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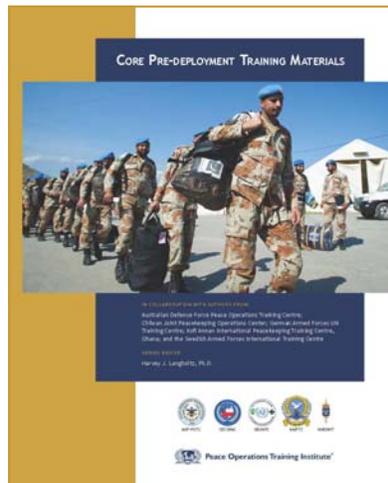
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New Course: *Core Pre-Deployment Training Materials (CPTMs)* Written by Five National Peacekeeping Training Centres



The Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) is pleased to announce the release of a new course: [Core Pre-deployment Training Materials](#) (CPTMs). The CPTMs were designed by the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) to provide the common and essential training required for all personnel – military, police, and civilian – who serve on UN peacekeeping missions. The CPTMs are circulated by DPKO and provide both a list of topics as well as actual training materials useable as lesson plans. National peacekeeping training centres worldwide incorporate the CPTMs into their classroom courses as an important part of their students' training prior to their deployment on any UN peacekeeping mission. The CPTMs cover essential topics such as a Strategic Level Overview of UN Peacekeeping, the Establishment and

Functioning of UN Peacekeeping Operations, Effective Mandate Implementation, and the Standards, Values, and Safety of UN Peacekeeping Personnel. While training in the CPTMs is currently available through traditional classroom course settings, the development of an e-learning course devoted to the CPTMs had not yet been produced until this cooperative project. This course was developed as a guide to students navigating the official CPTMs through a joint project between the Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) and five national training centres from four continents that provide peacekeepers to United Nations peacekeeping missions. The course follows the four-unit structure of the original CPTMs for convenient cross-referencing. The information offered in the course represents the baseline level of understanding and knowledge that the United Nations demands of any personnel who will serve in a UN peacekeeping mission. The CPTMs course is available at no cost to all worldwide.

Key contributors to this course include authors from the Australian Defence Force Peace Operations Training Centre (ADF-POTC), the Chilean Joint Peacekeeping Operations Centre (CECOPAC), the German Armed Forces UN Training Centre (GEUNTC), the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre in Ghana (KA IPTC), and the Swedish Armed Forces International Centre (SWEDINT).



[Human Rights and Peacekeeping Course Review:](#)

"This course spells out the necessary attitude and guidelines for any UN Workers/Peacekeepers as it affects their mission. I believe this course should be a must for all UN peacekeepers before embarking on any mission."

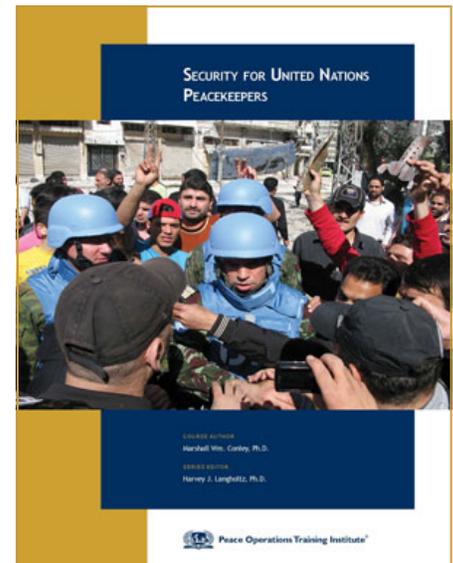
★★★★★ –AWOYOO LU BABAJIDE, Nigeria

The Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) is an independent not-for-profit organization.

New Course:

Security for United Nations Peacekeepers

[Security for United Nations Peacekeepers](#) prepares peacekeepers in all aspects of personal and professional security. Course author Marshall Wm. Conley, Ph.D., starts students on their journey by introducing them to the UN structure, specifically that of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), the Department of Safety and Security (DSS), and other offices designed specifically for the provision and maintenance of peacekeeping safety measures in the field. He explains the legal instruments that enforce peacekeepers' privileges and responsibilities as they relate to the performance of their duty on behalf of the United Nations. Students then learn what measures they can take to enhance their own physical security – whether at home, in the office, or in the field – as well as that of their dependants, colleagues, and charges. First aid, mine field and improvised explosive device (IED) recognition, tips on what to look for in a home or office, and how to behave when you may be the target of hostility are all examples of these measures. Information security and communication and negotiation skills are just a few related topics that go into giving students the thorough understanding of security precautions that is so necessary while on Mission. Twelve lessons, 262 pages.



Course Author: Marshall Wm. Conley, Ph.D., is the author of more than 140 publications and professional papers. A Senior Professor of Human Rights and Peace Studies at Acadia University, Nova Scotia, Canada until 2000, he currently develops training programs for governments, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations. His clients have included the African Union, UNHCR, UNHCHR, ILO, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNSSC, UNICEF, the United Nations Rule of Law Unit, the Council of Europe of the European Union, and a number of Canadian Government Departments, as well as a variety of international NGOs.

Association of Latin American Peacekeeping Training Centres (ALCOPAZ) Accepts Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) as an Observer Member



Above left: To mark the formal acceptance of the Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) into ALCOPAZ Teniente Coronel John Gómez, outgoing Director of the Joint Peace Operations Training Centre of Ecuador (CECOPAE) congratulates and welcomes Harvey Langholtz, Executive Director of POTI. Colonel Rodolfo Godoy, the incoming Director of CECOPAE and Vanessa Anderson POTI Registrar look on. Above right: Vanessa Anderson gives formal acceptance speech to ALCOPAZ membership. Photos courtesy Teniente de Navío de Ecuador, Marcelo Guzmán Martínez

By unanimous vote on 22 August 2013 at their annual meeting in Quito, Ecuador the members of the Association of Latin American Peacekeeping Training Centres (ALCOPAZ) passed a resolution to accept the Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) as an Observer Member. Members of ALCOPAZ spoke of the important contribution POTI makes to training peacekeepers from Latin America and the Caribbean through E-Learning for Peacekeepers from Latin America and the Caribbean (ELPLAC) and through the National Training Centre E-Learning Programme (NTCELP).

ALCOPAZ was founded on August 4, 2008. Its voting members are national peacekeeping training centres in Latin American and Caribbean. Each centre is dedicated primarily to the education and training of personnel from the Armed Forces, Security Forces, and Civilian Staff to facilitate their participation in United Nations peacekeeping operations.

National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) Provides Partners with their own In-House E-Learning

The National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) is a new initiative from POTI that provides national peacekeeping centres and other institutions with their own complete and ready-made online curriculum to complement their existing classroom instruction. Implementation is easy and requires minimal programming. The main NTCELP landing page is:

<http://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ntcelp>.

How NTCELP Works:

Centres place a link to POTI on their own website. POTI creates and maintains a centre-specific landing page on the POTI website. The landing page features a video or text welcome to students from the Director or Commandant of the national training centre, instructions for registration and a link to the POTI New Student Sign-Up Page.

Students from the participating centre enrol in courses, study the material, and complete the End-of-Course Examination. When they pass the examination, students receive a Certificate of Completion. Each Certificate of Completion displays the participating centre's logo, the POTI logo, and the signatures of the appropriate person from the centre and POTI (see example below). NTCELP students can also choose to have their name appear on the POTI Honour Roll:

www.peaceopstraining.org/recent_graduates

Benefits of NTCELP:

- Ready-made curriculum
- Expands curriculum at the centre
- Increases flexibility of study for students
- Increases capacity of each training centre
- Almost no set-up work required by centre staff



How to Use the Online Curriculum:

- **Pre-Classroom:** Enable students to establish a foundation of knowledge before attending a classroom course.
- **Integrate:** Use POTI courses as primary or supplemental self-paced texts for instructor-based training.
- **Curriculum Expansion:** provides training on topics not available on-site.
- **Continuing Education:** give your classroom students easy access to a curriculum well suited for professional development purposes. Students can continue to study after classroom training is complete.

NTCELP Feedback:



...“Our participants are also very impressed with your eLearning Courses and have commended them greatly. We currently have our prospective course participants for our Crisis Information Management Course and the Integrated Civilian-Military Coordination Course doing your Peacekeeping and International Conflict Resolution Course and United Nations Civil-

Military Coordination Course respectively; as prerequisite eLearning courses before they come to KAIPTC for the in-house training course.”

–Daniel Owusu-Asare, TED Assistant (E-Learning) KAIPTC

NTCELP PARTNERS IN TRAINING:

- El Centro Argentino de Entrenamiento Conjunto Para Operaciones de Paz (CAECOPAZ)
- El Centro Conjunto para Operaciones de Paz de Chile (CECOPAC)
- El Centro de Entrenamiento Conjunto para Operaciones de Paz de Ecuador (CECOPAE)
- Ethiopian International Peacekeeping Training Centre (EIPKTC)
- Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), Ghana
- El Comando Regional de Entrenamiento de Operaciones de Mantenimiento de Paz (CREOMPAZ) Guatemala
- International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC), Kenya
- Peacekeeping School of Bamako (EMP), Mali
- The Nigerian Army Peacekeeping Centre (NAPKC)
- Centro de Entrenamiento y Capacitación para Operaciones de Paz (CECOPAZ-Perú)
- La Escuela Nacional de Operaciones de Paz de Uruguay (ENOPU)
- Southern African Development Community's Regional Peacekeeping Training Centre (SADC RPTC) Zimbabwe

New
Interactive
Help Desk
Assists all
Visitors to
POTI
Website:

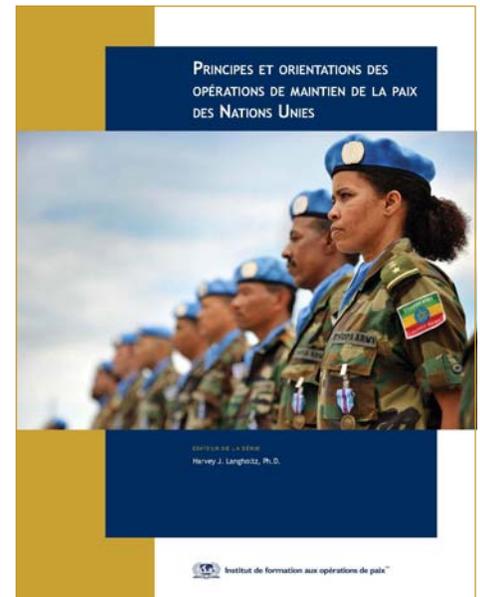
A new interactive Help Desk is in operation on the POTI website. All visitors to <https://www.peaceopstraining.org/users/help-desk/> can look for answers to popular questions and write to staff members about specific concerns with ease. Visitors and students no longer have to search the website for email addresses to send appropriate personnel their questions. The new Help Desk filters and delivers the queries to staff members who write back and provide answers ASAP!

Principles and Guidelines for UN Peacekeeping Operations Course Now Available in French!

We are pleased to announce the course [Principles and Guidelines for UN Peacekeeping Operations \(PAG\)](#) has been translated into French. This translation was made possible by a grant from the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF).

All people interested in UN Peacekeeping are welcome to become students at POTI and enrol in PAG in English or French at no charge. PAG was released in English in 2010 and has been studied by more than 22,000 students.

All of us at POTI thank the members of the OIF for the grant that made the French translation of Principles and Guidelines for UN Peacekeeping Operations possible.



The *Principles and Guidelines for UN Peacekeeping Operations* course is offered free to all POTI students. Become a student and enrol today by going to https://www.peaceopstraining.org/users/account_registration/.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Greetings. Over the years the Peace Operations Training Institute has developed institutional relationships with many national peacekeeping training centres and other institutions worldwide that provide training on peacekeeping and related topics. These institutional relationships have now evolved into a structured programme that I am pleased to tell you about.



Dr. Langholtz

The National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) provides national training centres, ministries of defence, NGOs, and other institutions with their own in-house e-learning programme consisting of a combination of POTI's existing full curriculum of e-learning on peacekeeping, with courses developed by the partner institution.

NTCELP begins with a link on the website of the partner institution that invites students to "click here for our e-learning programme." From there your students will be taken to a video of the Director or Commandant of your training centre. In that video he or she will greet students and welcome them to the e-learning programmes offered jointly with POTI. From there students will click through to where they may enrol at no cost in any of POTI's 28 courses in English, 20 in French, 19 in Spanish, 4 in Portuguese, and 3 in Arabic. They will also have the opportunity to enrol in e-learning courses developed at the national peacekeeping training centre or partner institution. When students finish each course they take an End-of-Course Examination and if they pass they are provided a Certificate of Completion that is jointly issued by their sponsoring institution and POTI, and bears logos from both institutions and the signatures of the Directors or Commandants of both partners.

National training centres and other institutions on both sides of the Atlantic have now subscribed to NTCELP and include English, French, and Spanish-speaking institutions. For two examples start with www.kaiptc.org or www.cecopac.cl and click on where you see either reference to e-learning or the POTI logo. Or you may begin at the global NTCELP landing page: <http://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ntcelp>.

NTCELP provides national peacekeeping training centres and other institutions worldwide with their own customized e-learning platform that builds on POTI's existing and recognized curriculum, and also permits each institution to include their own locally developed e-learning. It is our honour at POTI to collaborate with all our NTCELP partners. Please contact me if you are interested in offering NTCELP through your institution.