



LEARNING PEACE: A UNIVERSITY AT THE WORLD'S SERVICE

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Links Between Environment & Peace

- We all share the hope of achieving sustainable development, but
- This is impossible in a world ravaged by war and conflict.

- We all share the hope of living in a peaceful world; but
- This is impossible in a world where so many are so poor, hungry, thirsty, ill.....

International Sustainable Development Movement

- 1972: Stockholm Conference on the Environment
- 1987: Our Common Future
- 1992: UN Conference on Environment and Development (Rio)
- 2000: Millenium Development Goals
- 2002: World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg)

2005 UN Summit

- Commitments to achieve the MDGs
- Establishment of a Peacebuilding Commission
- Responsibility to Protect

**Progress for sustainable development
and peace???**

Present UN Education Decades

- International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)
- Education for All (2000-2015)
- The Decade for Literacy (2003-2012)
- The Decade for Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

Are they connected??



The University for Peace (UPEACE)

Established by UN GA Resolution to:

- provide an international institution of higher education for peace
- promote a spirit of understanding, tolerance & peaceful coexistence
- stimulate cooperation
- help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace & progress

(UN GA Resolution 35/55, December 1980)

The UPEACE System: Strengthening our 'Three Pillars'

- Excel in face-to-face teaching and research at our Costa Rica campus and elsewhere
- Extend our presence worldwide
- Disseminate our programmes to reach others

Face-to-Face Teaching



UPEACE Face-to-Face Teaching & Research

Master's Programmes and research in:

- International Peace Studies
- Peace Education: Costa Rica
- International Law & Settlement of Disputes
- International Law & Human Rights: Costa Rica
- Gender & Peace Building
- Natural Resources & Sustainable Development (with American University)
- Environmental Security and Peace



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UPEACE Face-to-Face Teaching & Research

Other planned MA Programmes:

- Media, Peace and Security (2006)
- Development, Peace and Security
- Disarmament and Non Proliferation

Face-to Face Teaching: Workshops

UPEACE hosts numerous workshops & short courses reaching out to communities beyond our academic programmes:
2000-2005: 60 events for 2000+ people in all regions





Commencement, May 2005



Extending our Presence Worldwide:

Costa Rica:

- Headquarters of UPEACE system
- Central administration, & services
- Laboratory for UPEACE system for academic programme development;
- University with full time students & academic staff: delivers 7 MA Programmes & undertakes research
- Seat of Sharing Knowledge for Peace Programme
- Seat of Latin America and Caribbean Programme
- Seat of the Earth Charter Initiative (partner organization)





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Extending our Presence Worldwide:



Canada: Toronto Centre

Ethiopia: Seat of UPEACE Africa Programme

Switzerland: Liaison Office; home for Central Asia Programme planning, and plans for a larger centre

USA: NY Liaison office and home for Asia & Pacific Programme planning

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Geneva UPEACE team

UPEACE Africa Regional Programme



In discussion for future UPEACE locations:

Brazil: programme on human security & urban violence
emphasizing peace education

Egypt: collaboration with Bibliotheca Alexandrina's future
Institute for Peace

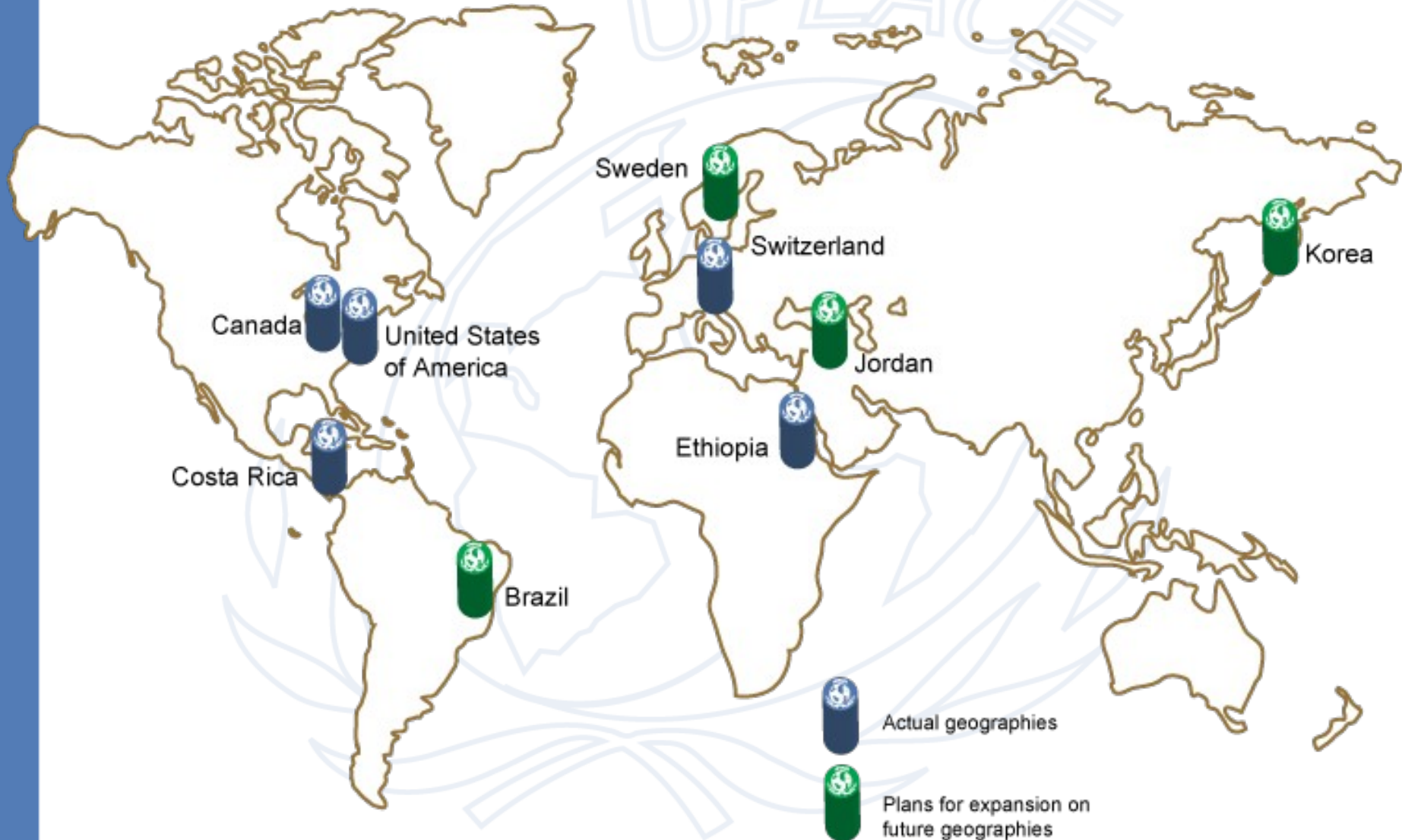
Jordan: Amman Centre for the Middle East

Korea: Centre for North East Asia

Philippines: Dual Programme in International Peace
Studies

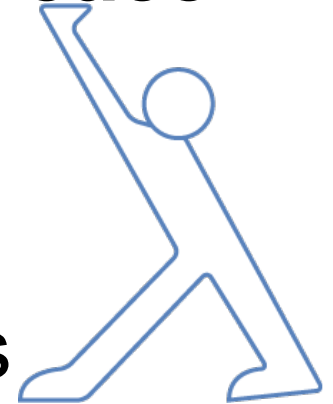
Sweden: International Centre on education & training
programmes

The UPEACE World



Disseminating our Programmes to Reach Others: **Sharing Knowledge for Peace**

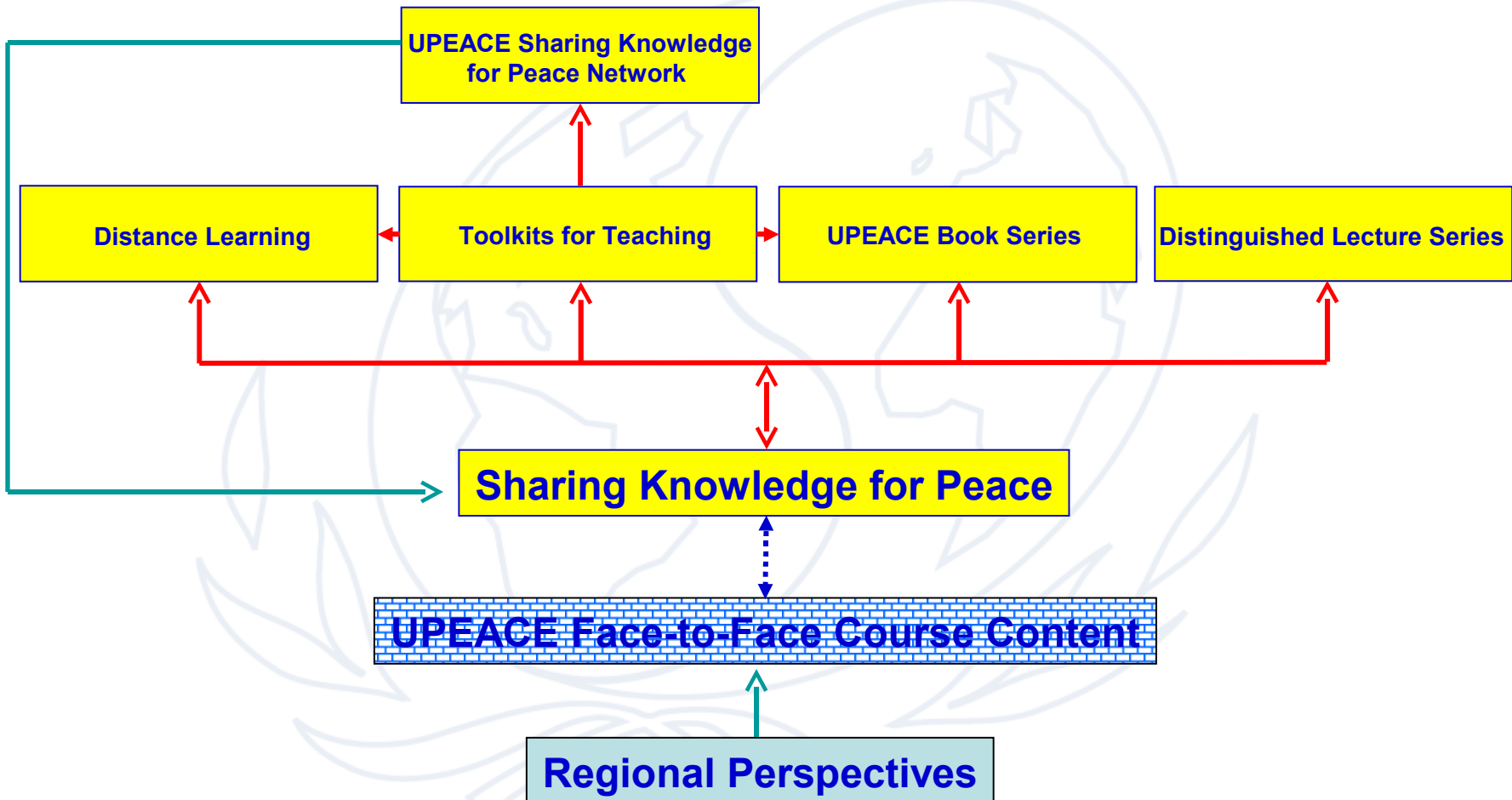
- Toolkits for Teaching
- Network of Cooperating Institutions
- Distance Learning
- Distinguished Lecture Series
- UPEACE book series



Toolkits for Teaching



Sharing Knowledge for Peace



The UPEACE System: Governance to help us carry out our mission and to ensure coherence, transparency and efficiency

Decision Making Organs:

- Council
 - Honorary President
- Rector, Senior Management, Faculty
- International Academic Council

Advisory Mechanisms:

- Council of Honour
- Donor Advisory Group

Creating a Network of individuals and organizations devoted to peace

- Students: (Class of 2006: 108 from 39 countries)
- Alumni (nearly 250 from 60 countries)
- UPEACE Councils (past & present)
- UPEACE staff (past & present)
- Visiting faculty (220 since 2001)
- Partner universities & organizations (45 active MOUs with organizations to date); many more informal relations
- Donors

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