2014 Annual Meeting of the International Advisory Board (IAB) of the TfP in Africa Programme.

To further understand the impact of the Programme during this phase (2010–2015), an evaluation of the Programme was conducted and its findings, conclusions and recommendations were presented by the evaluation team and thereafter discussed by all the stakeholders who attended the IAB Meeting together with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The IAB meeting provided an opportunity to engage with the evaluation team in commenting on the ‘Building Blocks for Peace: An Evaluation of the Training for Peace in Africa Programme’ report. The Norwegian State Secretary Bård Glad Pedersen met the board and the partners to discuss the future of the Programme. The State Secretary emphasized the Norwegian government’s commitment to continue its support to peace and security in Africa and to work closely with the AU in particular. The TfP Partners also had the opportunity to hold a separate internal meeting to discuss their respective organisations’ 2015 work plans and the TfP Communication Package. The IAB meeting also discussed future peace operations in Africa, the UN panel review of peace operations and cooperation between the UN and AU in this regard.

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UNSC Resolution 2185 resolves to make Policing an essential part of Peacekeeping mandates.

On 20 November 2014 the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2185. This historic resolution, the first dedicated solely to Policing in Peacekeeping missions resolved “to make policing an integral part of the mandates of UN peacekeeping operations and special political missions”. The SC Resolution comes at a critical time for TIP partners involved in Policing efforts. Partners will take the Resolution into consideration for their 2015 Work Plans as well as strategic planning for a next TIP phase or new program.

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TfP Partners Research Trip to African Union - United Nations Hybrid Mission in Darfur (UNAMID).

The visit to UNAMID was the third and final research mission of the 2014 joint research activities of the TIP program, which seeks to address the roles and challenges of police peacekeepers in African Union and United Nations peace operations in Africa. More specifically, it seeks to answer whether, and in what ways, AU police peacekeeping differs from UN police peacekeeping. The UNAMID visit follows successful visits to AMISOM in Somalia and MINUSMA in Mali. The research sought to obtain first hand understanding of how the mission is executing its mandated police functions and to identify the major challenges, gaps, and opportunities of the mission with a specific focus to the United Nations Police (UNPOL) component.

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TRAINING

[13–24 October 2014:] TFP/ACCORD participate in 10th Regional Senior Mission Leaders (RSML) Course in Nairobi, Kenya. The RSML Course aimed to prepare current and potential senior mission leaders in the role and responsibilities in complex peacekeeping operations. The course included skills to plan, prepare, manage and direct peacekeeping operations in order to effectively fulfil their mandates. Furthermore, it was designed to strengthen senior mission leadership in the East African region and other regions within the framework of African Standby Force (ASF). The RSML course modelled from the African Union and United Nations Senior Mission Leadership Course was established to provide a platform to senior officials involved or yet to be involved in peacekeeping in preparation for mission deployment. The Course also provided an opportunity assess the shortcomings of existing peacekeeping operations and to make recommendations on the development of peacekeeping missions with particular focus on senior mission leadership.

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[12–22 November:] Norwegian National Police Directorate (POD) supports the Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) Command Post Exercise. EASF completed its last Command Post Exercise before declaring Full Operational Capability (FOC) by the end of 2014. The FOC will be declared one year ahead of schedule given by African Union (AU). During the Visitor's Day, POD was briefed by participants representing the "Mission’s Sector Commands". The aim of the presentations were to reflect the realities on the
[29 September–3 October 2014:] APSTA Integrated Mission Planning and Mission Support Training Harmonisation and Standardisation Workshop in Harare, Zimbabwe. As part of its Annual Work Plans for 2014, the APSTA proposed to undertake the harmonisation of ASF and other African-led Peace Support Operations (PSO) training. The Workshop provided an opportunity for the association to contribute towards the efforts of the AU Commission, in particular the Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD) and the Regional Economic Communities/Mechanisms (RECs/RMs), in harmonising and standardising ASF and regional standby forces training.

[October 2014:] ISS sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ISPTC on common African Policing issues. The Institute for Security Studies (ISS) signed an agreement with the International Peace Support Training Center (ISPTC), based in Nairobi, Kenya to collaborate on Police training, joint monitoring and evaluation research and activities related to deployed Individual Police Officers (IPOs); and joint seminars and conferences related to Policing in Peace Support Operations. Police training will be conducted at IPSTC by ISS/TfP staff as well as seconded Police staff.

[30 September–1 October 2014:] ISS/TfP hosted a Peacebuilding roundtable: Addressing the Evidence Gap: Assumptions that Drive Peacebuilding in Pretoria, South Africa. ISS/TfP hosted a small closed roundtable discussion which provided a platform for discussing the critical assumptions that drive peacebuilding policy and practice. In addition, it ultimately contributed to a more informed debate on effective peacebuilding responses. It brought together approximately 15 experts from the peacebuilding community from the global north and south.

[1 October 2014:] Peacebuilding Seminar: Why the future of peacebuilding matters to Africa hosted by ISS/TfP in Pretoria, South Africa. Seminar discussed the future of peacebuilding and how it will impact African countries. Peacebuilding is increasingly recognised by the international community as a necessary response to conflict situations. It is important to note that approaches to dealing with conflict and fragility vary widely from one country to the next, with different degrees of success. The challenge is particularly important for Africa, where many peacebuilding processes have failed.

[1–3 October 2014:] TIP/ACCORD participate at African Union Commission (AUC) – Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Joint Consultative Meeting on Cooperation on Human Rights in Peace Operations in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The purpose of the joint consultative meeting was to exchange ideas on common areas of engagement and develop a framework of cooperation with concrete proposals on how the OHCHR and AU will relate on human rights issues in peace operations. The TIP Programme contributed to the deliberations on identifying areas of complementarity and challenges between human rights components in United Nations peace operations and human rights observers deployed as part of African Union high intensity peace operations and a focus on identifying entry points for cooperation and defining coordination channels between OHCHR and AUC.
[7 October 2014:] A seminar on Conflict Trends in Somalia, CAR, Mali and the Wider Sahel was hosted by NUPI/TfP in Oslo, Norway. In this seminar, a group of ISS researchers specialising on Africa spoke on conflicts and peace processes in Somalia, CAR and Mali, and on terrorism in the Sahel belt.

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[9–11 October 2014:] ACCORD/TfP co-organised the Leadership Capacity Building and Strategy Formulation Workshop on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) for African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) in Midrand, South Africa. The workshop was opened by the newly appointed Special Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission (SRCC) for Somalia and Head of AMISOM, Ambassador Maman Sambo Sidikou, who emphasised the aim of strengthening the Mission’s instruments and approaches towards preventing and addressing the issue of SEA. In addition, Ambassador Welile Nhlapo made opening remarks on behalf of the civil society. Former President Obasanjo, contributed to a session in the workshop and urged AMISOM leadership to be attentive in preventing and responding to SEA. He also acclaimed AMISOM personnel and the police and troop contributing countries for the significant sacrifices and contribution to the peace process in Somalia.

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[14–16 October 2014:] TfP Partners participate in 2014 Annual Challenges Forum in Beijing, China. Hosted by the China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS), the Challenges Forum was a platform to discuss the strategic and dynamic exchange of experiences, ideas, best practices, and proposals to positively influence the peacekeeping practice and approaches through debate and research. The theme of the Forum was “Building Capacity for Peace Operations in Response to Diversified Threats”. The purpose of the Forum was to discuss the emergence of non-traditional threats in peacekeeping missions. Fundamental recommendations were drafted which will be captured in a report that will be presented to the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations for consideration by the UN Secretary General for Peacekeeping. This initiative will contribute in shaping the efficient conduct of peace operations globally.

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[21–22 October 2014:] ACCORD/TfP participates in Civilian Rostering Seminar on lessons learned - Northern Africa in Cairo, Egypt. The seminar sought to gather best practices and lessons identified from various regional and international counterparts for the development of deployment, in North African countries. Furthermore, the primary objective of the seminar was to facilitate the development of civilian standby rosters in North African countries in synchronization with current AU efforts through international and regional experiences, and eventually pave the way for the creation of a civilian standby roster for Northern African Regional Capability (NARC).

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[21–23 October 2014:] ISS/TfP to host Strategic Guidance Framework (SGF) Police Command meeting in Pretoria, South Africa. The SGF Police Command meeting provided detailed discussions from former and serving Police Commissioners, senior police
experts with peace support operation experience and from research and academic experts on the topic. ISS is confident that the meeting on Police Command made a substantive contribution to UNDPKO's development of the SGF initiative. Participant feedback based on the evaluation form recorded that, overall, participants rated the SGF Thematic Meeting on Police Command a success, with “Excellent” and “Good” responses comprising 83% of participant ratings respectively.

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[27–31 October 2014:] TfP/ACCORD trains on the Gender Perspective to Peace Support Operations: A Comprehensive Approach in Nairobi, Kenya. The course was organised by the International Peace Support Centre (IPSTC) in collaboration with the Spanish and Dutch Ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs under the Spanish-Dutch Training Initiative on Gender in Operations. The course aimed at increasing operational effectiveness by equipping participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively support the gender perspective in international peace operations. This innovative international course responds to and is based on the comprehensive approach to peace operations, and builds on synergies between defense, diplomacy and development (3D) with regards to gender and human rights aspects. This support contributed to the adequate preparation of the civilians, police and military officers from the East African Region as well as from other regions of Africa who are expected to be part of the capabilities of the Africa Standby Force (ASF) ahead of the Full Operation Capability in 2015.

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[28–29 October 2014:] ISS/TfP participates in the 5th Expert Meeting on Security Cooperation in Southern Africa in Maputo, Mozambique. The meeting focused on emerging security issues in the Southern African region. Key themes addressed by experts and decision makers included African peacekeeping, elections and conflict as well as emerging threats such as violent extremism. The main objective was to provide a platform for dialogue. General recommendations as a contribution to policy development was one of the outputs for an academic and conceptual level.

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[29 October 2014:] NUPI/TfP held a seminar on Lessons learned from South Sudan: The role of the UN peacekeeping mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the response to the crisis triggered by the December 2013 relapse into violent conflict.

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[29 October 2014:] ACCORD/TfP participate in 2014 IPSTC annual research symposium in Nairobi, Kenya. The symposium was a platform to consolidate views from stakeholders including but not limited to practitioners, and academia to inform IPSTC’s research. The seminar sought to achieve two major outcomes; to provide critical input to the research products in order to improve substantive output; and to strengthen networks of collaborations with different organisations, institutions and partners in peace and security. The research findings and the discussions sought to further enhance the role of women in peace processes, contributing to sustainable peace in the region and further implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325.

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[5–7 November 2014:] ISS/TfP participates in the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS) International Symposium on Security Affairs in Tokyo, Japan. This symposium was one of the major international activities organised by NIDS, and aimed at exchanging presentations of views in a public forum on deepening the understanding of security matters. Roughly 200 participants attended. The topic of the symposium was the New Trends in Peacekeeping: In Search for a New Direction. Discussion focused on the current changes in peacekeeping processes, and its increasing multidimensionality. Discussions also highlighted some key academic and policy developments in peacekeeping, including national and regional responses.

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[7 November 2014:] NUPI/TfP seminar: BRICS: economic collaboration amidst geopolitical ambitions and limitations in Oslo, Norway. Leaders of the five BRICS countries held their sixth annual meeting in July in Brazil. The major deliverable from the summit was economic in form and content but the group’s primary motivation, significance and built-in limitations are mainly geopolitical. BRICS serves as the key tag of the major emerging markets whose economic growth will outstrip and anchor the rest of the world. In this seminar, Professor Ramesh Thakur gave a lecture on the BRIC countries, based on the sixth annual meeting of the leaders in the BRIC countries, held in July in Brazil.

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[1–2 December 2014:] TfP/ACCord co-organised the African Standby Force (ASF) Civilian Roster Roundtable with Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Regional Mechanisms (RMs) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Roundtable aimed to identify gaps in relationships and sought to strengthen the effective and efficient rostering system. The discussions encouraged the RECs and Planning Elements (PLANELMs) to effectively link training to rostering effectively. In this sense, PLANELMs emphasized the importance to track people trained; and the ability of RECs to deploy large amount of civilians and also identify the roots of the civilians deployed. The Roundtable provided a forum for expert stakeholders to strengthening coordination on the civilian rostering process.

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[1–3 December 2014:] ISS/TfP contributes to the 19th International Police (INTERPOL) Training Symposium: Enhancing the efficiency of law enforcement learning activities in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This Symposium was aimed at the heads of national, regional and international entities in charge of police capacity building, training and development. As such, it was of interest and value to any police managers interested in learning about and sharing major training challenges and best practices in the area of capacity building for police forces.

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[11 December 2014:] NUPI/TfP held a ‘Gendered peacekeeping: Beyond the female body?’ seminar in Oslo, Norway. The seminar will bridge lessons from peace operations and the gender discourses in the academic debate and discuss aspects of gender in peacekeeping, the peacekeeping economy and the preservation of masculine norms. Paul Higate discussed “The embodiment of peacekeeping”, Randi Solhjell and Ingvild Magnaes Gjelsvik focused on “Female Bodies and Masculine Norms: Gender Discourses in UN and AU Peace Operations in Africa”. In addition, Kathleen Jennings discussed “Service, sex and security in the peacekeeping economy”.

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[15–17 December 2014:] ACCord/TfP co-hosts an Experts Roundtable on strengthening the Conduct and Discipline Framework for the African Union (AU) Peace Support Operations (PSOs) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Forum strengthened the existing conduct and discipline mechanisms of AU PSOs. This was done by developing core policies and documents that are essential in developing a robust and comprehensive framework on conduct and discipline. The framework is responsive to the AU PSO realities and experience and that can be implemented and monitored in the short-, mid-, and long-term. The consultative Forum bolster existing efforts to strengthen the conduct and discipline framework to specifically come up with recommendations on the constitution of such a framework and to review, brainstorm and refine existing drafts of policies and directives.

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[15–19 December 2014:] ISS/TfP Field visit to UNMISS for Gender Course in Juba, South Sudan. UNMISS is protecting more than 100,000 civilians on its bases throughout the country, according to recent data. As these numbers are likely to continue to rise, UNMISS will need to prepare itself to further protect the people within its bases. This protection includes preventing and responding to sexual and gender-based violence against women and girls, and ensuring the specific protection of children. ISS/TfP plans to interact with UNMISS and other actors in the civilian protection environment through a consultative workshop.

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[17–18 December 2014:] TfP and Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) organised a Seminar on the ‘Future of African Peace Operations: Strategic Options 2015–2025’. The Seminar simulated thinking about the strategic policy options facing the AU and its Member States, including reflecting on past experiences to extract best practices as well as critical challenges, and to generate strategic options for the next generation of African peace operations. Furthermore, it reiterated the need for a coordinated and timely strategy between the AU and the RECs in peacekeeping alongside the establishment of an independent funding mechanism.
for Future African PSOs. The need for taking stock of Africa's training and capacity building initiatives also stood out clearly, while at the same time emphasized on the need for increasing training for the future was deemed a priority.

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REPORTS

Building Blocks for Peace.
An Evaluation of the Training for Peace in Africa Programme

The evaluation report on the TfP programme was published on 4 November 2014 and was discussed at a meeting arranged by Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) on 13 November 2014. The report: "Building Blocks for Peace. An Evaluation of the Training for Peace in Africa Programme" has been made by a combined team of Chr. Michelsen Institute (Norway) and ITAD (UK). The aim of the report is, according to NORAD, that “this evaluation will provide important lessons for programme management of development assistance in fragile states, as well as evaluators in the same areas. The evaluation team highlights that in complex programmes involving several partners, a strong strategic framework is crucial to ensure that partners have a common understanding of how the activities can conduce to the desired outcomes.” The report has put a special focus on the effects of training in the programme. To download the full report, please click here > DOWNLOAD
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.