- Potomac Riverkeepers DC
- Protect Our Wetlands
- Coast Gard commissioned officer
- Christian Children Fund, Zambia
- Agriculture Dept. in US Embassy in Madrid
Where are they?

- Earth Rights, Thailand
- International Criminal Court, the Hague, Netherlands
- Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Tajikistan
- International Crisis Group, Georgia
- Plan International, Malawi
- European Free Trade Association, Belgium
- UN International Law Commission, Switzerland
- International Organization for Migration, Sri Lanka
- Freedom House, Hungary