

WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP FOR PEACE: GLOBAL SOUTH

The gap in disarmament and non-proliferation education is evident with respect to early career professionals, particularly women. Even when the discrepancy in gender appears to be decreasing slightly with time, women still represent a very small percentage of those individuals working and making decisions on issues related to disarmament, non-proliferation and peace.



STEERING TEAM

An expert group of eminent members comprised of ambassadors and diplomats from permanent missions, regional organizations and NGOs aim to guide the Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education Partnership by providing strategic advice on ways and means to develop this initiative.

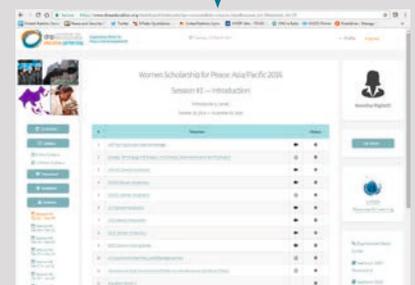
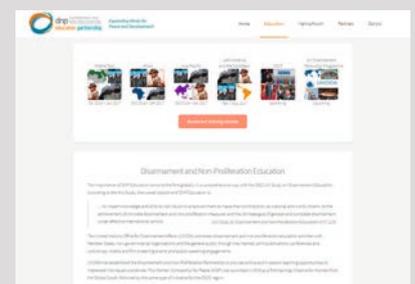
There is therefore both a need and a demand for creating educational packages providing interdisciplinary courses on topics that can be incorporated in the regular curricula of educational institutions.

The participation of women in such courses, particularly from developing countries, can be facilitated with scholarships, on-the-job mentoring and other career opportunities that elevate their skills to the level of their gender counterparts. Such an initiative will ensure the long-term strengthening of existing tools that women can reach to at the national and international levels.

The DNP Education Online Dashboard

The training courses are made available through an online clearing-house dashboard, which contains different categories of issues such as:

- Weapons of mass destruction
- Conventional arms
- Transparency in outer space
- Sustainable peace and development
- Induction courses on disarmament and non-proliferation entities



2015-2017 ACHIEVEMENTS

Under the umbrella of the DNP Education Partnership, the UNODA Vienna Office launched the Women Scholarship for Peace (WSP) Global South initiative.

WSP provides educational and training course packages in an interdisciplinary manner, delivering a broad understanding of DNP and development-related issues to participants.

WSP targeted young professional women from the global south, aged between 22 and 32 and from a wealth of professional fields to be involved in DNP.

Formulated in a "talk-show" format, the Women Higher Education for Peace Vienna Forum complemented the training courses and provided, with the organization of a job fair, a means for early career professionals to explore career opportunities in the fields of DNP and development.

WSP GLOBAL SOUTH IN FIGURES

TRAINING COURSES

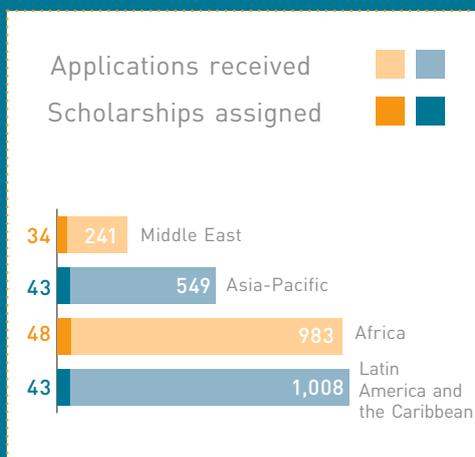
8 weeks online, 1 week in-person

- 140 scholarships
- Over 2,600 applications from 114 countries

VIENNA FORUM

Two-day panel discussion, job fair

- 19 career booths
- 7 career workshops
- Over 350 participants
- 77 per cent women
- 30 scholarships for women from the global south



2017-2018 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The DNP Education Online Dashboard, training courses, modules and the Vienna Forum have laid the foundation for the development and implementation of a variety of initiatives to further promote DNP education.

DNP education partners are working on a series of educational packages tailored to specific needs expressed by Member States.

The following opportunities will be made available:

- Women Scholarship for Peace
 - Global South Phase II
 - OSCE Region
 - Vienna Forum second edition
- Other focused and requested training initiatives



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