Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace Course Syllabus

Module 1: Course Overview
- Welcome and Introduction
- Evolution of Environment, Peace, and Conflict Linkages
- Conceptual Framework for Environmental Peacebuilding
- Case Study: Environmental Peacebuilding in Colombia
- Case Study: Extractives and Peacebuilding in Aynak, Afghanistan

Module 2: Natural Resources and Conflict Causes
- Drivers of Violent Conflict Emergence
- Case Study: Diamonds and Conflict in Sierra Leone
- Climate Stress, Conflict, and Peacebuilding
- Case Study: Climate Change Dimensions of the Arab Spring
- Governance and Resilience
- Transparency and Access to Information
- Conflict Sensitivity
- Mediating Natural Resource Conflicts
- Case Study: Land as a Conflict Driver in Sierra Leone
- Wrap-up of Module 2

Module 3: Natural Resources and the Environment during Armed Conflict (Weeks 4 and 5)
- Introduction to Module 3
- The Importance of Natural Resources during Conflict
- Environmental Impacts of Armed Conflict
- Breakdown of Environmental Governance and Social Relationships
- Conflict Resources and Pillage
- Case Study: Blood Chocolate - Cacao and Conflict in Côte d'Ivoire
- National Tools for Addressing Conflict Resources
- International Law Protecting the Environment during Armed Conflict
- Implementing International Law during Armed Conflict
- UN Security Council Tools for Addressing Resource Conflicts
- Case Study: Diamonds, Timber and Conflict in Liberia
- Natural Resources in Peace Agreements
- Wrap-up of Module 3

Module 4: Post-Conflict Environmental Peacebuilding (Weeks 6 and 7)
- Introduction to Module 4
- Environment and Natural Resources in Post-Conflict Assessments
- Renewable and Nonrenewable Resources for Recovery

- Natural Resources in Security and Stabilization
- Restoring Livelihoods and Building Resilience
- Resources as Entry Points for Dialogue and Cooperation
- Case Study: Cooperation around Shared Water in the Jordan River
- Rebuilding Environmental Governance
- Empowering Women in Natural Resource Management and Peacebuilding
- Spatial Planning and Recovery
- Mitigating Environmental Impacts of Reconstruction
- Coordination in Peacebuilding
- Case Study: Environmental Peacebuilding through Water Management in Wadi El Ku, Sudan
- Wrap-up of Module 4

Module 5: Course Wrap-up and Final Assignment (Week 8)
- Course Wrap-up and Final Assessment