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HIGHLIGHTS

Training for Peace (TfP) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Meeting 2014 in Abuja, Nigeria.

The AGM aimed at highlighting the TfP Programmes' main achievements and developments in 2013, and presenting its work plans for implementation in 2014. The meeting allowed sharing of feedback amongst the TfP Partners on issues relating to reporting and planning templates, management cycle timelines, curriculum development, applied research and enhanced collaboration. TfP Partners had the opportunity to meet with key regional and national peacekeeping interlocutors such as ECOWAS and the Nigeria Police Service (NPS). The AGM meeting also provided an opportunity for the TfP Programme to meet with Professor Ibrahim Gambari, the former Under-Secretary-General (USG) of the United Nations (UN) Department of Political Affairs (DPA). Professor Ibrahim Gambari, is a new member of the International Advisory Board (IAB) of the TfP Programme.

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NEWS



New Senior Police Adviser to Eastern Africa Standby Force Coordination Mechanism (EASFCOM).

The Norwegian National Police Directorate (POD) appointed, Ass. Commissioner, Mr Finn-Tore Pettersen, as the New Senior Police Adviser to EASFCOM. Mr Finn-Tore Pettersen replaced Mr Torbjorn Sande. Mr Finn-Tore Pettersen has concentrated his service on operational issues. He was previously the Head of the Police Labour Union and later became Chief Operation in a district on the West Coast of Norway. Mr Pettersen is now one of the Norwegian police international instructors.

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Institute of Security Studies (ISS) appoints Mr Gustavo de Carvalho as Senior Researcher on Peacebuilding.

Mr Gustavo de Carvalho has extensive experience in capacity development, policy support and research initiatives in the peacebuilding field in Africa. From 2009 – 2014 he worked at the African Centre for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) as an Analyst at ACCORD's arm of TfP, and later as Coordinator of its Peacebuilding Unit. Previously, he worked as a Researcher at Global Witness, a London-based organisation, in campaigns that related to the link between natural resources and conflict in both the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Somalia.

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Excellent Working relationship between Norwegian Police Directorate (POD) and ISS.

Since February 2014, the POD and ISS established an effective cooperative relationship through training course development workshops and the delivery of United Nations Police Officers Course (UNPOC) and Mid-Level-Management (MLM) courses. The positive and professional support of the POD and trainers are a critical success factor in the effective course delivery, utility of the training provided, and also on the excellent feedback received from the trained course participants.

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TRAINING



[7–12 April 2014:] ISS conducted a United Nations Police (UNPOL) Mid-Level-Management (MLM) Course for United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in Juba, South Sudan. 33 UNPOL officers, including 7 females from different Police Contributing Countries (PCCs) attended the training. The training was supported by Norwegian Superintendent, Jan Aandal and Danish Superintendent, Bjarne Askolm. The training sought to enhance the knowledge, skills and quality of UNPOL UNMISS mid-level managers to better perform their daily operational and administrative duties. Excellent feedback was received from the participants, and from the Police Commissioner for UNMISS, Dr Fred Yiga, who encouraged all MLM personnel to participate in similar trainings.

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[28 April-09 May 2014:] ISS delivered a United Nations Police Officers Course (UNPOC) pre-deployment training course in Blantyre, Malawi. ISS delivered an 11 day training course for 50 Malawian Police Officers, 20 of which were female. The course

was hosted by the Malawian Police Service at the Malawi Police Training School (PTS) and supported by Norwegian Police instructors Superintendent Lars Stamnes and Superintendent Inger Grete Lia Staalesen, as well as Superintendent Flemming Kim Pedersen Konstantinidis and Detective Inspector Arne Woythal from the Danish Police Service. The training enabled participants to effectively engage in small group practical skills development exercises.



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[5–9 May 2014:] TfP Partners contribute in the African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA) Police Harmonisation Workshop in Accra, Ghana. Following the Civilian Peacekeepers Foundation Harmonization workshop held in Nairobi, Kenya from 2-5 December 2013, the Police Harmonisation workshop provided opportunities for APSTA to contribute towards the efforts

of the African Union Commission (AUC), in particular the Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD) and the Regional Economic Communities/Mechanisms (RECs/RMs) in harmonising and standardising the ASF and regional standby forces related training.



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Upcoming Training Courses

[13–25 July 2014:] ISS will conduct a Gender Course for Southern African Development Community/ The Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (SADC/SARPCCO) region. A two-week Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) course and a two-week integrated gender course with the support of the POD will be conducted. The courses will comprise of all dimensions of gender and a gender advisor course for SADC and the East African region for Police in Peacekeeping missions. The courses are aimed at developing critical foundational knowledge, insight, skills and personal qualities to effectively support the women, peace and security mandate of United Nations and African

Union (UN/AU) peacekeeping missions. This contributes towards part of their daily duties and responsibilities in peacekeeping operations.

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[16–27 July 2014:] SARPCCO United Nations Police Officers Course (UNPOC) Training of Trainers (ToT) development workshop to be conducted by ISS in Pretoria, South Africa. The ToT course is preliminarily scheduled for 18-29 August 2014. This course will enable participants to develop fundamental knowledge, skills, and qualities to facilitate the Eastern African Police Chiefs Organisation (EAPCCO)/SARPCO UNPOC.

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[15–18 July 2014:] ACCORD/TfP will conduct training on conflict reporting for United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) Civil Affairs Officers (CAOs) in Kampala, Uganda. The training is intended to primarily build the capacity of CAOs to report on conflict, and to augment the skills of CAOs, as per the Missions five priority areas. UNMISS enhanced reporting capabilities directly feeds into the priority on the protection of civilians including internally displaced people sheltering within United Nations compounds and elsewhere. This training will also strengthen the reports that the UNMISS security forces draw their background information for their support to humanitarian actors. The training is also linked to the focus on increased human rights monitoring and reporting being undertaken by the mission. This training also seeks to build the capacity of CAOs in conflict analysis and reporting in order to better support the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) mediation process when called upon to assist.

EVENTS



[03 April 2014:] NUPI hosted a seminar on ‘A way out of al-Shabaab?’ In Oslo. This seminar focused on the history and recent developments in the radical Islamist group in Somalia, al-Shabaab. It also discussed

the possibilities and challenges of disengagement of de-radicalisation of al-Shabaab fighters in Somalia. Stig. Jarle Hansen from NORAFRIEG, talked about the history and presence of the Islamist group in Somalia. Alexander Meleagrou-Hitchens from the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation at King’s College, talked about al-Shabaab’s western media strategy and lessons learned from past de-radicalisation programmes in Muslim majority countries. Ingvild Magnæs Gjelsvik from NUPIs Peace Operations and Peacebuilding Research Group, focused on initiatives to disengage al-Shabaab fighters in Somalia.

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[3–5 April 2014:] ACCORD participated in the Economic Community of Central African States' Force Multinationale de l'Afrique Centrale (ECCAS/FOMAC) Civilian Component Workshop in Bujumbura, Burundi. As part of its strategies for preparing for the Full Operational Capability (FOC) of the Africa Standby Force (ASF) in 2015, the civilian component of ECCAS Standby Force - FOMAC, brought together experts, partners and representatives of ECCAS member states to further contribute to the draft document which was prepared internally on strengthening the civilian component of FOMAC. The output of the workshop was a document with strategies for building the civilian capacities of FOMAC and strategies towards the adoption of the document by all Member States of ECCAS.

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[04 April 2014:] A seminar was hosted by NUPI on 'The Role of the International Community in Post-Conflict Recovery - What can Peacebuilding do for Mali, South Sudan, and Somalia?' in Oslo. This seminar focused on the role the international community can play in post-conflict reconstruction, and zoomed in on the three country cases of Mali, South Sudan and Somalia.

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[04 April 2014:] Seminar on The United Nations Peacebuilding Fund's role in preventing violent conflict was presented by NUPI in Oslo. In this seminar, Brian Williams from the UN Peacebuilding Support Office, discussed the UN Peacebuilding Fund's approach to peacebuilding, and its relevance for conflicts similar to the Central African Republic, and in preventing the relapse of countries recovering from conflict like Liberia. This seminar was a part of the NUPI seminar series '*Who's next? Peacebuilding's role in preventing the next violent conflict*', that focuses on the 2015 Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture.

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[08 May 2014:] NUPI hosted a seminar on 'The peacebuilding field - localization of international peacebuilders' in Oslo. In this seminar, Senior Researcher at NUPI, Mateja Peter, presented a paper that explored the micro-politics of the peacebuilding field. The paper argued in favour of conceptualising peace and state-building as encounters rather than interventions. Through this argument, she exposed and addressed the liberal bias in extant scholarship that has resulted in reductionist treatments of local agency.

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[12–17 May 2014:] Study conducted by TfP Partners Research Network in Bamako, Mali. The TfP research network conducted research which focused on challenges in the African Union Peace Support Operations (AU PSO) and the degree to which the role of the police in AU operations differ from those in UN operations. Furthermore, it focused on implications of assumptions, policies and training of police officers. The study will be comparative with case studies on the role of police in peace operations in the Sudan, Mali, and Somalia. Gustavo de Carvalho also gathered data and information that enabled ISS/TfP to better understand wider aspects of the role of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) in relation to Mali's peace process.



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[22–23 May 2014:] ACCORD Participated in the Stakeholders Validation Workshop on the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) Civilian Dimension Policy Framework in Abuja, Nigeria. The aim of the workshop was to validate ESF's draft Civilian Dimension Policy Framework and improve the draft before final adoption by the Mediation and Security Committee. The workshop provided a forum for expert stakeholders to critically examine the ESF draft and provide recommendations for improving the Civilian Dimension Policy Framework. The development of this policy framework is among the efforts of the ESF - a building block of the ASF - to strengthen the civilian component of the Standby Force ahead of the 2015 Full Operational Capability.

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[23–26 June 2014:] TfP Partners attend the 20th Annual Conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) in Jakarta, Indonesia. The conference was conducted at the Indonesian National Defence Forces Peacekeeping Center (INDF PKC). The theme for the conference was "*Toward a Global Training Architecture?*".

The conference provided a unique forum for those who work in the field of peacekeeping education, training and operations to discuss the issues relevant to their work and provided a platform to develop best solutions. Part of the unique value in attending the conference was the opportunity to meet with those specialized in the field from around the world. The conference also offered substantial opportunities for networking and valuable information that allowed the training centers to minimize gaps and duplication in their efforts leading to further specialisation.

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Upcoming Events

[29 June–1 July 2014]: Strategic Guidance Framework (SGF) Operations Meeting in Beijing, China. ISS' Conflict Management and Peacebuilding (CMPB) Division Head, Annette Leijenaar will attend the follow-up SGF training initiative event on police capacity building, developmental and training issues.

[2 July 2014:] TFP Research Network meet monthly. TFP Partners now have regular meetings on Skype to keep each other updated on activities and projects and to better coordinate planning. The next Skype meeting is to be hosted by ISS.

[8–10 July 2014:] ACCORD will participate in the 2014 PeaceCap Annual Meeting hosted by the Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) of Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey. The workshop aims to inaugurate the PeaceCap Network in order to further develop opportunities for joined research and to define future goals. The workshop will take place under the auspices of the PeaceCap Network. This is a cooperative partnership with members in Brazil, China, Egypt, Indonesia, Norway, Russia, South Africa and Turkey, that will work together to conduct innovative research for international peace operations.

[18 August–3 September 2014:] United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) Lessons Learned Workshop in Juba, South Sudan.

The ISS/TFP with the assistance from POD, will support the UNMISS Police component with a lessons learned process. This will include a process to co-develop, identify and capture best practices, and conduct an assessment at several field locations at green state and country bases. The workshop aims to assist UNMISS

police leadership to identify best practices within the police component which are suitable for internalisation and implementation at all levels.

[21–23 October 2014:] ISS/TFP will participate and contribute towards the Strategic Guidance Framework (SGF) for International Police Peacekeeping 2014 activities in Pretoria, South Africa. ISS' Conflict Management and Peacebuilding (CMPB) Division Head, Annette Leijenaar, attended the Challenges Forum research seminar, '*Framing the Framework*' followed by the NUPI-led SGF thematic meeting on police capacity building and development, during March 2014 in Oslo. During this, ISS/TFP met with the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) and the Swedish Police, who will co-host together with ISS, a meeting on the SGF Thematic that will be conducted in Pretoria, South Africa. Further involvement and activities include the SGF meeting on Training, that will take place in Jakarta as well as the SGF meeting in Beijing during June/July. Through its participation in these meetings, ISS/TFP actively contributed to the overall objective to develop guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as well as training material to ensure that police officers who participate in UN and Regional Peace Operations will be equipped and prepared to execute their mandated tasks in the most professional manner.



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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

TfP is proud to present the following new publications:

Connections and Disconnections: Understanding and Integrating Local Perceptions in United Nations Peacekeeping, by Niels Nagelhus Schia, Ingvid Magnæs Gjelsvik and John Karlsrud, 2014.

Central African Republic: history of a collapse foretold? (o.p.) Open Democracy, by Morten Bøås, 2014.

Guns, money and prayers: AQIM's blueprint for securing control of Northern Mali, by Morten Bøås, 2014.

With UN Withdrawal, Sierra Leone Takes Lead of Own Peacebuilding Process, by Gustavo de Carvalho, 2014.

Peacebuilding in Sierra Leone: where to from here? by Gustavo de Carvalho, ISS Today, 2014.

Training for Peace in Africa: Consolidated Annual Progress Report 2013 for the Training for Peace Programme (TfP).

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The Training for Peace in Africa (TfP) programme is an international capacity-building programme funded and coordinated by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1995. Its primary purpose is to contribute towards capacity building within the broader ambit of peace operations in Africa.

TfP is a joint programme between the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) in Oslo, the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) in Durban, the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in Pretoria, the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in Accra, and the African Civilian Response Capacity for Peace Support Operations (AFDEM) in Bulawayo. Furthermore, the TfP provides support to and collaborates closely with the Eastern Africa Standby Force Coordination Mechanism (EASFCOM), and the Norwegian Police Directorate (POD) is a supporting partner, contributing advice and instructors to the TfP's police programme.

TfP's overall goal is to contribute towards building sustainable African civilian and police capacity for multidimensional peace operations. Within its overall goal, TfP's objective is broadly two-fold:

- To establish competent African peacekeeping personnel in UN, AU and REC/RMs for peace operations in Africa, and
- To support the strengthening of organizational systems in the AU, UN and REC/RMs for peace operations in Africa.

Both of these objectives are implemented at the conceptual and the practical level through training, research, rostering and policy development activities.



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