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## National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) connects POTI curriculum to training centres on five continents

The National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) is in use on five continents: Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and South America. National training centres, NGOs, and other institutions are providing their students with e-learning courses by using the POTI curriculum. This results in a blended learning experience for students and a ready-made e-learning curriculum for training centres. This technological advance in training, which supplements traditional training methods, has been welcomed by the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C34) in its 2015 report.

### How NTCELP Works:

National training centres utilizing NTCELP place a link on their website that directs students to their centre-specific POTI landing page. The landing page contains a welcome message from either the centre's director or POTI. The landing page also contains a Sign Up link which enables students to quickly establish a POTI user account. As soon as a student establishes an account, he or she is able to enrol in courses. Upon successful completion of courses through this programme, students earn Certificates of Completion which carry the logos of, and are jointly issued by, both institutions.

Example of dual-logo certificate awarded to students:



### How the e-learning curriculum is utilized through NTCELP:

#### Pre-Classroom

As required reading in order for students to establish a foundation of knowledge before attending a classroom course.

#### Integration

As primary or supplemental textbooks for instructor based training.

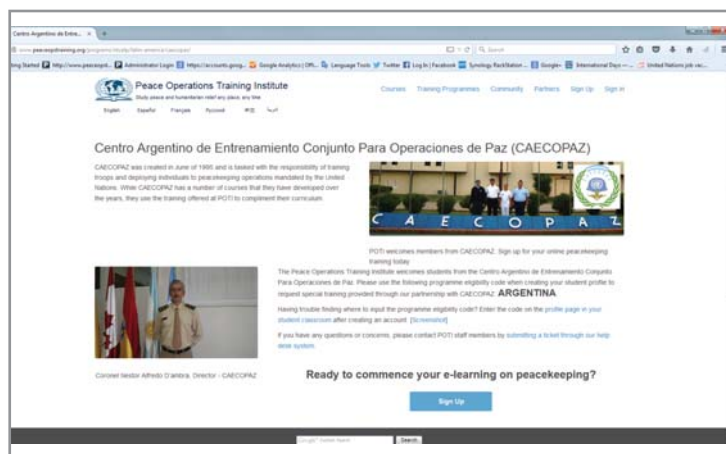
#### Curriculum Expansion

Centres provide training on topics not available on-site.

#### Continuing Education

Classroom students have easy access to a curriculum well suited for professional development purposes. Personnel continue to expand their knowledge base and skill set after training at a centre is complete.

Example of centre-specific landing page:



# Association of Latin and Central American Peacekeeping Training Centres (ALCOPAZ) 2015 General Assembly meeting: Paraguay to be Secretariat 2016-2017, Mexico accepted as Observer Member



Collage of photographs taken during the seventh General Assembly meeting of ALCOPAZ held in Guatemala City 1-5 June. Photo by Major Lorenzo Cabrera.

The seventh General Assembly of the Latin American Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (ALCOPAZ) was held from 1 to 5 June in Guatemala City, Guatemala. All members and observer members in attendance, including POTI Registrar Vanessa Anderson, discussed the status of members, exchange of instructors and students, and prepared for the Secretariat to change to Paraguay in 2016, where it will remain through 2017.

During the meeting, Mexico was welcomed as an observer member and Colombia announced their new national peacekeeping centre, created in 2014, Centro de Entrenamiento y Capacitación para Operaciones de Paz (CENCOMPAZ), is open and classes are now being held. CREOMPAZ (Guatemala) introduced a course for peacekeepers which translates peacekeeping terms from Spanish to English, and members decided that Carlos Frachelle, the director of ENOPU (URUGUAY) will speak on behalf of ALCOPAZ at the upcoming International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (IAPTC) conference in Brasilia, Brazil 28 September through 2 October, 2015.

**POTI is honoured to be an NTCELP partner in training with ALCOPAZ members  
Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay**

## Next generation training methods discussed at 2015 Peace and Stability Operations Training and Education Workshop (PSOTEW)

Three representatives from POTI, Colonel (R) George Oliver (COTIPSO Programme Manager), Colonel (R) Chris Holshek (co-author of the *United Nations Civil-Military Coordination* course) and Ms. Michelle Marshall (Course Editor) attended the 2015 Peace and Stability Operations Training and Education Workshop (PSOTEW) hosted by the US Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI). The workshop took place 14-16 April 2015 at the National Defense University in Washington, DC.

The event provided a unique opportunity for civil-military collaboration and dialogue around innovative policies and new opportunities for bridging the different cultural and institutional expertise of various actors in the peace and stability operations arena. The role of training was emphasized as a key action point, and Chris Holshek was able to discuss best practices used during the development of the *UN CIMIC* course. Many workshops focused on the development of next-generation training materials that could effectively guide military components toward understanding and identifying the advantages of strategic partnership with civilian and non-governmental entities in the field, especially when long-term economic and social development becomes vital to a mission's objectives of stabilizing and securing a region still fragile or otherwise vulnerable to conflict.

Participants offered their perspectives and experiences in the hopes of integrating each into synthesized best practices to be adapted for capacity building in national settings as well as in the UN System. The workshop's host, PKSOI, has been in consultation with UN DPKO and other UN entities about sharing and developing policy



COL (R) George Oliver, Former PKSOI Director and current POTI COTIPSO Programme Manager, discussing US involvement in peacekeeping at the National Defense University. Photo by Chris Browne, PKSOI.

for better preparing the multinational military components in UN peacekeeping operations for joint practice and deployment. PKSOI has also been in contact with POTI about the use of the online curriculum for their students.

The representatives from POTI were glad to take part in the constructive discussions and share training resources during PSOTEW. POTI continues to collaborate with various organizations such as the UN Mine Action Service, UN Women and the World Health Organization to evolve with the entire peacekeeping community in the pursuit of training that prepares peacekeepers for the challenges where peace and stability operations take place.

# Updated: *Introduction to the UN System: Orientation for Serving on a UN Field Mission* written by former Assistant Secretary-General to the UN

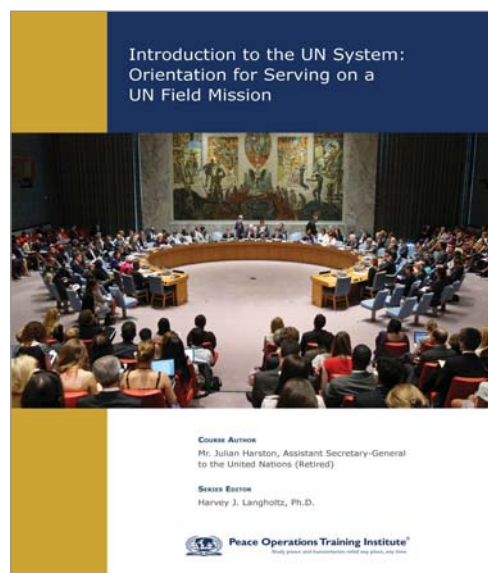
A new edition of one of POTT's most popular courses, *Introduction to the UN System: Orientation for Serving on a UN Field Mission*, is now available to students. The course has been revised by a new author, Mr. Julian Harston, who is a retired Assistant Secretary-General to the United Nations and previously served as the Representative of the Secretary-General in Belgrade, Serbia.

In addition to introducing the purpose and principles of the United Nations, its institutional framework, and its active leadership role in the global pursuit for peace, security, and development, this updated edition provides both historical context and contemporary discussion regarding the UN's adaptive response and service to the dynamic global community. These points are especially relevant as the Organization begins a new era on its 70th anniversary in 2015 with the completion of the Millennium Development Goals

and the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The nine lessons discuss the legal foundations of the Organization as well as applications of international humanitarian law, human rights, and the protection of civilians, especially as these concepts pertain to field missions. Practical field techniques for communication, negotiation, and mediation, as well as the general obligations and responsibilities of UN field personnel are also presented. As with all POTT courses, subject matter and objectives for this course are based on UN policy, doctrine, and related resources.

*Introduction to the UN System: Orientation for Serving on a UN Field Mission* is available for enrolment. Visit <http://www.peaceopstraining.org/> and click on **Courses** to get started today.



Cover of the new edition of *Introduction to the UN System: Orientation for Serving on a UN Field Mission*.

## Meet the new *Intro* author, Mr. Julian Harston



Photo by Anton Thorstensson/Swedish Armed Forces, used with permission of Mr. Harston.

Born in Nairobi, Kenya, Julian Harston (left) is an independent Consultant on International Peace and Security matters ([www.harstonconsulting.rs](http://www.harstonconsulting.rs)). He retired as an Assistant Secretary-General in the United Nations. His last post was as the Representative of the Secretary-General in Belgrade, Serbia. Prior to this, he was the Special Representative of the Secretary-General heading MINURSO Western Sahara.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Politics from the University of London and a degree in African Politics from the University of

Rhodesia. Harston was a member of the United Kingdom Diplomatic Service for 25 years and has lectured all over the world to military and civilian audiences. He has published several papers on peacekeeping and international diplomacy. He takes part as a role player and mentor in NATO exercises (Netherlands, Latvia, Belgium) and in exercises in Sweden, the UK, Canada, and Uganda. He also lectures at the NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany. Mr. Harston lives in Belgrade, Serbia.

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# Center Directors witness field training exercise during Association of Asia Pacific Peace Operations Training Centres (AAPTC) meeting held in Auckland 5-7 May

Attendees of the Association of Asia Pacific Peace Operations Training Centres (AAPTC) meeting, held in New Zealand 5-7 May, were able to observe a training exercise for Military Experts on Mission. The exercise was jointly sponsored by Australia and New Zealand and held at New Zealand's Military Training Station, Whangaparaoa. Pictured in this simulation at the right are students from Indonesia, New Zealand, and Tonga interviewing a farmer who called them after insurgents attacked him, left him unconscious and bleeding, and took his cattle, wife, and children.

POTI is honoured to be a partner in training through NTCELP with several AAPTC members: Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, and Thailand. The Australian Defence Force Peace Operations Training Centre (ADFPOTC) uses NTCELP e-learning courses as pre-classroom introductory courses. The completion of four specific courses is required before their personnel are authorized for deployment on mission.



Standing centre: POTI Executive Director Harvey Langholtz observes UNMEM exercise held at New Zealand's Military Training Station, Whangaparaoa.

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## From the desk of the Executive Director, Dr. Harvey Langholtz



Dr. Harvey Langholtz

*All of us in the peacekeeping training community are fully aware that training is a national responsibility. The national peacekeeping training centres throughout the world form the backbone of the training delivery system and each provides training to their own national personnel.*

*Here at POTI, it is our pleasure to work with many national peacekeeping training centres worldwide and provide them with the e-learning that they "blend" with their classroom courses in order to provide a training programme that integrates the best of classroom teaching and self-paced e-learning.*

*Because of the institutional relationships POTI maintains with so many national peacekeeping training centres, I have had the fortunate opportunity to attend all of the regional peacekeeping training associations – AAPTC, ALCOPAZ, APSTA, and EAPTC. National peacekeeping training centres from each of these regional organizations subscribe to NTCELP. This provides their classroom students with unlimited access to the full POTI curriculum. When these national training centres have their own websites, NTCELP begins with a tab there – if they do not have their own website, we create an NTCELP site for them.*

*From there, students view a welcome video from the Commandant of their national peacekeeping training centre. From there they enrol, download their course, study all e-learning materials, take each self-scoring End-of-Lesson Quiz, and when they are ready, they complete their End-of-Course Examination. If they pass with a minimum score of 75%, they receive a Certificate of Completion that is jointly awarded by POTI and their national peacekeeping training centre, displays the logos of both organizations, and shows both my signature and the signature of their Commandant. NTCELP is designed so students only need to go online twice – once to enrol and once to take their exam. This saves online computer time and permits access even when internet connections may be slow or unreliable.*

*For examples of national peacekeeping training centres that incorporate NTCELP into their own training programmes, start with the websites of Australia's ADF POTC at <<http://www.defence.gov.au/ADFWC/peacekeeping/default.asp>>, Chile's CECOPAC at <<http://cecopac.cl/>>, Ghana's KAIPTC at <<http://www.kaiptc.org/>>, or Finland's FINCENT at <<http://www.fincen.fi/html/en/Homepage.html>>. Look for their link to e-learning or distance learning or to POTI. It's as easy as that.*

*If your national peacekeeping training centre does not already make use of NTCELP as your own in-house e-learning programme, it is available to you. We at POTI will be pleased to provide all necessary support for this programme. For additional information, please contact me at [Langholtz@peaceopstraining.org](mailto:Langholtz@peaceopstraining.org) or my colleague who manages the NTCELP programme, Ms. Vanessa Anderson at [anderson@peaceopstraining.org](mailto:anderson@peaceopstraining.org).*