

INVITATION

Global Think Tank 2025/26

Peace in the Age of Global Warfare

Decolonize Peace – Deconstruct Postcolonial Power Structures

What is it about?

Concepts and processes of peace are still largely dominated by actors from the Global North. African perspectives, experiences, and solutions often remain marginalized. The **Global Think Tank (GTT)** aims to change that.

Under the theme “**Peace in the Age of Global Warfare**,” the GTT brings together actors from Africa, the African diaspora, and Europe to critically examine postcolonial power structures in peace processes and to develop new, effective, and culturally grounded peace strategies.

Purpose of the Think Tank

- **To develop a forward-looking vision of peace**, based on decolonial, African, and locally rooted approaches – in line with the **UN Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions**
- **To create a position paper** with concrete recommendations for policymakers, civil society, and institutions
- The outcomes will be **presented publicly at the Kenako Africa Festival 2026**



Structure and Schedule (online via Zoom)

The Think Tank will consist of **3–4 online meetings** between **October 2025 and July 2026**:

Session Type	Date & Time
Kick-off Meeting	Wednesday 29. October 2025 5 PM - 7 PM
Second Meeting	Wednesday 26. November 2025 afternoon / evening between 4 PM - 8 PM
Third Meeting	Wednesday 04. February 2026 afternoon / evening between 4 PM - 8 PM
(Optional Final Meeting)	Wednesday 04. March 2026 afternoon / evening between 4 PM - 8 PM

- During the first meeting, participants will get to know each other and jointly define a shared understanding of **peace**. A central **guiding question** will also be developed together.
- This question will serve as the basis for further discussions and the final **position paper**.

Please note: All meetings will be held in English!



Key Questions

- What does peace mean from **African, Afro-diasporic, or local perspectives**?
- What **postcolonial power dynamics** still obstruct peace processes today?
- How can peacebuilding be approached and designed **decolonially**?
- Whose **voices and actors** need to be heard and involved?
- What **structural changes** are necessary to make global peace processes more just?

Target Group

- International peace initiatives & NGOs
- Activists and community-based actors
- Scholars and experts
- Political decision-makers
- Representatives of the African diaspora

Outcome: Position Paper

The jointly developed **position paper** will be publicly presented and discussed at the **Kenako Africa Festival 2026**. It will include:

- A response to the Think Tank's guiding question
- **Concrete recommendations** for decolonial peacebuilding
- **Policy and civil society impulses** for rethinking peace in today's world

Who is behind the project?

The Global Think Tank is an initiative by the **Afrika Medien Zentrum e.V.** – active since 2008 in Berlin and organizer of the **Kenako Africa Festival**.

More information: www.amz-berlin.de

For any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact us at:
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Participation & Registration

We would be delighted to have you join all meetings.

Please confirm your participation by **15 October 2025** via email to:

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*Let's rethink peace – decolonial, inclusive, and future-oriented.
We look forward to your participation!*