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### **Training of Trainers Workshop for Higher Education on Peace and Resilience Building and Prevention of Violent Extremism in Africa through Teacher Development**

From 28 October to 1 November 2019, the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA) will organize and host a training of trainers workshop for higher education in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with facilitators from Arigatou International and the Institute for Peace and Security Studies at Addis Ababa University for 21 participants from Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Sudan and Somalia, including university lecturers and representatives from the Ministry of Higher Education. Additionally, representatives from UNESCO Dakar and One African Child will also be participating.

The workshop is part of the “Peace and Resilience Building and Prevention of Violent Extremism in Africa through Teacher Development” project, supported by the Government of Japan. The project builds upon lessons learned from the “Teacher Training and Development for Peace Building” projects implemented in the Horn of Africa in 2017 and in the Sahel region in 2018, also with the support of the Government of Japan. More than 6,500 teacher educators and teachers have been trained on [transformative pedagogy for peacebuilding](#) thus far. This project focuses on sharing and scaling up best practices in the target countries.

The project targets teachers in 16 countries in Africa, namely Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda and their cross-border areas. The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Union (AU) Commission's Human Resources and Science and Technology Department and Peace and Security Department along with the UNICEF Liaison Office to the AU are strategic partners in the project.

The one-year project aims to instil peace, build resilience and prevent violent extremism through education with an emphasis on teacher development. Specifically, the training targets faculty of education and peace institutes in universities on the peace and resilience building and prevention of violent extremism guide and its activities with emphasis on pedagogy, curriculum and assessment integration and practice. This training is organized for Anglophone countries in the project and is the first in a series of three trainings. The following two, scheduled for 2020, will target French and Arabic-speaking countries.

#### **About UNESCO IICBA**

UNESCO IICBA, established in 1999, is the only UNESCO Category One Institute in Africa and is mandated to strengthen teacher policy and development throughout the continent. The Institute is also the Teacher Cluster Coordinator under the framework of the AU Agenda 2063 and the Continental Education Strategy for Africa 2016 – 2025.

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