

HDP or “Triple” Nexus Online Training Course

6-7 May and 11, 12, 13 May
Online Training Programme (Zoom)



Across crisis-affected contexts, humanitarian, development and peace practitioners increasingly work side-by-side with colleagues from other sectors. Sometimes with shared goals, often with different mandates, timelines, or tools. An HDP Nexus approach aims to be collaborative and efficient. Yet in practice, implementation of the Nexus remains challenging due to funding challenges, misaligned mandates, limited joint planning tools, and a lack of shared understanding between actors.

Training Programme

The Clingendael Humanitarian Negotiation Programme has developed a training course that offers a space to share lessons and best practices, while building a knowledge and skillset that will help navigate HDP Nexus challenges in your working practice. Central questions are: What exactly is the HDP Nexus, and how does it differ across contexts? How do humanitarian, development, and peace actors and donors each understand their mandates, and where do these complement or clash? What tools could be used for joint analysis, coordination and more integrated approaches? How can practitioners navigate ethical dilemmas, political sensitivities, and operational constraints?

The objective of this training is to strengthen understanding of the Humanitarian–Development–Peace (HDP) Nexus and to equip participants with practical tools, skills, and shared approaches for more coherent collaboration across humanitarian, development, and peace actors, from field practitioners to donors and policy makers. The course aims to bring policy-level Nexus discourse and field realities closer together, enabling participants to translate the theoretical discussions about the Nexus into context-appropriate and practical action.

Learning outcomes

- Strengthen participants’ conceptual understanding across the HDP Nexus by translating the concept into field-realities, enabling a shared language and reducing conceptual fragmentation.
- Support participants to navigate mandates across humanitarian, development, peace sectors, recognising differences and identifying areas of complementarity.
- Provide participants with practical tools and strengthen their skills for joint analysis and shared context understanding to improve coherence across sectors in crisis-contexts.
- Identify opportunities to improve operational collaboration in complex environments, despite differing tools, timelines, and organisational procedures.
- Increase participants’ understanding of funding imperatives and the funding architecture behind the HDP Nexus, recognising how this shapes incentives, risks, and collaboration patterns, and enabling participants to find avenues to overcome funding-related obstacles.
- Expand participants’ personal networks to support Nexus outcomes in their’ own working context.



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At the Clingendael Institute, we draw from our long-standing work with humanitarian, development, peace, and diplomatic actors, as well as our research into capacity needs for the HDP Nexus. This course provides a practice-oriented approach grounded in real-world cases, expert knowledge, peer exchange, and applied tools.

Selection criteria

- You work in the humanitarian, development, and/or peacebuilding sector, either at strategic operational level, donor outreach level or strategic policymaker level. This could include, for example, a local or national NGO, an international NGO, the UN, a fund, or a government.
- You have between 3 and 5 years of work experience in your field.
- Your job requires you to interact or coordinate with actors across humanitarian, development, and peace sectors.
- You engage with cross-sector colleagues on topics such as strategic planning, joint analysis, program coordination, localisation, or funding and donor frameworks.
- You want to contribute to improving collaboration and coherence in complex crisis settings across sectors.
- You have full working proficiency in English.
- You are available to participate in the entirety of the course programme. This will require you to have access to a laptop with internet connection, as well as a functioning camera and microphone.
- Your organisation provides an endorsement letter that expresses support for your full participation.
- Local staff, practitioners from local and national organisations and women are especially encouraged to apply.

Logistics

This online training will take place online on 6 – 7 May and 11 – 12 – 13 May 2026 (5 days), 11:00 – 16:00 CEST.

We ensure an interactive learning environment with sufficient breaks.

Participants may be asked to complete short self-paced modules in their own time. Participants will receive a certificate upon full attendance of the course.

No participation fee is expected. This course is fully funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will be conducted in English.

Registration



Prospective participants are requested to complete this [online application form](#). All applications must be submitted in English.

The deadline to apply is Friday 17 April 2026 at 23:59 CEST.

The spots for this course are limited at 20 participants. If applications exceed the maximum capacity, a selection will be made based on the participant profiles. Please note that an endorsement letter from your organisation will be required to participate.

Course Coordinators

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the course coordinators with any questions regarding the programme or your application.

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