



A4P Key Messages (General)

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- As the nature of conflict evolves, peace operations face more dangerous environments, adversaries and weapons. The Action for Peacekeeping initiative, launched in March 2018 by the Secretary-General, is a **response to these challenges**.
- The A4P initiative recognizes that **peacekeeping is a partnership** and **overcoming challenges requires strong, collective action** and the commitment of all stakeholders.
- UN Peacekeeping partners include the Security Council, troop and police contributing countries, the General Assembly, financial contributors, host governments, regional and sub-regional organizations and the Secretariat.
- All these partners came together to agree on a [Declaration of Shared Commitments](#) that reflects their **commitments to improve peacekeeping**. Endorsed by 152 Member States and four regional organizations, the Declaration provides an agenda for action on the way forward. It builds on existing workstreams to bring together many strands of work in one concise structure.
- **A4P is our blueprint for better peacekeeping**. It is a driver of change permeating all aspects of peacekeeping-related work. Improving the **concrete, measurable impact** UN Peacekeeping partners have on the ground is the highest priority.
- The UN Secretariat is playing its part to **strengthen peacekeeping**. Concrete and timebound deliverables were identified to achieve the commitments.
- The A4P initiative **informs our day-to-day work** both in the field and at HQ. For example:
 - We are working to improve peacekeeping performance, including through implementing the Action Plan on Improving the Security of Peacekeepers.
 - We are taking advantage of the new peace & security architecture to enhance our support for political processes, including through development of strengthened regional strategies.
 - We are taking active steps to strengthen and increase the role of women in peacekeeping.
 - We are developing a comprehensive misconduct planning and risk management tool.
- Over 25 Member States have come forward to champion one or more priority areas of the Declaration of Shared Commitments. As champions, they will be convening other Member States endorsers to **mobilize implementation efforts** on specific areas.

- These efforts alone are not enough. All partners have a role to play to **maintain momentum and translate commitments into concrete actions**. We must continue to increase our collective effort to strengthen peacekeeping.
- A4P is a work in progress. We must **continuously review the way we conduct business** to strengthen peacekeeping and **ensure its relevance**.
- We need to work closely to **build a culture of continual improvement and accountability** so that we can meet the expectations of the people we serve.