



Week of November 20-26, 2023

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

UPEACE RECTOR PARTICIPATED IN THE WORLD PEACE FORUM BARCELONA 2023



UPEACE Rector Francisco Rojas Aravena participated as a panelist at the World Peace Forum 2023, held in Barcelona on 23 November. Dr. Rojas Aravena participated alongside Ms. Ouided Bouchamaoui, member of the UPEACE Council and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and Deepa Parent, journalist and informant for The Guardian. As part of his speech, Rector Rojas indicated the following when talking about the current state of world affairs: *"How can we get out of this situation? By changing people's mentality. This can only be achieved through education and more education. It is a task that we must undertake every day.... The task of UPEACE is to reflect and propose alternatives for living together. This is based on education, education for peace."*

Read the Rector's full speech [here](#)

MEET UPEACER ALEXA SILVA VARELA, RECENT GRADUATE OF OUR GENDER AND PEACEBUILDING PROGRAMME



UPEACER Alexa Silva, a recent graduate of our M.A. in Gender and Peacebuilding, shares her thoughts on her #UPEACEexperience, which she found full of opportunities for learning and growth.

Check out Alexa's video testimonial [here](#)

UPEACE AND THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION AGAINST ILLICIT ECONOMIES (ICAIE) SIGNED MOU



UPEACE Vice Rector Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo and David Luna of the International Coalition Against Illicit Economies (ICAIE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding which aims to explore possible cooperation initiatives of mutual interest. In addition, the two institutions will encourage staff exchanges, the sharing of experiences and expertise, and the promotion of joint projects and initiatives.

More about the MoU [here](#)

UPEACE REPRESENTATIVE AND PERMANENT OBSERVER IN GENEVA MET WITH THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ALGERIA TO THE UN IN GENEVA



Last week, our Representative and Permanent Observer to the United Nations in Geneva, David Fernandez Puyana, met with H.E. Faouzia Boumaiza-Mebarki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the UN in Geneva and Ms. Karima Benyahia. Together, they explored future joint actions in the field of peace and dialogue.