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## Student eligibility expands through new E-Learning for Mission Staff (ELMS)

All military personnel, police, and civilians serving on all UN, AU, or hybrid missions now qualify to participate in the E-Learning for Mission Staff program (ELMS), which grants access to 11 courses at no cost to the student. The variety of free courses available provides a great way for mission staff to begin their peacekeeping e-learning. Since the beginning of 2014, there have been nearly 13,000 enrolments through ELMS from 20 missions and 126 nations.



Major Oke Kistiyanto, Aide de Camp to Force Commander at MINURSO and POTI student (left) with Air Terminal Officer Captain Zsolt (right) on an airstrip after Hello Recce Patrol in TS Agwanit MINURSO. All UN mission staff are eligible for training with ELMS. (Photo submitted via flickr.)

## New Peace Operations Specialized Training (POST) Certificate allows students to highlight expertise

Participants in POTI courses now have a new way to advance their careers by demonstrating the knowledge they have acquired through their self-paced study in one or more professional areas related to peacekeeping.

By following the curricula described in the table on the next page, students can earn a POST Certificate in any of six areas of specialization. Students may obtain their courses through any POTI program for which they are eligible.

For a small fee, after all eight required courses have been completed, students must successfully pass a comprehensive exam on the combined subject matter before receiving their certificate.

In just a short time, many POTI students have obtained POST certificates in different categories with the courses they have previously completed. Romanian Lt. Col. Mihai Dima, a Military Advisor serving at the UN Assistance Mission in

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*One UNAMA Military Advisor says he is already using the POST programme to support his upcoming transition from military peacekeeping to civilian life*

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Afghanistan (UNAMA) is one of the first students at POTI to have earned a POST certificate, specifically in the area of Civilian Studies. He said he also plans to earn two more in Gender Awareness and Human Rights. Lt. Col. Dima said that the coursework has helped him understand the big picture of the UN system and to consider the different roles he can play in the peace process after his military service.

"I was very much interested in Specialized

Training in the area of Civilian Service to find out the similarities in the way of helping people in need," Dima said. "It was a great chance for me, to actually understand the concepts and also the main actors involved in Humanitarian Aid all over the world. Also, because my military career is coming to an end, I am taking into consideration starting a career in the Humanitarian family. As a conclusion, I look forward to work as a civilian contractor with the UN or NGOs. The knowledge gained from POTI courses along



Above: Military Advisor and POTI student Lt. Col. Dima (center) at Gardez Airfield at UNAMA. Right: Dima (right) in the Khost-Gardez Pass in Afghanistan. Photos courtesy of Lt. Col. Mihai Dima.

with my international exposure and experience [will] help me during interviews and to achieve the required results after."



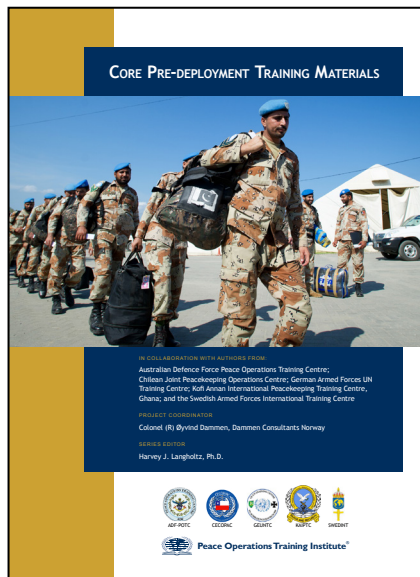
Learn more about the POST Certificate at <<http://www.peaceopstraining.org/specialized-training-certificates/>>

Peace Operations Specialized Training (POST) Certificate Areas of Specialization						
	Military Studies	Police Studies	Civilian Service	Gender Awareness	Logistical Support	Human Rights
3-Course Common Core	Principles and Guidelines					
	An Introduction to the UN System					
	Core Pre-deployment Training Materials					
Select 2 Electives	Commanding UN Peacekeeping Operations					
	Ethics in Peacekeeping					
	Gender Perspectives in UN Peacekeeping Operations					
	Protection of Civilians					
Select 3 from Area of Specialization	MILOBS	UNPOL	Conduct of Humanitarian Relief Ops	Any Women, Peace, and Security Course	Logistical Support to UN Peace Ops	Human Rights
	Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR)	Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR)	DDR	Preventing Violence Against Women	Operational Logistical Support	DDR
	International Humanitarian Law	International Humanitarian Law	Mine Action	UN-CIMIC	Advanced Topics in UN Logistics (COE)	Human Rights and Peace-keeping
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## Popular for pre-deployment training, the CPTM course demonstrates POTI's partnerships with national training centres around the world

The Core Pre-deployment Training Materials (CPTMs) were designed by DPKO to provide common and essential pre-deployment training for all personnel – military, police, and civilian – serving on UN peacekeeping missions. This course navigates the official CPTMs in a convenient self-paced format through a joint project between POTI and five national training centres, including the Australian Defence Force Peace Operations Training Centre, Chilean Joint Peacekeeping Operations Centre, German Armed Forces UN Training Centre, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Ghana, and the Swedish Armed Forces International Training Centre.



## POTI meets UNTSO staff



UNTSO Headquarters in Jerusalem, UN Photo #137964 by John Isaac.

On 7 March 2014, POTI Registrar Mrs. Vanessa Anderson visited UNTSO to meet with Ms. Gertrude Mwendah, Gender Focal Point and Integrated Mission Training Centre (IMTC) Coordinator; Ms. Jennifer Boggs, Chief of Mission Support; and Mr. Edwin Nicolas, Senior Administrative Officer. They discussed the use of POTI e-learning, particularly through E-Learning for Mission Staff (ELMS), and how POTI can best meet the training needs of UNTSO and all missions.

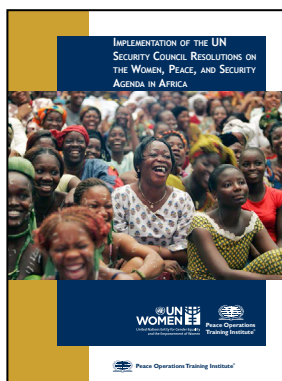
Log into your online classroom for this FREE course at

[www.peaceopstraining.org/courses/core-pre-deployment-training-materials/](http://www.peaceopstraining.org/courses/core-pre-deployment-training-materials/)

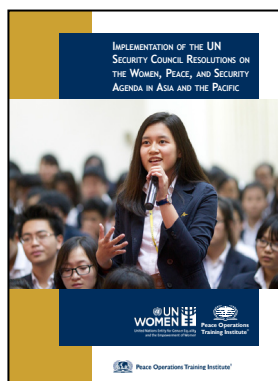
## In collaboration with UN Women, POTI releases three courses on the Implementation of the Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda



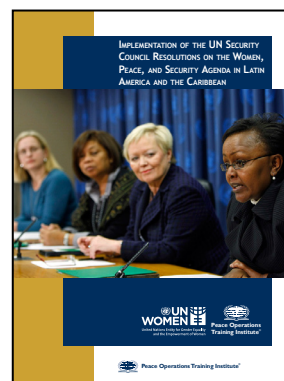
DPKO Police Adviser Mr. Stefan Feller with POTI student from Turkey. She said that Mr. Feller commented supporting the need for more female officers among the Blue Berets. (Photo submitted via flickr.)



WPS Agenda in Africa



WPS Agenda in Asia and the Pacific



WPS Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean

In October 2000, the UN Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1325 – a turning point in understanding and recognizing the role of women and girls in issues of peace and security, further substantiated through six additional resolutions. This three-course suite was developed by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) in collaboration with POTI with the

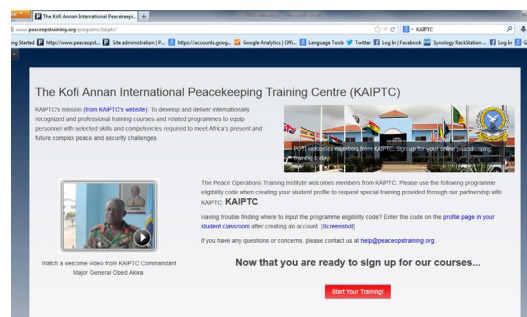
purpose of raising awareness about the importance of these UN SCRs; to build capacities for their implementation; and to promote sustainable implementation at the regional and national level. Each course focuses on the efforts, challenges, and prospects of this agenda in one of three world regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. All three courses are available for free enrolment online.

## NTCELP Training Partners:

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

## National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) “blends” e-learning and classroom training for centres

The National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) is an initiative from POTI that provides national peacekeeping centres and other institutions with their own complete and ready-made online curriculum to enhance their existing classroom instruction. Implementation is easy and requires minimal programming, while creating valuable partnerships in a network of peacekeeping training centres. Learn more about NTCELP, including how it works and other benefits of the program on our website at <http://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ntcelp>.



Examples of the NTCELP-supported landing page for national training centres (above) and joint certificates for students (right).



As the newest Observer Member, POTI attended the ALCOPAZ Preparatory Meeting in Guatemala City from 10-14 March 2014.

## POTI partners with ALCOPAZ nations

POTI Registrar Vanessa Anderson attended the Preparatory Meeting for the General Assembly of the Latin American Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (ALCOPAZ) from March 10 to 14 in Guatemala City, Guatemala. The meeting is in preparation for the sixth General Assembly for ALCOPAZ, which will also take place in Guatemala City from 26-29 August 2014.

All members and observer members in attendance shared presentations on their centre's activities, specifically the courses currently offered. National members also met in committees to discuss relevant police, military, and civilian topics.

Last year, POTI was ratified unanimously as an official ALCOPAZ observer member and has established partnerships with nearly all national members by providing their national peacekeeping centres with a distance learning programme through the National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP). Paraguay, the newest NTCELP partner in Latin America, joined during this meeting. Membership in ALCOPAZ provides POTI with an opportunity to work closely with national peacekeeping training centres to ensure maximum efficiency and support of national training programs.

## From the desk of the executive director, Dr. Harvey Langholtz

*The most rewarding part of our mission at POTI is serving and hearing from our peacekeeping students and course participants worldwide. The second-most rewarding is cooperating with and supporting other institutions dedicated to peacekeeping training. As discussed in this newsletter, it has been our pleasure here at POTI this past year to strengthen those relationships with many such individuals and institutions. Now, all UN, AU, and hybrid missions are able to provide their entire staff – military, police, and civilians – with unlimited enrolments in 11 POTI courses at no cost through E-Learning for Mission Staff (ELMS). The new e-learning course on the CPTMs was developed in cooperation with the national training centres of Australia, Chile, Germany, Ghana, and Sweden. The National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) provides training centres and other institutions with their own in-house e-learning programme and the “blended learning” called for in the 2013 DPKO-issued Training Needs Analysis. In some cases, these training centres use our e-learning courses as prerequisites to their classroom courses, to ensure that all students arrive to class with a common foundation. In other cases, our courses supplement their own classroom curriculum, increasing capacity and reducing training costs. Some already may require completion of POTI courses and passing the End-of-Course Examination before their national personnel may be deployed on a peacekeeping mission. Finally, students from Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean may now study the implementation of the Women Peace and Security agenda through three area-specific courses developed by POTI in cooperation with UN Women.*



Dr. Harvey Langholtz

*The institutions and organisations involved in peacekeeping and peacekeeping training worldwide – the missions, national peacekeeping training centres, and UN offices at UNHQ in NY – all work toward the same goal. It is our privilege here at POTI to support and collaborate with each one of these institutions and, in turn, the peacekeepers we serve together.*