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The Berghof Foundation is an independent, non-governmental and non-profit organisation supporting conflict stakeholders in their efforts to achieve sustainable peace through conflict transformation. Based in Germany, the Foundation’s operations are run by a dedicated, diverse team working closely with partners around the world.

**Peace Education and Global Learning**
Conflict transformation is a mutual learning process. Reflection, learning and education therefore lie at the heart of many of our regional and thematic activities. In practice, we focus on developing and implementing curricula, on providing training workshops for multipliers in the formal and non-formal education system, on developing and publishing learning media, and on creating spaces for joint reflection.

**Project “Peace Education in Iran”**
“Furthering direct and structural peace education in Iran” supports civil society actors in strengthening a culture of dialogue and peace through educational means. In cooperation with the Tehran Peace Museum, the project contributes to the creation of structures for peace education in Iran through the implementation of direct peace education initiatives such as workshops, qualification courses and exhibitions.

**Project development**
The Berghof Foundation and the Tehran Peace Museum started their cooperation in 2014 with the exhibition „Peace Counts: Success Stories from Peacebuilders Worldwide“. Berghof facilitated trainings for young volunteers at the museum, qualifying them to offer workshops on peace education. Recognising the high demand for a systematic approach to peace education and peace research in Iran, Berghof and the Tehran Peace Museum organised an Iranian-European expert meeting in 2016 to discuss the state and potential of peace education in Iran. Additionally, both organisations jointly developed a one-week basic course on peace education, accompanied by a trainer manual available in English and Farsi. The Tehran Peace Museum and Berghof continue their cooperation by further training facilitators and expanding their target groups geographically and topically.

**Long-term Goals**
In cooperation with Berghof Foundation and several Iranian universities, the Tehran Peace Museum plans to establish a peace academy within its own premises. Courses and dialogue events discussing causes of violence and war as well as paths to peace will regularly take place at the academy. Berghof advises the museum in establishing the peace academy, develops educational services and brings the museum staff in touch with German universities and professors of peace and conflict studies.

**Current situation in Iran**
Since the beginning of President Hassan Rohani’s term in August 2013, Iran's foreign and domestic policy is undergoing a transformation. After the successful conclusion of the nuclear agreement in 2015 and the lifting of sanctions, a large part of the Iranian population hopes for domestic and foreign policy reforms. Rohani’s re-election in 2017 is a strong sign that the population still supports his course. International encounters and exchanges of experiences as well as qualification courses and the collaboration on common projects can be supportive of the transformation process.

**Project activities in 2017**

**April 2017/ Peace Education Course Training of Trainers**
Participants of the first Peace Education Course participate in a Training of Trainers. They will afterwards be able to facilitate the course for different target groups and with different thematic focuses. For support, they can use a peace education manual in English and Persian.

**September 2017 / Regional Meeting on Youth Dialogue and Peacebuilding**
The course brings together young leaders of the region who are interested in learning more about dialogue and peacebuilding skills, and to develop common visions for the future. They will practice how to engage in constructive dialogue and how to draft visions of a peaceful future. The course can be a starting point for a regional network of young leaders for dialogue and peacebuilding.

**November 2017/ Autumn School on Peace Education**
The Tehran Peace Museum develops a curriculum for a one-week autumn school for participants from different provinces of Iran. They receive an introduction to concepts of peace education and discuss societal topics that are relevant throughout Iran.

**Peace Education Courses for Universities**
In cooperation with the Universities Shahid Beheshti and Allameh Tabataba'i, Berghof develops a Peace Education module targeted at University students and professors. The module is introduced at both Universities in summer and autumn 2017.