

## UNIVERSITY OF PEACE IN AFRICA

UPA – 2022 Campus de Formation Panafricaine de Paix

### 17th UPA SESSION: Campus 2022 is launched in Togo

**12 leaders** of NGOs, development associations and Human Rights organisations from **6 African countries** are in their Pan-African Peace Training during this month of October. They are developing their skills in work for social cohesion, de-escalation and positive management of conflicts, violence and trauma, enhancing their competence on being an international African Peace Builder. Our team of **5 international trainers** from Cameroon, Rwanda and Bénin are teaching 6 modules: **biographical work, conflict analysis, mediation and negotiation, non-violent communication**, the resourcing through **"The Real Inner Power"** and the **"Holistic Development of Man and Society – Africa of Hope"**. During 2 days, participants go for exposure visits to understand the work and commitment of local peace actors.



### UNIVERSITY OF PEACE: an annual opportunity hosted by the Methodist Church of Togo

The UPA Campus is offered each year, upon invitation of a Peace partner in a particular country: **hosted this year by the Methodist Church of Togo**, Togo is the 14th country that UPA visits since Senegal in 2003. In a socio and political context that is still complex and violent in Africa, UPA continues to send a strong signal to all men and women of good will to continue their commitment and actions for Peace in their country, their respective communities and in the world. **300 laureates from 30 countries have been trained** on the UPA Campus.

They registered and financed their training with their institutions and partners responding to their understanding that a sustainable and peaceful social cohesion cannot be built by conventional political diplomacy only, and especially not by (violent) political manipulation. It can only be achieved through changes in approach and attitudes within communities and the society itself. Thus, a new 2021 class of African Peacebuilders will act with new knowledge (**the "know what"**), new competences (**the "know-how"**) and especially new attitudes (**the "know to be"**).

## PAN AFRICAN UNION OF PEACE BUILDERS: PAUPB The International Platform of UPA Laureates

Facing political and social challenges, actors of Peace stand up, individually and in groups. They are countless those who are involved in non-governmental, state, international and national organizations, churches, mosques and temples. The UPA Laureates Peacebuilders are networking on their active alumni platform. The PAUPB is registered in Cameroon and organizes training in Peace, supports in advocacy and activates synergy between Peace action of its members and their institutions. PAUPB is becoming a dialogue partner of the African Union and international organizations and donors.

**"He who wants peace - prepares for peace"**: since the new world order put forward by the United Nations (UN Charta, human rights) as a response to the genocide and human destruction of the Second World War, after having overcome the Cold War, the peoples of the world and the international community find themselves faced with an increase in the violence of conflicts, internationalised terrorism and wars of annexation. Africa in particular, apart from some advanced countries, is exposed to persistent conflicts that kill, destroy, commit anti-democratic acts and tear societies apart. UPA Peacebuilders, as part of their responsibility and function in Civil Society and/or politics and diplomacy, note that **the usual interventions of conflict management and resolution are no longer up to the task**, that their paradigm no longer offers an effective response. Military peace interventions, based on a logic of violence, are too often part of the problem rather than providing solutions.

UPA and UPABP therefore bring their **active contribution to 'Rethinking Security'** and 'Reworking Security' based on the logic of a positive Peace, on the primacy of active non-violence, on societal resilience nurtured by a grassroots community that constructively manages its differences, tensions, conflicts and overcomes its history of violence through reconciliation and the strengthening of inclusive social cohesion. A new generation of African Peace Builders is preparing for **this noble mission towards an alternative Africa of Peace**. (14.10.2022)



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- pour les inscriptions au Campus 2023
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