

## MISSION INTELLIGENCE REPORTING IN UN FIELD MISSIONS

### TRAINING COURSE

**DECEMBER 7 to 11, 2020 - BARCELONA – SPAIN**

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Barcelona International Peace Centre (BIPC) and 2Gedar-PeaceOps and Development Network are pleased to announce the Mission Intelligence Reporting in UN Field Missions Training Course, to be held in Barcelona, Spain, from December 7 to 11, 2020.

#### Overview

One of the most important roles in Field Missions is the gathering of information that enables missions to take decisions on appropriate actions to fulfil mandates effectively and safely. Peacekeeping Intelligence (PI) is intended to support a common operational picture: (1) Up-to-date, accurate intelligence supports the establishment of a coherent, real-time operational understanding of the mission area to support planning and operations; (2) provides early warning of imminent threats to life, major destruction of property, restrictions of movement etc. in order to enable the mission to act appropriately in accordance with its mandate; and (3) identifies providing mission leadership with enhanced understanding of shifts in the strategic and operational landscape, and of associated risks and opportunities for mandate implementation, including with respect to the safety and security of UN and associated personnel.

Peacekeeping Intelligence is an essential tool for the proper management and operability of field mission and the source of information to the mission leadership and to UNHQ through daily, weekly, and thematic reports. PI substantially informs the mission's regular reports to the Security Council in cooperation with the Joint Operating Center and Joint Mission Analysis Centers (JOC, JMAC), Political and other substantive mission units like Protection of Civilians, Rule of Law and Civil Affairs.

#### Objectives

This international training course will allow participants to understand the theory and practice of Peacekeeping Intelligence gathering, assessment, analysis and reporting. Participants will become familiar with the principles, processes and parameters to manage the intelligence needs of UN field operations; receive guidance on the tools and activities of individual mission components and the functions of the UHQ offices supporting, coordinating and backstopping mission peacekeeping intelligence procedures.

The overall objectives of the course are therefore to:

- Provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of Peacekeeping Intelligence Policies and Procedures;
- Understand the role, and scope of activities of Joint Operating and Joint Mission Analysis Centers (JOC and JMAC);
- Understand the synergies with other mission stakeholders in the intelligence cycle, including substantive mission divisions, police operations, and mission military partners;

- Gain a comprehensive understanding of the principles of Peacekeeping Intelligence (under rules, within mandate, independence, accountability, capability and authority, security & confidentiality);
- Understand the Processes of Intelligence Cycles (directions, requirements, tasking, acquisition, examination, evaluation and collation; analysis and dissemination; classification, security, handling and sharing; Intelligence sharing with non-mission and non-UN entities; Information retention and disposal
- Understand the Roles and responsibilities of Heads of Mission, and other senior mission leadership;
- Receive extensive materials and practical guidance and insights from highly experienced current and former senior officers;
- Provide participants with effective tools in a highly specialized area of UN practice;
- Prepare candidates for recruitment as JOC/JMAC and Political Affairs officers DPKO; and provide guidance for those seeking engagement with UN Agencies, Funds & Programmes;
- Provide an opportunity for candidates to network and develop mentoring relationships with current and former practitioners within the United Nations.

### Methodology

The course focuses on the technical aspects of the work of the Department of Peace Operations (DPO)- Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPA) officers and other fundamental skills that Intelligence Officers should apply in the field. The course format includes a combination of lectures, small group discussions, practical exercises and peer exchange of experiences.

It comprises practical exercises based on different Missions scenarios around 5 thematic areas: (1) The Concept of Peacekeeping Intelligence in UN Field Missions; (2) Legal Dimensions; (3) Operational Concepts; (4) Implementation; and (5) Lessons Learned. The course will outline and probe the concept of PI gathering and reporting in UN Operations, its policy, guidelines; the legal framework instruments, individual and organizational responsibilities, operational concepts and their implementation, challenges to implementation. Case studies will focus on different Mission environments that will capture the widely different circumstances in which Officers need to operate.

Participants will be provided in advance with extensive range of documents and materials which they will be expected to become generally familiar with prior to their attendance to the course. The course itself will focus on the practical elements of the applicability of these materials to actual field practice.

### For whom is this course?

The course is designed to benefit candidates wishing to become JOC, JMAC and Political Affairs officers with United Nations Field Operations, and would be of interest to police and military officers to be deployed with UN field missions in intelligence related functions; and staff members in international entities, UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes, INGOs and corporations operating in information gatherings, analysis and dissemination activities and programme, officers in Ministries of Foreign Affairs dealing with UN portfolios, and police officers contemplating peacekeeping and observation missions as part of their pre-deployment training, and research institutes and other international organisations and donors supporting field missions.

Generally, participants will be expected and will be given priority to enroll if they hold degree/s qualifying for entry into the UN Civil Service; will be fully conversant with written and spoken English at a professional working level. Candidates not meeting all these criteria may be accepted at the discretion of the organizers and subject to availability of places.

## Trainers

The organizers put great emphasis on delivering the course with a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team.

The course will be coordinated by [Manuel Calzada](#) and presented by currently *serving senior JOC and JMAC officers*. [Manuel](#) is currently Director of Legal Affairs with the UN Mission in Somalia, and previously held similar positions with the UN in Sudan, Afghanistan, Liberia, and Kosovo.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** It is expected that [Ambassador Roland Kobia](#), the EU Special Envoy for Afghanistan will be able to join us for a presentation during the week. [Ambassador Kobia](#) was previously EU Ambassador to Myanmar/Burma, Azerbaijan, Head of EU Political Affairs in Kenya, and EU representative in 12 different countries of the Horn of African and Great Lakes. He has been engaged as an academic during the transition from apartheid, served in the private office of the EU Commissioner for Energy, EU accession negotiator and represented the EU before the WIPO in Geneva.

## Dates & location

From 07 to 11 December 2020 at Sant Felip Neri House in Barcelona, Spain. It will start at 9:00 on Monday and end around 15:30 on Friday.

## Language & cost

The course will be taught in English. The course fee is 2000 Euros. This fee includes course materials, refreshments, and lunch. It does not include the cost of traveling to/from Barcelona, visa, accommodation, insurance, and other meals, such as dinner. Please note that this course requires a minimum number of participants. Unfortunately, the organizers cannot provide any scholarships or waivers for the course fees. We can provide logistical assistance and letters in support of participants' visa applications upon request. Payment arrangement information will be included in acceptance letters. Upon registration, the organizers will provide information about different accommodation options, including within the venue where the course will take place.

## How to Apply

The application deadline is the 02 of November 2020, but acceptance onto the course will be granted on a rolling basis. To apply for the course, please submit your current Curriculum Vitae and the completed application form to Eva Lopez, course coordinator, at [info@bcnpeacecenter.org](mailto:info@bcnpeacecenter.org). Please see the enclosed application form for further details. Alternatively, it can be downloaded [here](#). If you have any questions about the application process, program, or logistics, please contact Eva.

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