

National Dialogue and peacemaking course

19 September – 7 November 2024

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Tuesday		<p>24 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Facilitated peer exchange</p> <p>Participants exchange on the e-learning unit and deepen their understanding of how National Dialogues are defined, what their key characteristics are, and how they are structured and designed.</p>	<p>1 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Facilitated peer exchange</p> <p>Participants discuss the objectives of a National Dialogue, get insights how National Dialogues complement other mechanisms of conflict transformation, and look at key challenges and opportunities.</p>	<p>8 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Facilitated peer exchange</p> <p>Participants explore the various aspects of the preparation phase: preparing and initiating the process, getting the mandate, securing political buy-in, and building trust among participants.</p>	<p>15 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Facilitated peer exchange</p> <p>Participants deepen insights about the process phase: setting the agenda, developing the process design and decision-making mechanisms, and selecting participants, facilitators and convener.</p>	<p>22 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Bonus session</p> <p>Country experts and practitioners from three different contexts share their practical experiences with their respective National Dialogue engagements. A Q&A session will follow presentations.</p>	<p>29 October, 2-4 pm*</p> <p>Facilitated peer exchange</p> <p>Participants reflect on key aspects of the implementation phase: the different forms of outcomes, various implementation mechanisms, and where challenges and opportunities lie.</p>	<p>5 November, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Bonus session</p> <p>Expert inputs on the nexus of National Dialogue and climate change and the impact and opportunities of digitalisation on National Dialogues. A Q&A session will follow presentations.</p>
Thursday	<p>19 September 19, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Welcome session</p> <p>Introduction of the course and participants, overview of the course structure and learning objectives, resources and e-learning tool, experiences, and expectations, and Q&A.</p>	<p>26 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Expert session</p> <p>Expert inputs on Berghof Foundation's National Dialogue engagements and other case studies to explore key concepts of National Dialogue. A Q&A session will follow presentations.</p>	<p>2 October*, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Expert session</p> <p>Expert inputs on different political and peace processes and how they might be most effectively linked to National Dialogues. A Q&A session will follow presentations.</p>	<p>10 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Expert session</p> <p>Expert inputs on managing inclusion and effective participation, confidence-building, and key preparation aspects impacting the likelihood of success of National Dialogues.</p>	<p>17 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Expert session</p> <p>Expert inputs on key considerations for process design, consensus-building, deadlock-breaking, and public engagement. A Q&A session will follow presentations.</p>	<p>24 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Panel session</p> <p>Participants present experiences, insights, and challenges from countries conducting or considering National Dialogues for joint reflection and peer coaching.</p>	<p>31 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Expert session</p> <p>Expert inputs on National Dialogue outcomes, legitimacy and implementation, support options, and infrastructures. A Q&A session will follow presentations.</p>	<p>7 November, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Closing session</p> <p>Expert inputs on the future of National Dialogue, emerging processes, and areas of innovation. Q&A, final reflections, feedback, and closing.</p>
Weekend	<p>E-learning platform</p> <p>Unit 1: Introduction and defining National Dialogue</p>	<p>E-learning platform</p> <p>Unit 2: Objectives of National Dialogue</p>	<p>E-learning platform</p> <p>Unit 3: Preparation phase</p>	<p>E-learning platform</p> <p>Unit 4: Process phase</p>	<p>E-learning platform</p> <p>Unit 5: Implementation phase</p>		<p>E-learning platform</p> <p>Final review</p>	

*All live sessions will take place via Zoom, in Berlin time. Please note the switch from Central European Summer Time (UTC+2) to Central European Time (UCT+1) on 27 October 2024. Additionally, due to a bank holiday in Berlin on 3 October 2024, the expert session in week 3 will take place on Wednesday, 2 October 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact trainings@berghof-foundation.org.