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9 - 10 November 2021

Webinar

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Day 1: **WEBINAR OPENING**

1145
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- a. **Welcome address** - Dr Manuel Gustavo Mesones Castelo, IAPTC President (Ministry of Defense, Peru)
- b. **Opening Remarks** - Ambassador Ahmed Abdel-Latif, IAPTC Head of the Secretariat (CCCPA, Egypt)
- c. **Administration** - Ms Seba Issa, IAPTC Secretariat (CCCPA, Egypt)



1200 – 1315
UTC

Session 1 - Gaps in Training For Peace Operations

Moderator: Ambassador Ahmed Abdel-Latif, IAPTC Head of the Secretariat (CCCPA, Egypt)

- a. **Reflections on Civilian and Uniformed Peacekeeper Preparation.** By Mr. David Shearer (Former UNMISS SRSG, New Zealand)
- b. **Perspective Covering Military, Police and Civilian Based on the Inspection Visits to Field Missions.** By Major General Jai Shanker Menon (UN Office of the Peacekeeping Strategic Partnership)
- c. **Reflections on Identified Preparation Needs and Challenges.** By Mr. Sivuyile Bam (AU Head of PSOD)
- d. **Opportunities for Increased Training Partnerships.** By Mr. Nurudeen Azeez (Chief of Operations UNOAU) - TBC



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Session 2.1 - Training for Peace Operations : Gathered Experiences & Expectations for this New Era

Moderator : Colonel Helen Cooper (Past IAPTC President, New Zealand)

- a. **Digital Simulations of Peace Operations for Training in the Pandemic Era.** By Dr. Walter Dorn (Royal Military College, Canada)
- b. **E-learning on Peace Operations : Meeting the Needs of the Peacekeeping Community.** By Dr. Harvey Langholtz (POTI Executive Director, United States)
- c. **Health Protection for Peacekeepers : Training and Readiness During a Pandemic.** Maj. Doctor Ahmed Ragab Disouky (Former Environmental & Public Health Officer, AMISOM, Egypt)
- d. **Envisioning Peacekeeping Training in a Post-Pandemic Environment : The New Realities of Training in a Virtual World.** By Major General (retd) Adrian Foster (Small Arms Survey - SAS, Geneva)



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Session 2.2 - Mission Leadership Preparation

Moderator : Mr Jonas Alberoth (Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden)

- a. **Mission Leadership Performance : Preparations, Training and Challenges.** By Lieutenant General (retd) Carlos Alberto Dos Santos Cruz (Former MINUSTAH & MONUSCO Force Commander, Brazil)
- b. **The “A4P” Initiative and its Implication for Troop/Police Contributing Countries.** By Brigadier General (retd) Gabriel Guerrero (Former MINUSTAH Deputy Force Commander, Argentina)
- c. **Considerations for Mission Leadership : A New Mission Leadership Training Tool for Civilian, Military and Police Leaders.** By MG (retd) Robert Gordon (Senior Adviser, Challenges Forum)
- d. **Filling the Training Gap: Preparing for Leadership Positions in EU missions and operations.** By Ms. Brigitta von Messling (Head, Training Team, Center for International Peace Operations, ZIF, Germany)
- e. **International Interventions in the Aftermath of Afghanistan : What Learnings for Training Future Mission Leaders?** By Ms. Annika Hilding Norberg (Geneva Centre for Security Policy, GCSP, Switzerland; Board of Directors’ Member, International Leadership Association, ILA)



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Session 2.3 - People-Centered Peace Operations

Moderator : Inspector (retd) Camilla Unsgaard (Swedish Defence University)

- a. **Children, Peace and Security : Current Trends in Peace Operations.** By Dr. Shelly Whitman (Dallaire Institute, Canada)
- b. **Women’s Core Roles in Peace Processes.** By Ms. Svenja Vollmer (Team leader – Youth and Women Empowerment, UNITAR, Geneva)
- c. **Environmental Protection in Peace Operations.** By Mr. Patrick James William Fox (EU Civilian Planning Conduct Capability - CPCC)
- d. **Strategic Guidance Framework for International Policing as a Reference for a More People-Oriented Police in Peace Operations.** By Brigadier General Giovanni Barbano (COESPU, Italy)
- e. **Strategic Communication in Peace Operations : The Impact in Local Communities.** By Lieutenant General (retd) Abdul Hafiz (Former UNOCI & MINURSO Force Commander, Bangladesh)
- f. **App for the Protection of Civilians in United Nations Peacekeeping Handbook** By Ms. Julie Gregory (Research Associate, Protecting Civilians in Conflict program, Stimson Center)



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Session 3 - Peace Operations Current Challenges and Doctrinal Response

Moderator : Colonel (retd) Mustafizur Rahman (IAPTC Military Chair, Bangladesh)

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- a. **UN Military Challenges and Doctrinal Responses.** By General Birame Diop, Military Advisor to the UNSG
- b. **UN Police Challenges and Doctrinal Responses.** By Commissioner Luis Carrilho, Police Advisor to the UNSG



1300 – 1400
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Session 4 - Guidelines and Conduct of Training Under COVID Conditions

Moderator : Colonel (retd) Mustafizur Rahman (IAPTC Military Chair, Bangladesh)

- a. **Perspectives of the Integrated Training Service of DPO.** By Mr. Mark Pedersen (UNHQ DPO / ITS Chief)
- b. **European Region Training.** By Mr. Milos Strugar (Director, CONFLUX Center – Serbia)
- c. **Asia Region Training.** By Colonel Md Mamun Azad Salehin (Senior Instructor-I, BIPSOT – Bangladesh)
- d. **African Region Training.** By Brigadier Joyce Sitienei (Director, IPSTC – Kenya)
- e. **Americas Region Training.** By Colonel Luis Viñas (Director, ENOPU – Uruguay)



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Session 5 - Voices From the Field Missions : The new era in Peacekeeping Training, Reality and Perspectives.

Moderator : Colonel (retd) Mustafizur Rahman (IAPTC Military Chair, Bangladesh)

- a. **Chief of Integrated Mission Training Cell.** By Mr. Jean Wabo (MINUSCA)
- b. **Nepalese Military Contingent.** By LTC Pravakar Khadka, Contingent Commander, (MONUSCO)
- c. **“Going online: providing training under Covid-19 constraints.”** By Mr. Matthias Zeller, Senior Training Officer, ZIF – Germany)



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WEBINAR CLOSING REMARKS

- a. **Summary of the Webinar and the Way Ahead.** By Mr Jonas Alberoth (IAPTC Consolidation and Development Committee, Sweden)
- b. **Closing.**
 - Ambassador Ahmed Abdel-Latif (IAPTC Head of the Secretariat, CCCPA, Egypt)
 - Brigadier General Wasim-ul-Haq (IAPTC Host 2022 - BIPSOT Acting Commandant, Bangladesh)
 - Dr Manuel Gustavo Mesones Castelo (IAPTC President - Ministry of Defense, Peru)

