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New Course Editions

In the coming weeks, the Institute will release updated editions of its three-course suite on the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda:

- *Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Africa*
- *Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Asia and the Pacific*
- *Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean*

The 2026 editions feature the latest developments in the peace operations landscape, as well as advancements and challenges at the regional, national, and local levels. This course suite was developed by UN Women in collaboration with POTI.

The Institute has also released updated versions of the following courses:

- *Peacekeeping and International Conflict Resolution*
- *United Nations Military Observers Specialised Training Materials*, sourced directly from the United Nations Peacekeeping Resource Hub and distributed with permission from the Integrated Training Service

POTI Connects with Global Partners in New York

POTI Executive Director Ramona Taheri and Chief of Institutional Relations Georgia Richardson participated in the 2026 Challenges Annual Forum, which provided an opportunity to meet with Permanent Missions and other key stakeholders. The forum was hosted by the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in collaboration with Denmark, Pakistan, and the International Peace Institute (IPI).

Held at UN Headquarters under the theme "Turning the Tide: Building Momentum for Peace Operations in a Demanding World," the Challenges Annual Forum explored the future of UN peace operations, focusing on current mission realities, partnerships with host countries, and translating the recent *Review on the future of all forms of United Nations peace operations* into action.

A recording of the Challenges Annual Forum livestream is available from: https://lnkd.in/dtQF5QDe.

As part of the discussions surrounding the forum, IPI co-hosted a full-day workshop on the future of peace operations, examining emerging trends, key challenges, and the implications of new technologies.

The visit also provided valuable opportunities to exchange perspectives and strengthen relationships with Permanent Missions and partners. We thank the Challenges Forum, IPI, the hosts, and all participants for bringing the peace operations community together for these important discussions.

We look forward to building on these exchanges at the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) Annual Conference, taking place from 30 November to 4 December 2026.

NEW!

DIGITAL BADGES

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Belgium to Host Next PELP Meeting

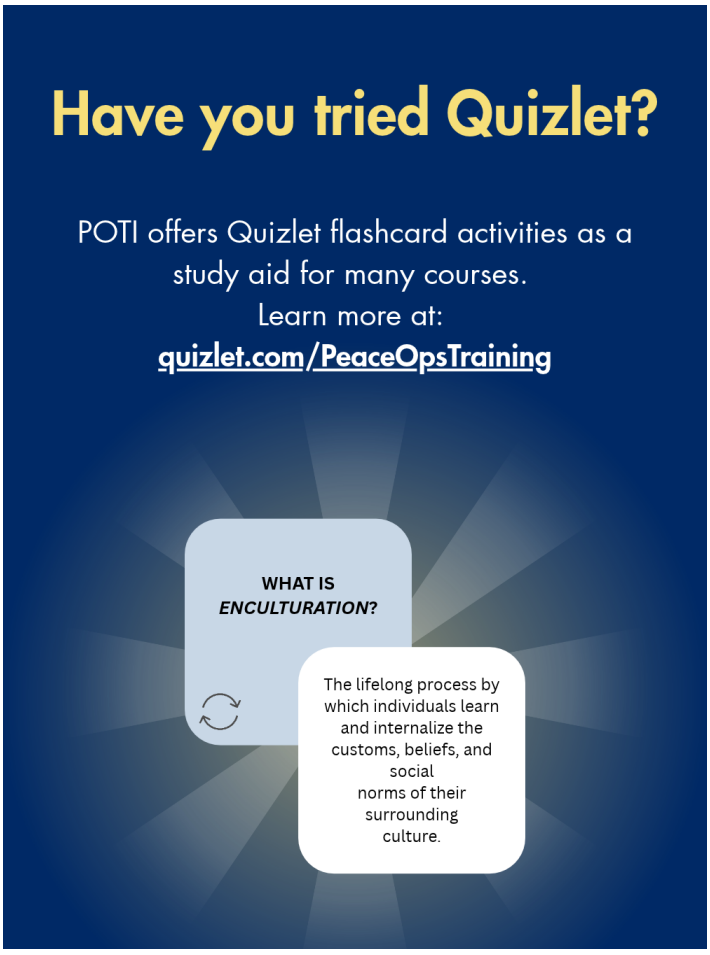
While in New York in October, POTI met with the Military Adviser of the Permanent Mission of Belgium, who will host and chair the January 2027 Partnership for E-Learning on Peace Operations (PELP) meetings.

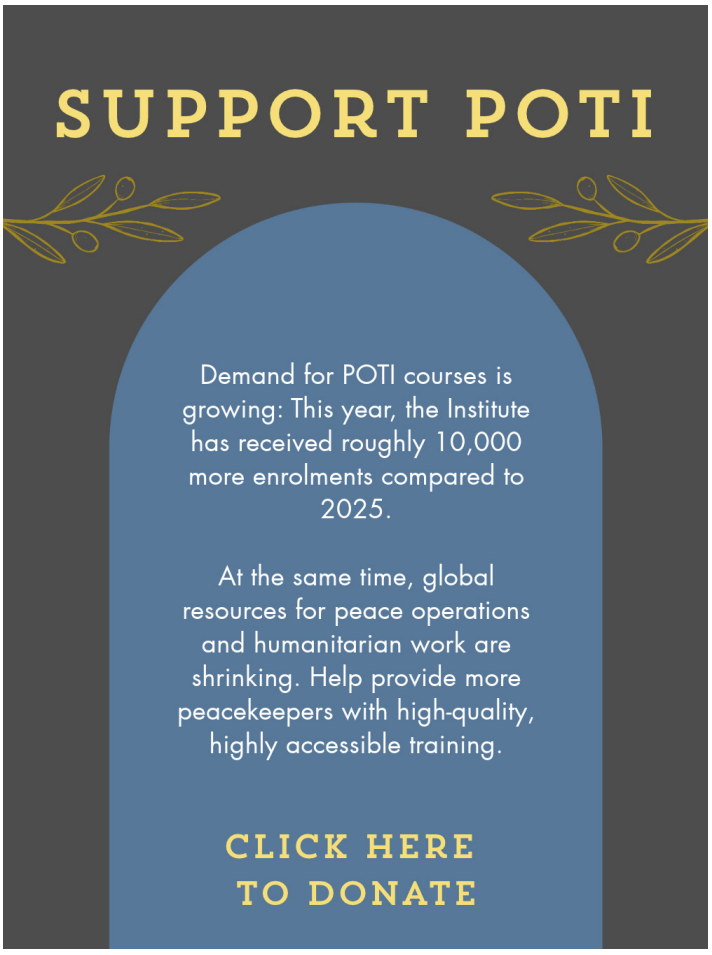
Established in 2020, PELP brings together key Member States and UN agencies to provide guidance and oversight on e-learning for peace operations. The partnership has continued to expand, with its input helping shape POTI's ongoing work to address the evolving needs of the peace operations community.

POTI extends its thanks to the Military Adviser and the Permanent Mission of Belgium for their support and for hosting the upcoming meetings.



POTI Executive Director Ramona Taheri with the Belgian Military Adviser.





From the Desk of the Executive Director Ramona Taheri



As 2026 draws to a close, international peacekeeping efforts continue to face significant challenges. Increasingly complex conflicts, geopolitical tensions, and resource constraints are placing growing demands on missions around the world. Discussions about the future of peace operations underscore a need for greater adaptability, stronger partnerships, and innovative approaches to addressing evolving security challenges. In this changing environment, training and professional development remain essential to preparing personnel for the realities of modern peacekeeping.

The Peace Operations Training Institute remains committed to providing accessible, relevant, and high-quality training to peace operations personnel worldwide. Through our courses and partnerships, we continue to strengthen the knowledge and skills needed by the global peacekeeping community.

In this November issue, we highlight updated editions of our regional Women, Peace and Security courses created in partnership with UN Women, share highlights from relevant events, and look ahead to the next Partnership for E-Learning on Peace Operations (PELP) meeting in January 2027.

As peace operations continue to evolve, POTI remains dedicated to advancing training, fostering collaboration, and supporting those working toward a more peaceful world. Thank you for supporting POTI in these efforts.

Our thanks to the Member States of the Partnership for E-Learning on Peace Operations (PELP) for providing the support that makes e-learning on peace operations possible.

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