

Linking Peace and Economic Development

The *Economic Development and Peace Project Incubator* group invites Rotarians, Rotaractors, District leaders, global development practitioners and peacebuilders to the first Rotary Peace Project Incubator (RPPI), which seeks to develop peace projects, maximizing the impact of Rotary in the world. The goal of the *Economic Development & Peace Project Incubator* group is to develop peace projects that contribute toward sustainable economic development in fragile, conflict-prone and post-conflict communities and to, therefore, advance positive peace.

Economic development is essential in creating conditions essential to economic growth and prosperity internationally. Economic development is critical to peacebuilding and, likewise, peace fosters economic development and growth. The two are intrinsically interconnected as one is needed for the other to flourish. All aspects of economic development - improving the standard of living of citizens through job creation, support for innovation, enhancement of wealth, increase in per capita income, and, correspondingly, improvement of economic well-being and quality of life. These are vital to the creation of peaceful societies. However, economic development initiatives do not automatically lead to peace; some can inadvertently undermine peace if they are not under the Positive Peace framework and are not designed in a peace-conducive basis.

To advance peacebuilding in connection with economic development, we are offering four (4) online workshops to be followed by a comprehensive presentation during Peace Week in Geneva in November 2020. During these workshops participants will:

- Learn from experts, from international organizations and agencies, who will discuss concepts related to interconnectedness of economic development and peace in a variety of regions (Latin America, Africa, Europe, Asia Pacific and Middle East). Each speaker will share his/her experiences in implementing economic development initiatives in fragile, conflict-prone and post-conflict communities.
- Learn about challenges embedded and opportunities in only selected communities in Kenya, Bolivia, Mexico, and Palestine, as presented by Rotary Peace Fellows, Rotarians and/or global development leaders working in these regions.
- Participate in the development of a Rotary Global Grant for the four selected countries mentioned above, applying concepts and methodologies such as ‘Design Thinking,’ which will include five 5 phases: *Empathize, Define, Ideate/Brainstorm, Prototype Solution, Plans for Testing and Implementing.*^{1/}
- Work in breakout sessions with a facilitator and other participants on assigned topics.

^{1/} Design thinking refers to a cognitive model to approach the challenges of innovation from a human-centered perspective. This model is used by teams to understand users/beneficiaries, challenges, redefine problems and create innovative solutions.

By the end of all sessions, four preliminary proposals for peace projects will be developed based on Rotary’s guidelines for Global Grants.

Country	Communities / Region	Participant Organization (s)
Bolivia	La Paz	Unidos por el Cambio (U4C-Bolivia)
Kenya	Kisumu	Women Arise for Positive Change (WAPC) / United4Change Center (U4C)
Mexico	Oaxaca	Salud Arte y Educación / United4Change Center (U4C)
Palestine	Tulkarem City	Khadouri University / United4Change Center (U4C)

Please join us for an innovative and stimulating workshop that will provide vital insights on how the implementation of sustainable economic development initiatives can contribute to positive peace in the world. ^{2/}

CRITERIA

- Members of Rotary Clubs or Districts that are eager to support Rotary Global Grants in any of the four countries of focus.
- Representatives of organizations, businesses and/or foundations ready to support economic development projects in one of these four countries of focus.
- International experts, professionals, academics and local level actors who have experience in any of these four countries.
- **Commitment** to participate in all the sessions (dates below), playing an active role in the development of a Rotary Global Grant for the pre-selected projects.

Wednesday August 12th, 2020

Wednesday August 26th, 2020

Wednesday September 9th, 2020

Wednesday September 23rd, 2020

^{2/} *Disclaimer: These workshops are intended to develop and design peace projects utilizing the Rotary Global Grant framework; however, it does not guarantee funding for the participants.*

About the Workshops

- Roles will be assigned before each workshop. Each workshop will last approximately two (2) hours.
- Material will be shared prior each session.

<p>Workshop 1: General Session Wednesday August 12th, 2020 9:00 am (Mountain Time) / 10:00 am (Central Time) / 11:00 am (Eastern Time) / 5:00 pm (CEST / Geneva) Zoom: To be provided after registration.</p>		
<p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <p>To explore relationships between economic development and peace.</p> <p>To explore specific examples in communities from four unique countries (general information and challenges)</p>	<p>MODALITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview & Introductions • Guest Speaker / Expert (s) • Q&A • Communities Overview • Breakout Sessions (Four) • Recap/Conclusions 	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Kenya, Bolivia, Mexico, & Palestine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Empathize Process • Stakeholder identification and analysis • Decide on method of needs assessment
<p>Workshop 2 Wednesday August 26th, 2020 9:00 am (Mountain Time) / 10:00 am (Central Time) / 11:00 am (Eastern Time) / 5:00 pm (CEST / Geneva) Zoom: To be provided after registration.</p>		
<p>OBJECTIVE:</p> <p>To develop an effective needs assessment plan including questions and modalities involved in collecting data.</p> <p>To articulate problems to be addressed.</p>	<p>MODALITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview & Introductions • Guest Speaker / Expert (s) • Q&A • Breakout Sessions (Four) • Recap/Conclusions 	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Kenya, Bolivia, Mexico, & Palestine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with the <i>empathize</i> process • Develop a needs assessment plan • Define problem-based research and connect to formal needs assessment and unique community circumstances.
<p>Workshop 3 Wednesday September 9th, 2020 9:00 am (Mountain Time) / 10:00 am (Central Time) / 11:00 am (Eastern Time) / 5:00 pm (CEST / Geneva) Zoom: To be provided after registration.</p>		
<p>OBJECTIVE:</p> <p>Brainstorm ideas for economic development in fragile, conflict-prone and post-conflict communities.</p> <p>To develop an evaluation & monitoring plan.</p>	<p>MODALITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview & Introductions • Guest Speaker / Expert (s) • Q&A • Breakout Sessions (Four) • Recap/Conclusions 	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Kenya, Bolivia, Mexico, & Palestine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideate / brainstorming on the solutions • Decide on the best solution • Determine objectives, goal, logical framework • To develop an evaluation & monitoring plan. •

Workshop 4

Wednesday September 23rd, 2020

9:00 am (Mountain Time) / 10:00 am (Central Time) / 11:00 am (Eastern Time) / 5:00 pm (CEST / Geneva)

Zoom: To be provided after registration.

<p>OBJECTIVE:</p> <p>To learn about approaches in develop project specific budgeting and financial planning.</p> <p>Final Session – Putting all together.</p>	<p>MODALITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview & Introductions • Guest Speaker / Expert (s) • Q&A • Breakout Sessions (Four) • Recap/Conclusions 	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: <i>Kenya, Bolivia, Mexico, & Palestine.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop budget and financial plans • Plans for testing & implementation (Process, MoU, etc.) • Risk analysis and contingency plan - sustainability
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