

## Political Approaches to Preventing and Responding to Election-related Violence - March

A 4-day programme enabling UN staff to assess the risk of election-related violence and to adopt a political approach to prevent it or mitigate its impacts.

**#Sustaining Peace #Analytical Approaches #Conflict Prevention #Elections #face-to-face #Up to 1 week**

### Introduction

First launched in 2012 by UNSSC and the Electoral Division of the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), this programme promotes a broader understanding of the political and technical dimensions of elections, the complex relationship between elections and conflict, and the work of the UN system to prevent and mitigate election-related violence.

Focused on strengthening the capacity of UN staff in electoral risk assessment and management, this 4-day programme will guide you through every stage of the process – from conducting a sound conflict analysis and electoral risk mapping to identifying prevention and mitigation strategies to address election-related violence.



**Where** Accra



**When** 17 Mar - 20 Mar 2020



**Fee** 0 USD



**Duration** 4 days



**Enrollment deadline** 18 Feb 2020



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**Language** English

## Objectives

Upon successful completion of this programme, you will be able to:

- Adopt a more comprehensive and political approach to understand and respond to the challenges and causes of election-related violence
- Apply practical tools to conduct a conflict analysis and electoral risk assessment
- Identify possible prevention and mitigation strategies to address election-related violence
- Benefit from and share good practices and lessons learned to respond to election-related violence

## Course Contents

In this programme, you will explore the role of elections in transitional, post-conflict and fragile societies and discuss the need for adopting a political approach to preventing and responding to election-related violence and political crises.

- **Day 1** sets the context, introducing the principles and types of electoral assistance as well as the UN approach to election-related violence.
- **Day 2** develops practical skills in conflict analysis and electoral risk assessment while also focusing on the gender dimensions of political participation, representation and election-related violence.
- **Day 3** looks at effective strategies to prevent, mitigate and respond to election-related violence.
- **Day 4** introduces the UN Electoral Risk Management framework and reflects on the risks resulting from politically challenging elections and non-accepted election results.

## Course Methodology

This programme offers the opportunity to engage in a dynamic learning experience by combining learner-centred design principles, carefully chosen case studies and real-life examples with stimulating presentations, interactive discussions and small-group exercises.

## Target Audience

UN staff working on electoral and political affairs, good offices and mediation as well as related peace and security issues. After signing up to this programme, you will be requested to submit your PHP based on which UNSSC and DPPA will carry out a selection process.

## Cost of participation

Thanks to a generous contribution from DPPA, there are no fees for this programme. Participants – or their sponsoring organizations – are responsible for covering all travel and accommodation expenses related to their attendance to the programme.