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Rationale and context

The challenges to peace and security have multiplied in our world, impeding the multiple efforts to achieve social and human development and build a strong human capital. The 2021 Global Peace Index indicated that over 60% of people globally are worried about sustaining serious harm from violent crime, whereas the economic impact of violence increased in 2020 to $14.96 trillion - equivalent to 11.6% of the world’s GDP or $1,942 per person - due to increased military spending.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also worsened the security situation in many parts of the world, where climate change, food insecurity, poverty and other scourges were already a fertile ground for violent extremism and others threats to peace.

Yet, the several tools of peacebuilding such as mobilizing social actors for peace, promoting interfaith and intercultural dialogue, building large coalitions of peace entrepreneurs, training and educating for peace, remain largely unexploited.

Building Peace requires the training and mobilization of key social actors who can spearhead social transformation by working to achieve an environment that is more conducive to social cohesion. Youth and women leaders are of particular relevance, due to the pivotal role they must play in any social transformation process, especially in building peace, promoting dialogue and preventing violence and extremism.

It is therefore necessary to set up programs that target potential or accomplished leaders and provide them with the tools to engage their peers in the peacebuilding agenda. This training will equip them with the knowledge tools through a holistic approach of peace while strengthening their leadership in order to make them true actors of change at the community and global level. It will also leverage the power and reach of information technologies in order to bring together people from different cultures and walks of life to engage and share a common journey of advocating for peace and dialogue.

To cater to these needs ICESCO has developed the Leadership Training in Peace and Security (LTIPS) program, in the framework of its commitment through its policies, strategies and programs to promote and strengthen peace by embracing a holistic and multisectoral approach. The LTIPS comes in line with several other programs, such as the project on a Master in Artificial Intelligence Applied to peace, the Capacity building sessions at ICESCO Regional Center for the Education to the Culture of Peace in Yamoussoukro, Cote d’Ivoire Centre, and the pilot project on introducing the Peace 360° approach in Academia.
THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN PEACE AND SECURITY (LTIPS) PROGRAM

General Objective
The objective of LTIPS is to train and mobilize leaders who are agents of change for peace and dialogue to build the Societies We Want. It is about building a network of youth, women and religious leaders ambassadors of peace in their communities by providing them with the knowledge and leadership tools, through interaction with inspirational leaders and expert trainers and by supporting them in taking initiatives and projects for peace and social cohesion.

Specific objectives
- Prepare a critical mass of youth, women and religious leaders for peace to become agents of change in their communities.
- Encourage and promote female leadership as an effective model for establishing equal, inclusive and prosperous societies.
- Capitalize on the experience and the network of trainers developed by the ICESCO Regional Centre for Education on Peace Culture (CRECP) to disseminate the knowledge that was built on a larger scale.
- Foster joint projects with ICESCO partners in the areas of peace and social cohesion.
- Promote innovation and creativity in peace and social cohesion projects, by promoting initiatives from the youth, women and religious leaders.
- Build a worldwide network of peace and intercultural dialogue entrepreneurs through learning and experience sharing and through setting up coalitions of actors for change.
- Publicize and promote among young people the work of leaders and personalities who are reference models for peace, citizenship, social cohesion and dialogue among civilizations.
- Enable experts and researchers to share the outcomes of their research with actors in the field to connect research and action.

Targets
The program will target youth and women leaders worldwide, with gender parity. These leaders will be recruited from civil society and community organizations that have demonstrated in the past a strong commitment to peace and a solid potential for social and community mobilization.

Projects and Initiatives for Peace and Social Cohesion
To enable the beneficiaries to put into practice the concepts and skills accumulated during the training, each of the trainees will submit a project of peace and social cohesion and they will benefit from technical support during the Incubation Retreat along with Financial Support and mentoring to implement the project.

To encourage their creativity and foster their motivation, the 5 most innovative projects will be specially awarded.
FACTS AND FIGURES OF THE LTIPS-2021 EDITION

Youth and Women Leaders trained and mobilized

- 30 Youth Peace Ambassadors Trained & Mobilized
- Including 20 Young Women Leaders
- 20 Initiatives and Projects on Peace submitted
- 4 Innovative Projects awarded and funded, currently in implementation
- More than 100,000 Youth reached through social media platforms
- From 22 countries in Africa, Asia, Middle East and
- 300 Observers followed the training online
**Inspirational Leaders**

They are personalities whose backgrounds, experience and achievements can inspire the candidates, while providing them practical advice on how to be a Leader and an Ambassador for Peace. The participation of the Inspirational Leaders allows to have an Intergenerational Dialogue on Peace, Gender based issues and Social Cohesion, below some inspirational Leaders during the 2021 LTIPS Edition.

1. **H.E Aisha Muhammadu Buhari, First Lady of Nigeria**
2. **H.E President Ali Bongo Ondimba of Gabon**
3. **H.E Fatma Samba Samoura, Secretary General of FIFA**
4. **Tun Musa Hitam, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia**
5. **His Highness Muhammadu Sanusi II, 14th Emir of Kano and UN SDG Advocate Samoura, Secretary General of FIFA**
6. **H.E Prof Azza Karam, President Religions for Peace**
Training and Trainers

They are renowned experts in different aspects of peace issues who will provide training in the different modules.

10 holistic training modules given within the program

A Pool of International Expert Trainers from all parts of the world

The ICESCO Book of Peace

The LTIPS program has proven to be an inclusive and multidimensional dialogue where every voice of peace matters, where different perspectives are cross-fertilized to bring about a 360° approach of peace.

Therefore, from the enlightening discussions of the program and the content of the training, ICESCO has released the book titled: “Peace 360°: Exploring the multiple dimensions of peace”. His Excellency President Macky Sall of Senegal and incumbent headperson of the African Union has signed the foreword.

Each Edition of LTIPS will be an opportunity to capitalize the diverse and rich interventions towards a Book of Peace.
Overview of the LTIPS program process

THE 2022 EDITION OF LTIPS

The launching ceremony of the LTIPS 2022 edition is planned in Banjul, as a recognition to the efforts and leadership of the president of the Republic of The Gambia, His Excellency Mr. Adama Barrow, the Vice President and all the government for a sustained peace in the West African subregion and the whole continent.

The launching ceremony will gather high level policymakers from ICESCO Member States along with high officials of our partner international organizations, inspirational global leaders, the 2022 LTIPS Cohort and Youth Peace Ambassadors from the 2021 Cohort.

The launch ceremony will be followed by a four-day Incubation Retreat with the participation of:

- 1 Inspirational leader
- 3 Expert trainers who will be physically present and 3 trainers who will participate virtually
- 10 Youth Peace Ambassadors from LTIPS 2021 who will act as junior mentors for the new cohort
- 30 new candidates of the LTIPS 2022 cohort
- Youth peace ambassadors from the partner organizations.

The Incubation Retreat will focus on the holistic approach of peace, on leadership skills and peace projects design and implementation.
- **Hybrid continuous training:**
  
The training will cover the modules on “the holistic approach to peace” and “unpacking the peacebuilding toolbox”

- **Award and Induction of YPA Ceremony:**
  
  This ceremony will take place within the Global youth forum that is planned by ICESCO in celebration of both the “ICESCO 2022 Year of Youth” and “Rabat 2022 Islamic World Culture Capital.”

  The 30 candidates of the LTIPS 2022 edition will be inducted as Youth Peace Ambassadors and the 5 most innovative projects that were submitted as part of the training will be rewarded. They will be subsequently implemented within a 6-month timeline and will be monitored by ICESCO, experts and junior mentors from the previous LTIPS cohort.

- **Evaluation Committee (Virtual)**
  
  At the end of the LTIPS training phase, an evaluation committee composed of ICESCO and its partners, along with representatives of the trainers and the YPA will perform the evaluation of the program and issue recommendations for the upcoming editions.

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