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Pictured: Dr. Maurício Vieira, Karen Acosta, and Gabriela Montero, together with participants and speakers at the 2025 World Compliance Forum.

UPEACE Champions Global Action Against Organized Crime at World Compliance Forum 2025

The University for Peace, in partnership with the Latin American Federation of Compliance (FELADE) and the Financial Analysis Unit (UAF) of the Dominican Republic, co-hosted the World Compliance Forum 2025 on June 26–27 in Santo Domingo. This high-level international forum convened experts from across Latin America – including Colombia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic – to tackle urgent challenges in regulatory compliance, institutional governance, and the fight against financial and transnational crime.

Representing UPEACE were key voices in the global conversation: Dr. Maurício Vieira, Director of the Chair on Combating Illicit Trade and Preventing Transnational Organized Crime; Karen Acosta, Director of the Department of Regional Studies; and Gabriela Montero, Program Coordinator and Academic Officer. Their leadership reinforced UPEACE's mission to cultivate ethical leaders, strengthen democratic institutions, and uphold the rule of law as a cornerstone of peace and sustainable development.

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UPEACE Launches Geneva Multilateral Center to Strengthen Global Cooperation



Pictured: Ambassador David Fernandez Puyana, UPEACE Permanent Observer to the UN in Geneva, together with CNISCO representatives, during the launch of the Geneva Multilateral Center.

The University for Peace proudly announces the launch of the Geneva Multilateral Center, a dynamic academic and diplomatic initiative developed in collaboration with the China National Institute for SCO International Exchange and Judicial Cooperation. Headquartered at UPEACE's Geneva office, the Center positions itself as a strategic hub for multilateral dialogue and advanced training in international diplomacy.

The Geneva Multilateral Center is designed to foster cooperation among regional blocs, enhance diplomatic skills, and promote peace through academic programs, policy forums, and international collaboration networks. The initiative was spearheaded by Ambassador David Fernández Puyana, UPEACE's Permanent Observer to the United Nations in Geneva, reflecting the institution's growing role in shaping global diplomacy.

UPEACE Inaugurates New Institute for Multilateral Cooperation and International Talent Development

UPEACE proudly celebrates the successful inauguration of the Multilateral Cooperation Research Institute and the Student Talent Base for International Organizations, two landmark initiatives launched in Beijing, China to strengthen the next generation of global leadership.

These new projects, developed in partnership with the Beijing Yaoyang Foundation and the Beijing Bacui Bilingual School, aim to deepen international educational cooperation and promote multilateralism through academic innovation and diplomatic engagement.

The Institute will be led by Dr. Francisco Rojas Aravena, Rector of UPEACE, who will act as Dean. Ms. ZHANG Xinyuan, UPEACE China Centre representative, will serve as Executive Dean alongside Ms. Jiang Dan, founder and Director of the Beijing Bacui Bilingual School and Deputy Director of the Beijing Yaoyang Foundation—underscoring a strong, shared commitment to international collaboration and educational excellence.



Pictured: ZHANG Xinyuan, representative of the UPEACE China Centre, alongside representatives from the Beijing Yaoyang Foundation and the Beijing Bacui Bilingual School.



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Pictured: Members of the University for Peace present at Costa Rica's 2025 Diversity March in San José.

The University for Peace proudly took part in Costa Rica's 2025 Diversity March in San José, reaffirming its unwavering commitment to human rights, equality, and inclusion. Marching under the banner of #PrideUnitesUs, UPEACE joined the Costa Rican diplomatic corps and members of UN GLOBE, established to advocate for the equity and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ personnel in the UN system and its peacekeeping operations.

Thousands of people came together to celebrate the diversity that enriches our global community. Beyond the streets, UPEACE amplified its message through a digital campaign for LGBTIQ+ Pride Day, emphasizing that inclusion is not a statement but a daily, active commitment.

In a world where many still face discrimination for who they are, UPEACE sends a clear message: there is no peace without dignity, no justice without equality, and no human rights if any part of humanity is left behind.

Do you want to learn more about criminal economies in Latin America?

Learn more about the evolution, impact, and responses to criminal economies in Latin America in this new publication, "The New Challenges of Criminal Economies. Latin American Case Studies," coming soon!

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