



Call for applications to Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism (iDove) international youth network

About iDove?

Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism (iDove) initiative was launched in 2017 by the *African Union Commission Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (AUC-CIDO)* and the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH* on behalf of the *German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)* to highlight the importance of the soft power of religion in preventing violent extremism (PVE) through innovative, youth-led approaches.

iDove is an intercontinental platform of exchange and learning for youth working on preventing violent extremism (PVE) and building social cohesion, specifically focusing on youth (age 18-35) from Africa, Europe, Middle East and Asia. iDove consists of approximately 150 members from 49 countries worldwide, representing different faith, cultural and professional backgrounds. iDove network includes creative artists, community workers, researchers, academics and policy makers.

iDove is based on the understanding that PVE requires a comprehensive 'soft-power' approach that focuses on the root causes of violent extremism. Bottom-up, innovative community-based and youth-led approaches help foster mutual understanding, support, and cooperation between different generations, ethnic, social and religious groups.

iDove areas of engagement include:

- **Intercontinental Youth Forum (IYF):** iDovers, the youth engaged in iDove, come together annually to build networks, acquire a sense of ownership, build a common identity as iDovers and develop strategies in the field of PVE. Throughout the years, in total five IYFs have been organized in different parts of the world, welcoming around 30 iDovers in each forum.
- **Project Implementation:** iDove supports projects of iDovers which are implemented through local organisations. This aims at enhancing the iDover's organizational capacity and to ensure timely and effective youth-led responses to violent extremism. In 2024, iDovers conducted four projects to empower the role of youth in P/CVE in Kenya, Nigeria, DRC and the Liptako region, which spans Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, known as a global terrorism hotspot. The projects reaches more than 1800 people in total.
- **Capacity Building and Training of Trainers:** The iDove Training of Trainers (ToT) equips the iDovers with skills and tools to build cohesive communities and teaches to become trainers to deliver an iDove training themselves. This is assisted by a comprehensive ToT manual that provides practical tips and exercises.



For more information, visit: [iDove – Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism - Peacemakers Network](#)

Why to apply for iDove programme?

1. Global Peer Learning and Collaboration

Becoming part of a vibrant network of over 150 youth from around the world offers a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful peer learning, exchange best practices, and build lasting partnerships in the field of preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE).

2. Access to Support for Community Projects

iDovers share possibilities for partnerships, applying for funding and capacity sharing through peer-to-peer learning. In the past, the iDove programme has also supported youth-led initiatives through small-scale grants. This has provided a concrete opportunity to bring impactful ideas to life and contribute directly to peacebuilding within my community.

3. Capacity Building Through Training Resources

iDove has developed a comprehensive Training of Trainers (ToT) manual focused on P/CVE and social cohesion. As a member of the network, you have the chance to be trained in this methodology and equipped with the tools needed to facilitate workshops and trainings within your own context.

4. Active Role in Programme Development

iDove fosters a participatory governance structure, allowing members to influence the programme direction and regional initiatives. In the recently installed new governance structure, youth have the opportunity to be in the driver's seat chairing the regional working groups and contribute to shape future activities of the iDove network.

5. Personal Growth Through Mentorship

The iDove mentorship programme presents a valuable pathway for personal and professional development. Being mentored by experienced peacebuilders and engaging with like-minded peers will deepen my knowledge, skills, and impact in the field.

Who can apply?

- Expressed strong motivation to be part of the iDove network and contribute to the related activities;
- Working or active with P/CVE or related fields such as social cohesion and peacebuilding;



- The applicant has to be under 35 years;
- English proficiency required (basic working level). English is the common working language among the participants, therefore the participant should be able to follow and take part to the conversations.

How to apply?

Please apply by filling out the application form **by 20 June 2025 23.55 EAT** here:

<https://forms.gle/7tp1tsgXc2WDsAaEA>

Only those applications that are submitted via the form and on time can be considered.