

# National Dialogue and peacemaking course

4 September – 21 October 2025

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Tuesday		<p>9 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Facilitated peer exchange</b></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>16 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Facilitated peer exchange</b></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>23 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Facilitated peer exchange</b></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>30 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Facilitated peer exchange</b></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>7 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Bonus session</b></p> <p>Country experts and practitioners from two different contexts share their practical experiences with their respective National Dialogue engagements. A Q&amp;A session will follow presentations.</p>	<p>14 October, 2-4 pm*</p> <p><b>Facilitated peer exchange</b></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>21 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Closing session</b></p> <p>Expert inputs on the future of National Dialogue, emerging processes, and areas of innovation. Q&amp;A, final reflections, feedback, and closing.</p>
Thursday	<p>4 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Welcome session</b></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&amp;A.</p>	<p>11 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Expert session</b></p> <p>Expert inputs on Berghof Foundation's National Dialogue engagements and other case studies to explore key concepts of National Dialogue. A Q&amp;A session will follow presentations.</p>	<p>18 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Expert session</b></p> <p>Expert inputs on different political and peace processes and how they might be most effectively linked to National Dialogues. A Q&amp;A session will follow presentations.</p>	<p>25 September, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Expert session</b></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>2 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Expert session</b></p> <p>Expert inputs on key considerations for process design, consensus-building, deadlock-breaking, and public engagement. A Q&amp;A session will follow presentations.</p>	<p>9 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Panel session</b></p> <p>Participants present experiences, insights, and challenges from countries conducting or considering National Dialogues for joint reflection and peer coaching.</p>	<p>16 October, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Expert session</b></p> <p>Expert inputs on National Dialogue outcomes, legitimacy and implementation, support options, and infrastructures. A Q&amp;A session will follow presentations.</p>	
Self-paced	<p><b>E-learning platform</b></p> <p>Unit 1: Introduction and defining National Dialogue</p>	<p><b>E-learning platform</b></p> <p>Unit 2: Objectives of National Dialogue</p>	<p><b>E-learning platform</b></p> <p>Unit 3: Preparation phase</p>	<p><b>E-learning platform</b></p> <p>Unit 4: Process phase</p>	<p><b>E-learning platform</b></p> <p>Unit 5: Implementation phase</p>		<p><b>E-learning platform</b></p> <p>Final review</p>	

\*All live sessions will take place via Zoom, in Berlin time. If you have any questions, please contact [trainings@berghof-foundation.org](mailto:trainings@berghof-foundation.org).