



Wilton Park

## Programme

# Promoting effective international peace operations in increasingly complex environments

Sunday 15 – Tuesday 17 June 2014 | WP1336

The breadth of missions the United Nations is currently required to conduct and support is more diverse than ever, often in partnership with such organisations as the African Union and European Union. Multilateral peace operations are being undertaken in increasingly complex operating environments and with widely varying mandates. Many of these mandates include the protection of civilians in the most challenging conditions, often in the face of high expectations.

Against this background, the conference aims to contribute to the effectiveness and efficiency of peace operations by:

- Identifying how to prioritise peace operations to support effective political processes, examining methods for improved strategic planning, transition and exit, including for multidisciplinary missions;
- Exploring the appropriate parameters of the use of force by the UN, and how provisions for protection of civilians can be best reflected in UN Security Council mandates which are realistic, achievable and properly resourced;
- Examining the conditions under which the UN should turn to a structured strategic partnership to fulfil critical mission capabilities;
- Sharing experiences of lessons learned and best practice in recent peace operations;
- Examining the military capabilities required for peace operations in contemporary environments.

Cross cutting themes running through the conference discussions should include the importance of national ownership and engagement with national actors as well as gender mainstreaming as a key dimension of peace operations.

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## Sunday 15 June

**1700 onwards** Participants arrive

**1830** Reception

**1900** Dinner

## Monday 16 June

**0800-0845** Breakfast

**0900** **Welcome and introduction**

**Isabelle Jaques**

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

**0915-1045**

**1. Responding to complex violent conflicts: does the UN have the right range of instruments, from good offices to the use of force?**

What range of interventions has occurred in recent decades, and what lessons can be drawn? How has the nature of conflict changed, and how does this affect peace operations? Is the UN sufficiently equipped to take action in increasingly complex violent conflicts?

**Hans Brattskar**

State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

**Edmond Mulet**

Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations, New York

**John Ejinaka**

Under Secretary for International Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja

**1045-1130** Photograph followed by tea/coffee

**1130-1300** **2. What is the political basis for peace operations**

How can peace operations support or create space for political processes, and which operational models are best suited to this? How can analysis, strategic planning and design be improved? What should be the relationship between peace operations, host governments and civil society? How can national ownership be best promoted, and what engagement should there be with national actors?

**Jean-Marie Guéhenno**

Director, Center for International Conflict Resolution; Associate Director, Arnold A Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies; Arnold A Saltzman Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

**Ian Martin**

Former UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Libya, Nepal and Timor-Leste, London

**Doctor Mashabane**

Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations, New York

1300

Lunch

1430-1600

**3. How broad can and should mandates be?**

How realistic are mandates? Do current mandates provide sufficiently for the protection of civilians? How to ensure gender mainstreaming is a key dimension of peace operations? How viable are multidisciplinary integrated UN missions? What is needed in view of the mission's exit strategies? How can the clarity of purpose of peace operations be better achieved?

**Martin Kobler**

UN Secretary-General's Special Representative and Head, UN Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO), Kinshasa

**Karin Landgren**

Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), Monrovia

1600-1630

Tea/coffee

1630-1800

**4. Robust peacekeeping: when should there be use of force and how?**

When might force be used by peacekeepers? What are the strategic implications for the UN Security Council and mission leaders in the use of force, and what are the tactical and operational dimensions for commanders and TCCs? Does the Force Intervention Brigade (FIB) represent a shift in the type of peace operations mandated?

**Lieutenant General Carlos Alberto dos Santos Cruz**

Force Commander, United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), Kinshasa

**Patrick Cammaert**

Consultant; Former Commander, Eastern Division, United Nations Mission in the Republic of Congo (MONUC) (2005 to 2007), New York

**Shafiqur Rahman**

Major General, Bangladesh Army, Tangail

1930

Reception followed by dinner

**Tuesday 17 June**

**0800-0845**

Breakfast

**0900-1030**

### **5. Partnerships in peace operations: what works best, and what doesn't?**

What are the comparative advantages of global or regional organisations, and what arrangements among organisations work best? How to avoid tensions arising among organisations about conflicting priorities and abilities, and ensure effective cooperation based on a shared political strategy for action? Is there a need for better definition of the relationship between actors, their cooperation and potential pooling of resources, also between missions? Is there good practice?

#### **Adonia Ayebare**

Ambassador, African Union Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York

#### **Jean-Marc Pisani**

Head of Division, Crisis Response Planning and Operations, European External Action Service, Brussels

#### **Michel Soula**

Deputy Director for Operations, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), Brussels

**1030-1100**

Tea/coffee

**1100-1140**

### **6. Plenary introduction on lessons learned from recent peace missions followed by:**

**1145-1300**

### **Parallel working groups on lessons learned from recent peace missions**

#### **i) UNMISS and the protection of civilians in South Sudan**

##### **Hilde Johnson**

UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for South Sudan, New York

#### **ii) MINUSMA and a multidimensional integrated stabilisation mission: how does coordination among actors and capacities work?**

##### **Ameerah Haq**

Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, United Nations, New York

#### **iii) UNSOM and AMISOM working together in Somalia: how do they coordinate and complement?**

##### **Nick Kay**

UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Somalia and head, United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, Mogadishu

#### **iv) MINUSCA in the Central African Republic: the challenges of deploying a new multidimensional peacekeeping operation**

##### **Edmond Mulet**

Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations, New York

**1300**

Lunch

**1415-1500**

### **7. Report back from working groups**

**1500-1615**

### **8. Resources and funding: what are the needs and are there expectations to do more with less?**

What are the challenges in military capabilities? How can the interoperability of missions be enhanced? What is the best use of regional hubs like Entebbe? How can technology help,

and what has been the experience to-date in the use of drones in peace operations? Will Europe re-engage in UN peace operations after withdrawal from Afghanistan, and what might it contribute?

**Ameerah Haq**

Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, United Nations, New York

**Victoria Holt**

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organisations Affairs, Department of State, Washington DC

**Koen Davidse**

Director Multilateral Organisations and Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

**1615-1630**

Tea/coffee

**1630-1730**

**9. Concluding session: what are the next steps?**

**Richard Gowan**

Research Director, Centre on International Cooperation, New York University, New York

**1745**

Participants depart