



Peace Building & Human Rights Protection

Mediation as a tool for conflict resolution in churches and (religious) communities in the context of shrinking spaces for civil society and churches

ONLINE WORKSHOP 23 August – 29/30 October, 2021

The United Evangelical Mission (UEM) invites representatives of religious communities and churches to participate in an International Online Training. The Training is open to 16 - 18 participants from the UEM and partner organizations.

Key areas will be the process of mediation as a conflict solving tool and human rights protection while human rights defenders and church activists face multiple forms of threats.

The goal of the online training is to strengthen the skills, deepen the knowledge, open a mutual learning space, and to foster the networking of participants. It will be based on a participatory approach. Participants are expected to attend at least 80 % of the course time to be eligible for a course certificate.

National and international lecturers will share their expertise.

The United Evangelical Mission

The United Evangelical Mission is an international communion of 39 protestant churches from various traditions in Africa, Asia, and Germany, along with the von Bodelschwingh Foundation Bethel.

Duration

Opening event

Monday 23 August, 2021, 10:00 – 11:30 (CEST)

Course 1:

Friday 27 August – 29 October 2021, 09:00 – 12:30 (CEST)

Course 2:

Saturday 28 August – 30 October 2021, 09:00 – 12:30 (CEST)

Overall project coordination

Dr Jochen Motte, Executive Secretary, Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, UEM

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Team of international facilitators

Rev. Lusungu Mbilinyi, UEM (Tanzania/Germany)

Rev. Sujithar Sivanayagam, Methodist Church (Sri Lanka)

Beate Roggenbuck, mediation trainer (Germany)

Resource persons

Dr Josef Freise, theologian, lecturer

Andreas Harsono, Human Rights Watch Asia

Dr Jean-Bosco Kambale Kahongya, UEM Advocacy consultant

Dr Theodor Rathgeber, political consultant, human rights expert

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Aneth Lwakatare-Thumm, lawyer, human rights expert, tbc

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Participants of the first Summer School 2017; © Photo: Gethsemane Bejathu / UEM

Programme of the online seminar

23 August, 10:00 (CEST) Opening event: Keynote by Dr Jochen Motte, Angelika Veddeler UEM

Week 1,2: Conflict theory (Lusungu Mbilinyi, Beate Roggenbuck, Sujithar Sivanayagam)

Week 3, 4: The mediation process (Lusungu Mbilinyi, Beate Roggenbuck)
The ambiguous role of religion (Dr Josef Freise)

Week 5, 6: Human rights frameworks: Tools for Human Rights protection (Dr Theo Rathgeber)
Human Rights Advocacy in Africa (Aneth Lawakatatare-Thumm), tbc
Human Rights Advocacy in Asia, Andreas Harsono, Human Rights Watch Asia, tbc

Week 7, 8: Regional case studies – Tanzania, Indonesia, Sri Lanka
Conflicting views between mediation and human rights
Multiple forms of threats against human rights defenders and church activists
(Lusungu Mbilinyi, Dr Jean-Bosco Kambale Kahongya, Irma Simanjuntak, Sujithar Sivanayagam)





Week 9, 10: Participants' presentation of regional peace and human rights project designs
Evaluation and closing

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Registration

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