

Faculty Senate Committee on National Recovery

KAICT is an autonomous Institute independent of any particular college and governed by a "Faculty Senate Committee on National Recovery". It is directly supervised by the Vice President for Graduate Education. It operates a small and efficient Secretariat headed by a Director and two deputy directors for a) Training and Research and b) Policy Dialogue and Special Projects. There are three persons support staff including administrator/secretary, resource centre assistant, and driver/expediter. The Institute maintains 10 core instructors selected from various relevant schools and departments of the University of Liberia and other recognized tertiary institutions in the country.

The Faculty Senate Committee on National Recovery is the governing board with oversight responsibilities for the KAICT. The Committee's role is undertaken in collaboration with the Vice President for Graduate Education. The Committee meets once a quarter to review work plans and financial reports of the Institute. Within the Senate Committee are three working committees—Scholarship Awarding, Standards and Quality Control, and Financial Governance Committees.



'Convening Knowledge for Liberia's Reconstruction'

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BRIEF



DESCRIPTION OF KAICT

As the nation's oldest institution of learning the University of Liberia initiated the establishment of a specialized institute—the Kofi A. Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation (KAICT)—that will serve as a *centre of excellence* for producing the appropriate human capital required for national recovery.

The Kofi A. Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation (KAICT) **envisions a future where public dialogue and rigorous research and analysis are endemic to policymaking and implementation in Liberia.** It is a future in which a new generation of Liberians, endowed with abilities for critical and innovative thinking, lead in the definition, reconstruction, and administration of the Liberian state.

Rooted in the overall mission of the University of Liberia which "strive to create an academic environment in which outstanding students and scholars from around the world are continually challenged and inspired to do their best possible work," the KAICT seeks to develop itself as the Centre of Excellence for policy research and dialogue on peace, conflict, security, gender and development in Liberia. It is determined to develop the highest level of competencies in conflict, peace, security, gender, and development studies and to foster the deployment of such competencies and talents to all aspects of Liberia's national recovery project. The Institute shall offer both short-term certificate and Master degree courses, operate a policy watch, and set standards for studies in peace, conflict, security, gender and development in Liberia.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

A network of policy think-tank to conduct policy research and support GoL and the international community in policy formulation established and functioning.

A mechanism for policy dialogue including a "Policy Watch Forum"

A resource centre containing cutting-edge materials on post conflict recovery, peace, conflict, security, gender, and development

Certificate and graduate degree training programs

Mechanisms to ensure ethical and quality control in research and training in the combined areas of conflict, peace, security, gender, and development in Liberia.

Collaboration between researchers, students, civil society organizations both in Liberia and the Mano River basin countries.

CORE VALUES

The KAICT core values are in addition to the overall core values of the University of Liberia.

Diversity Cognizant of the multi-ethnic, multi-religious, and politically plural Liberian context the KAICT is committed not only to the respect for difference but to cultivate the unique values of each difference so as to enrich learning and at the same time eliminate vices such as prejudice and stereotypes from the learning environment and, by extension, the Liberia society.

Excellence and Merit KAICT values excellence in all its endeavours. Students and researchers are awarded based on their abilities and performance.

Objectivity and Critical Thinking KAICT values objectivity and critical thinking. The Institute shall ensure that policy research and conclusions are backed by rigorous analysis and not colored by any political, religious, or ethnic interests.

Local Knowledge and Ownership While cross fertilization of knowledge in today's globalizing world is inevitable and necessary KAICT believes durable solutions to local problems are those that have as their basis local knowledge and experience and supported by external knowledge and resources.

Collaboration and Collegiality KAICT values distinctiveness and interdependency of knowledge, expertise, and experience. The Institute shall therefore promote mutual respect and partnership in all learning activities.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

- ◆ AGEH Civil Peace Service (CPS)
- ◆ New York University (NYU)
- ◆ German Development Cooperation (GIZ).
- ◆ Norwegian Institute of International Affairs ([NUPI](#))
- ◆ University of Bradford
- ◆ UNDP
- ◆ Being Involved