



SPC NEWS

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SPC contributes to CoESPU training courses for senior police and military officers and civilian experts

At the request of the Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units (CoESPU), and within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 29 June 2010 between the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and CoESPU, the Standing Police Capacity (SPC) contributed to two courses organized by CoESPU, namely the Police, Civil and Military (PCM) Relations Course, and the Protection of Civilians (POC) Course, which commenced on 14 January and 21 January, respectively. Both courses were held at CoESPU in Vicenza, Italy.

During the two courses, SPC experts delivered presentations and facilitated group discussions focusing on the security gap, investigations, problem solving, the role of civilian components in UN peacekeeping operations, and the fundamental principles of UN peacekeeping. Chief SPC Mr. Generaal Maritz Du Toit delivered two lectures on the challenges of mission start-up and approaches to police reform.

The PCM relations course was aimed at providing cross-sector training for senior personnel from police, military and civilian sectors who might be engaged in future peace support operations (PSO). The course was



Chief SPC Mr. Generaal Maritz Du Toit delivers a lecture on the challenges in starting up peacekeeping missions during the CoESPU training in Vicenza, Italy.

designed to enhance common knowledge of coordination mechanisms among different elements and actors in PSOs, including working procedures and practices.

Some 44 participants (4 civilians, 22 military, 18 police) from 18 different countries participated in the PCM relations course.

The POC course, which was given to some 32 senior police officers at the ranks of colonel, lieutenant

colonel and major, was designed to create awareness of critical challenges involved in POC and to provide institutional guidance. The course also aimed to enhance the understanding of the range of civilian vulnerabilities as well as to present methods to properly address cultural differences and other types of diversity in international operational environment.

"We hope that SPC's contribution to the CoESPU courses, which encompasses the broad field expertise of SPC members, had added value for the attendees," said SPC Public Order Adviser Mr. Giorgio Giaino, SPC's main coordinator for the CoESPU's training as well as presenter for issues related to the security gap and challenges in mutual supportive operations.

Other SPC members who facilitated training modules during the two courses were Training Adviser Mr. Amod Gurung on Establishing UN Missions, Police Detention Adviser Ms. Anu Melkko on Problem Solving, Police Reform Adviser Ms. Jane Grausgruber on the Role of Civilian Components, and Transnational Crime Officer Mr. Fernando Moya Castro on Investigations.

The CoESPU training courses will conclude on 8 February 2013.



[From above] SPC Police Reform Adviser Ms. Jane Grausgruber delivers her presentation on the role of civilian components during the Police, Civil and Military Relations course, and SPC Transnational Crime Officer Mr. Fernando Moya Castro facilitates the session on investigations during the Protection of Civilians course.

SPC Team in the field

UNDP Chad

SPC Public Order Officer Mr. Ahmed Abdelrahim arrived in N'Djamena on 11 January for a two-month deployment to UNDP Chad to assist UNDP in providing technical support to the Détachement Intégré de Sécurité (DIS) with specific focus on training and development. Specifically, Mr. Abdelrahim is providing support in reviewing the DIS training curriculum. He will also support the DIS training unit in planning, designing and conducting training activities in N'Djamena and Abéché.



SPC Public Order Officer Mr. Ahmed Abdelrahim (center) together with Col. Eugene Mbainon (left), Head of the DIS Training Unit, and Lt. Christine Goldje (right) one of the DIS trainers, pose for a group photo during their meeting to review the contents of the TOT programme.



Mr. Abdelrahim providing support to the DIS training team in reviewing and updating their lesson plans.

UNAMA



SPC Community Policing Advisor Ms. Mona Nordberg and SPC Gender Issues Officer Ms. Odile Kanyono together with the Afghan Boy and Girl Scouts, who just completed a year-long police mentor program on Rule of Law. The scouts performed a rule of law skit demonstrating how to act on a crime scene during the final game of the Police-Community Volleyball tournament that was held in one of the Police Districts in Kabul on 6 January 2013. The tournament was organized by the Afghanistan Athletes National Union (AANU), which had been working on establishing good relations between the police and the community through various sports activities.

Ms. Nordberg and Ms. Kanyono have been deployed to UNAMA on 1 November 2012 to provide support and technical assistance to the mission's Police Advisory Unit. At the request of UNAMA, their deployment was extended for a further period of three months until 30 April 2013.