



Annual Conference Report Fiscal Year (FY) 2025

Initially established by President John F. Kennedy by executive order on March 1, 1961, the Peace Corps was formally authorized by Congress on September 22, 1961, with the passage of *The Peace Corps Act*. The Peace Corps is an independent agency in the executive branch of the U.S. Government. The agency's mission is to promote world peace and friendship.

Domestic and overseas conferences are critical tools for training and collaboration among staff members regarding agency programs, operations, and procedures. The Peace Corps recognizes that conferences improve performance and increase the competencies of its staff. The Peace Corps also acts as a careful steward of taxpayer dollars, ensuring that funds are used for purposes that are appropriate, cost-effective, and important to the agency's core mission. The Peace Corps exercises discretion and judgment in ensuring that conference expenses are appropriate, necessary, and managed in a manner that minimizes expense.

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Memorandum M-17-08, amending M-12-12, Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations*, this report lists all conferences sponsored by the agency during FY 2025 with expenses exceeding \$100,000. Conference expenses were tracked by the sponsoring office; conference costs include participant travel costs, lodging, and meals and incidental expenses, as well as food, audio-visual and supplies, and venue expenses.

Peace Corps FY 2025 Annual Report on Conferences with Expenses in Excess of \$100,000

Name of Conference	Conference Description	Start Date	End Date	Location	Attendee Count	Conference Cost
Europe, Mediterranean, and Asia (EMA) Region Director of Management and Operations (DMO) Conference	The purpose of the conference is to bring together DMOs posted overseas with key business offices at Peace Corps/Washington to discuss regional priorities and progress, standardize processes across the region, and collaborate on pertinent issues affecting all posts.	10/20/2024	10/26/2024	Tirana, Albania	41	\$ 138,117
Inter-America and Pacific (IAP) Region Management and Operations Conference	The purpose of the conference is to bring together the IAP Region's Management and Operations staff to collaborate on topics of regional importance, including effective management practices, future budget implications, and current agency initiatives.	10/28/2024	11/1/2024	Phoenix, AZ	54	\$ 196,808
Volunteer Recruitment and Selection (VRS) University Partners Conference	The purpose of this biennial conference is to bring together stakeholders for collaboration and knowledge-sharing in support of the Peace Corps Prep and the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows programs.	9/8/2025	9/11/2025	Denver, CO	141	\$ 321,569