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Virtual Preparatory Meeting of the 2021 UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Partnership for Training and Capacity Building

Co-Hosted by Ethiopia, Indonesia and Japan

**September 1 and 2, 2021
08.00-10.00 a.m EDT**

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Improving training and capacity building and ensuring equal opportunities of access to training for women and men personnel is key to enhancing performance and effectiveness of peacekeeping. Their importance is only further underlined by Action for Peacekeeping +, which places “capabilities and mindsets” as one of the most critical priorities that needs to be addressed to strengthen peacekeeping.

Training and capacity building are a shared responsibility between Member States and the UN Secretariat. Member States have the responsibility to provide well-trained and equipped personnel to be deployed in peacekeeping, while the UN Secretariat is responsible to provide policies, standards and training materials. To address the training needs and gaps, partnership among all peacekeeping stakeholders is critical.

Overarching goals of the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial in the area of training and capacity building are to support T/PCCs to enhance their own training activities and encourage training providers and donors to make new pledges in this area. To these ends, the Preparatory Meeting will present specific needs of training and capacity building and share the good practices, lessons learned and challenges of various partnership models to facilitate training and capacity building efforts. Specific attention will be paid to training and capacity building needs that should be addressed to enhance women’s participation in peacekeeping by ensuring they can compete for the same positions as men and undertake the full range of functions in peacekeeping. This meeting will highlight and discuss the gaps identified in peacekeeping medical support, capacities in integrating gender and women, peace and security priorities and how to build capacities and capabilities through standardized trainings.

Participation

The Preparatory Meeting is intended for senior national experts on peacekeeping from both their capitals and their offices in New York. Each member state will be allowed 10 participants/observers.

Format

The Preparatory Meeting will take place virtually over the Zoom platform.

Outcome

The meeting will produce a summary report which will inform the agenda and further deliberation at the 2021 UN Peacekeeping Ministerial.

Registration

Please register through <https://forms.office.com/r/KLcj14Z17x>. Registration will close on Friday, August 27, 5:00 p.m. Registered participants will receive the meeting link by Monday, August 30, 2021.

Focal Points

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, 1 September 2021

08.00-08.15: Opening Remarks

1. H.E. Kenea Yadeta (PhD), Minister of Defence (Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia)
2. H.E. Febrian A. Ruddyard, Deputy Minister for Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Republic of Indonesia)
3. Wook-jin Chang, Director General for International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Republic of Korea)
4. Atul Khare, Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support (United Nations)

08.15-09.15: An Overview on Training and Capacity Building: Identifying Needs and Best Practices

This panel will provide a scene-setting summary of overall training and capacity building issues. The discussion will reflect the broader context of A4P+ and focus on the issue through cross-cutting lenses of technological and medical perspective as well as Women, Peace, and Security.

This session will also seek to identify training and capacity building needs from the perspectives of Troops or Police Contributing Countries (T/PCCs). Discussion will also identify best practices from T/PCCs in conducting training and capacity building and allow Member States to suggest practical ways to strengthen the linkages between training and deployment. It would include recent trends and major challenges of peacekeeping training

and capacity building; capability gaps faced by the peacekeeping missions; specific needs of training and capacity building identified by the UN Secretariat; and updates on the development of peacekeeping training standards.

Guiding Questions

1. What are the specific needs and gaps in the area of training and capacity building faced by peacekeeping missions in the field?
2. How can T/PCCs enhance their own basic military/police training as well as pre-deployment training?
3. How can other Member States of the UN Secretariat support T/PCCs in addressing their needs and challenges in training and capacity building? What are the challenges faced by the Secretariat in providing training and capacity building support for TPCCs?
4. What are good practices that can be shared to improve training and capacity building? Are there any innovative approaches that can be shared to other T/PCCs? How can Member States pursue innovative training/capacity building pledges while meeting the needs on the ground?
5. How can T/PCCs strengthen technical training on the integration of Gender Equality and Women, Peace and Security perspectives in peacekeeping and ensure this is integrated in all the training packages, modules, and resource materials? What are good practices that promote and ensure the deployment of technical expertise on WPS in peacekeeping operations?

Speakers:

1. Arthur Boutellis, Senior Advisor (International Peace Institute)
2. Brg. Gen. Sebsibe Duba, Commander of the Ethiopian International Peace Support Training Institute (Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia)
3. Omowunmi Omo, Chief of the Field Training Support Team, Integrated Training Service (United Nations)
4. Vivek Chauhan, the Office of Peacekeeping Strategic Partnership (United Nations)

Moderator: Yasushi Noguchi, Director General for International Affairs of Bureau of Defense Policy of Ministry of Defense (Japan)

09.15-9.55: Training and Capacity Building for Women Peacekeepers

This session will identify good practices in building capacities of T/PCCs to address barriers and increase women's representation in national police and armed forces with the view of promoting equal opportunities for them to serve in peacekeeping operations. The panel will also underline training and capacity building needs that should be addressed to enhance women's participation in peacekeeping.

Guiding Questions

1. What are the good practices of T/PCCs in addressing barriers at national levels to enhance women's participation and create career opportunities in their national military and police forces? How has this enhanced opportunities for them to be able to serve in

police and military components of peace operations? Please provide examples of national strategies and measures applied by TPCCs to address them.

2. Based on these good practices and lessons learnt, what needs to be done by T/PCCS in the area of training and capacity building to increase participation of women in peacekeeping in all types of roles and at all levels?
3. Please provide examples of national strategies and measures applied by TPCCs to provide specialized pre-deployment training to foster an enabling and gender-responsive work culture in their national police and military and consequently in peacekeeping deployments?
4. How can T/PCC, Member States and the UN enhance partnerships to support targeted trainings and capacity-building programmes for uniformed women personnel, including through the Light Coordination Mechanism, Triangular Partnership Programme (TPP), bilateral and regional frameworks?

Speakers

1. Police Superintendent Mulyawati Syam, Indonesian National Police (Republic of Indonesia)
2. Asteway Samuel, Ministry of National Defence (Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia)
3. Police Commissioner Una Vuniwaqa, Police Commissioner in United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) (Republic of Fiji)
4. Col Stephanie Tutton, Chief Policy & Doctrine Team, Office of Military Affairs (United Nations)

Moderator: Daniël Prins, Director, Security Sector Reform, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI) (United Nations)

09.55-10.00: Closing Remarks

Jean-Pierre François Renaud Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations (United Nations)

Thursday, 2 September 2021

08.00-08.05: Opening Remarks

H.E. Akihiro Tsuchimichi, Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs, Ministry of Defense (Japan)

08.05-09.00: Medical Training and Capacity-Building

This session will highlight and discuss the gaps identified in peacekeeping medical support and how to build capacities and capabilities through standardized trainings. Given that training of Member States differs, it is important that for operational cohesiveness all medical training be standardized across T/PCC. Discussion will also identify good practices from T/PCCs in conducting medical training and capacity building.

Guiding Questions

1. What are the needs and challenges faced by TPCCs in the area of medical training and capacity building?
2. How can other Member States of the UN Secretariat support T/PCCs in addressing their needs and challenges in medical training and capacity building?
3. What are good practices that can be shared to improve medical training and capacity building? Are there any innovative approaches that can be shared to other TPCCs?
4. How can the UN assist in building bilateral training approaches?

Speakers:

1. Col Abdelali Riffi, Chief HR Medical support, Department in Royal Moroccan Armed Forces Joint Headquarters (Kingdom of Morocco)
2. LtCol Sebastian Burn, Medical Operations, Permanent Joint Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
3. LtCol Patel Kashyap, General Staff Officer, Directorate General Armed Forces Medical Services (Republic of India)
4. Adarsh Tiwathia, Senior Medical Officer, Clinical Governance Section, Division of Healthcare Management And Occupational Safety and Health (DHMOSH) (United Nations)

Moderator: Rolliansyah Soemirat, Director for International Security and Disarmament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Republic of Indonesia)

09.00-09.50: Partnership in Training and Capacity Building: the Way Forward

This panel will explore ways to enhance existing arrangements, such as triangular partnerships, co-deployments, and development of UN manuals including Specialized Training Materials (STMs) and new possibilities for partnership between regional and national peacekeeping institutes

This panel will share the best practices and challenges of country-to-country partnership models. These types of partnership are bilateral in nature, but the UN Secretariat has assumed an important role to facilitate such partnership, including through LCM and the TPP. Some of these partnership models have produced successful outcomes, while others have huge potential for greater achievement in the future.

Guiding Questions

1. What are the training and capacity-building needs of regional peace support arrangements? How do we identify and match existing and future needs with resources?
2. What progress has been made in strengthening the UN-AU partnership for peacekeeping around training and capacity building? How can it be improved? What are the key lessons and the remaining challenges?
3. What is the uniqueness and strength of both the Light Coordination Mechanism (LCM) and the Triangular Partnership Programme (TPP)? How can Member States support further expansion of both the LCM and the TPP?
4. What are the lessons learned of past experiences of co-deployment and other bilateral

partnerships in peacekeeping? How can Member States and the UN Secretariat further facilitate them?

5. How can capacity builders help build T/PCC capacity to become self-sustaining? What activities have shown the most value: e.g. training trainers, building facilities, creating promotion/rotation systems to ensure that trainers have recent operational experience, providing equipment, etc?

Speakers:

1. Col. Hidemasa Murata, Principal Instructor of Engineer School of Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (Japan)
2. Amb. Eshete Tilahun (Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia)
3. Herbert Loret, Programme Manager, Light Coordination Mechanism, Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training Light Coordination Mechanism (United Nations)
4. Takakazu Ito, Programme Manager (Policy & External Relations), Triangular Partnership Programme, Support Partnerships Service, Division for Special Activities (United Nations)

Moderator: Dawit Yirga, Deputy Managing Editor (Security Council Report)

09.50-10.00: Closing Remarks

- Amb. Taye Amde, Permanent Representative of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United Nations
- Amb. Mohammad K. Koba, *Chargé d’Affaires* of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations
- Amb. Kimihiro Ishikane, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations
