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ABOUT THE KENT PROGRAM

The Kent Global Leadership Program on Conflict Resolution is the product of a fortunate encounter:

- The **School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)**, whose approach to education is to combine the academic rigor and innovative spirit of Columbia University with the policy focus of practitioners who bring to the classroom the experience and challenges of a changing world. The history of the school is intimately linked to the United Nations - its founding dean, Andrew Cordier, had been a close adviser of Dag Hammarskjöld - and whose student body, coming from more than 70 countries, reflects that international outlook; and
- A generous donor, **Muhtar Kent, retired Chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company**, who throughout his career has demonstrated a deep commitment to international cooperation and a conviction that business has a particular responsibility in helping build peaceful societies.

The Kent Program has the ambition to help prepare the next generation of global practitioners for the increasingly complex challenges posed by contemporary conflict. In addition to an annual summer training for promising young diplomats, the Kent Program sponsors on-campus events and workshops during the academic year, a visiting professorship, fellowships for outstanding SIPA graduate students, and original research in conflict and peacebuilding.



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2023 SUMMER TRAINING:

Expanding Avenues for Conflict and Competing Visions for Peace

The five-day Kent Conflict Resolution Summer Training will take place in-person in New York between **May 22nd-May 26th, 2023** and combines experiential skills building and expert panel discussions. This intensive course will familiarize a select group of mid-career diplomats with the emerging dynamics of 21st century conflict and the tools, knowledge, and negotiating techniques that are necessary to address these dynamics. Specifically, participants will engage with the opportunities provided by **“The Golden Triangle,”** a reference to the synergistic potential for cooperation between stakeholders in government, civil society, and the private sector. Participants will receive a packet of training materials before arriving in New York. Those who successfully complete the training will receive a Certificate of Participation from Columbia University SIPA.

The training centers around an **in-depth simulation and a case study**, which are augmented by **high-level panels** featuring senior officials from governments and international organizations, CEOs of major corporations, and leaders of prominent NGOs. As a distinctive feature of the training, the simulation will bring to the world of diplomacy some of the methods used in business schools. Last year's simulation and case study centered around the training's overarching theme of **Cities**. The simulation took form as a Peace Summit in Geneva, asking participants to come together as political, military, business, and civil society stakeholders to address a persisting civil war, while the case study asked participants to design and build consensus around a sizable urban recovery initiative in the capitol city of a Least Developed Country, where poverty, violence, and extreme vulnerability to natural disasters jeopardized the peace and stability of the entire region.

The 2023 Summer Training will center around a new theme of **Expanding Avenues for Conflict and Competing Visions for Peace**, recognizing that the international system is increasingly characterized by uncertainty and contention as conflict spreads into spheres such as **cyberspace, climate and energy infrastructure, migration and mobility management, and (dis)information**. Not only do such expanding avenues make conflict less predictable, but they also frustrate traditional means of conflict resolution, making multilateral cooperation and innovation all the more exigent.

Recordings of sessions from last year's summer training are available at www.tinyurl.com/ycx5p8te.



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