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Presentación del sistema de Naciones Unidas: Orientación para actuar en una Misión de Campo de ONU



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POTI releases Spanish translation of popular *Introduction to the UN System* core course

The Peace Operations Training Institute recently released its newest course translation, *Presentación del sistema de Naciones Unidas*, the Spanish translation of the popular POTI core course *Introduction to the United Nations System*.

This updated course introduces the purpose and principles of the United Nations, its institutional framework, and its active leadership role in the global pursuit of peace, security, and development. It discusses the legal foundations of the UN as well as applications of International Humanitarian Law, human rights, and the protection of civilians.

Course materials include practical field techniques for communication, negotiation, mediation, and the general obligations and responsibilities of UN field personnel. Subject matter and objectives for this course are based on UN policy, doctrine, and related resources.

This revised edition provides Spanish-speaking students both historical context and contemporary discussion regarding the adaptive response and service of the UN to the dynamic global community. These points are especially relevant as the UN celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2015 with the completion of the Millennium Development Goals and the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Chief of Content participates in European Peacekeeping Conference

The Institute's Chief of Content, Ms. Ramona Taheri, attended the fifth annual meeting of the European Association of Peace Operations Training Centres (EAPTC) in Helsinki, Finland from 2 to 4 May 2017. The Finnish Defence Forces International Centre (FINCENT) hosted this year's conference in cooperation with the Crisis Management Centre (CMC) Finland and the Police University College. Prior to the event, FINCENT gave all conference participants access to the Institute's *Protection of Civilians* course as an encouraged prerequisite to the conference.

The themes of the 2017 conference were ethicality in peacekeeping, protection of civilians, and comprehensive approaches to peacekeeping. Working groups assembled to discuss each topic, and a final report of the findings will be posted on the EAPTC website (<www.eaptc.org>).

The Institute thanks FINCENT for their hospitality and continued participation in the NTCELP programme, which allows instructors to use POTI courses as supplements to classroom courses.



Above: EAPTC attendees gathered for the fifth annual meeting group photo. Ms. Taheri (third row, fifth from right) and course author Ms. Ximena Jimenez (second row, centre) both attended the conference. Photo courtesy of EAPTC.

CANADEM joins NTCELP as newest training partner



CANADEM logo courtesy of CANADEM.

The Institute welcomed CANADEM as the newest NTCELP training partner in March 2017. Founded in 1996, CANADEM is a Canadian nonprofit organization that specializes in rostering and mobilizing civilian experts for the international peacebuilding community. Their members have expertise in areas such as elections, governance, human rights, logistics, reconstruction, the rule of law, and security. POTI Executive Director Harvey Langholtz and CANADEM Executive Director Paul LaRose-Edwards recorded a webinar welcoming CANADEM students to NTCELP and explaining how to use the Institute's e-learning effectively (<http://www.peaceoperations.org/videos/444/dr-harvey-langholtz-interviews-paul-larose-edwards-executive-director-of-canadem/>).

The Institute looks forward to providing e-learning to personnel from CANADEM as they work to advance peace and security worldwide. CANADEM has demanded the most enrolments of any NTCELP partner in 2017, with more than 6,300 enrolments this year to date. More information about CANADEM is available on their website (<https://canadem.ca/>).

Student Spotlight: Col. Mbotiji Nathaniel Dobgima, Cameroon

My name is Col. Mbotiji Nathaniel Dobgima of the Cameroonian Armed Forces, and I am a student at the Peace Operations Training Institute.

While serving as battalion Chief of Staff on a United Nations peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic in 2015, I met a schoolmate and human rights officer who introduced me to POTI. The number of students worldwide pursuing studies through POTI was proof of its popularity and encouraged me to look into beginning my own studies. I immediately enrolled in my first course.

After completing that first course, I realized how interesting it was and how much it improved my understanding of the topic. I decided to go for a second course. The course materials are well-presented, interconnected, diverse, and complementary. This encouraged me to continue my studies. In spite of my tight schedule, I also decided to complete the different POST Certificate areas of specialization.

I encourage others to discover, study, and learn through POTI. "Time spent to acquire knowledge is never wasted."



Colonel Dobgima in the Central African Republic when serving in MINUSCA.

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



2017 has seen its share of changes and proposed changes in international relations and UN peacekeeping. It is our goal at POTI to provide a reliable source of standard e-learning for peacekeepers worldwide no matter what changes — political, financial, institutional, or otherwise — occur around us.

I am pleased to note that recent months at the Institute have been stable times of steady expansion. Australia, Canada, Spain, and the United Kingdom continue to make it possible for us to provide unlimited free enrolments to all personnel deployed on UN, AU, and hybrid missions through E-Learning for Mission Staff (ELMS); for all students at national training centres in Africa and Latin America through the National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP); and to all individual military personnel, police, and gendarmerie from Africa and Latin America through E-Learning for African Peacekeepers (ELAP) and E-Learning for Peacekeepers from Latin America and the Caribbean (ELPLAC). Our three-course suite of regionally focused courses on Women, Peace, and Security — produced in cooperation with UN Women — are offered free to all worldwide, and Australia recently announced it would support a regional e-learning peacekeeping programme for its neighbours in the Asia-Pacific region.

We recently had our largest number of single-day enrolments on 19 April with 1,497 enrolments by students representing 58 nations. We anticipate enrolments increasing in July with the release of *Presentación del sistema de Naciones Unidas*. It is our pleasure here at the Institute to continue to provide e-learning to you, the men and women of UN peacekeeping.

COURSE REVIEW

Introduction to the UN System

Date Submitted: 2 June 2017



"The course was well designed and the technical aspects were made clear and accessible in simple language while respecting the rigor."

Submitted by: Francis Bainomugisha,
Uganda, CANADEM

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