

next generation & innovation

topics

Training and Leadership
Development

Geospatial Information

Situational Awareness

Modelling and Simulation

Interoperability

Capacities and Force Protection

Cyber Security and Intelligence

Innovation and Next Generation Peacekeeping

symposium

Partnership for Technology in Peacekeeping

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Vienna, Austria



Hosted by the United Nations Department of Field Support (DFS) and coordinated by the Information and Communications Technology Division (ICTD), DFS in cooperation with Austria, the national host.

partnership for technology in peacekeeping:



Next Generation and Innovation

At the second annual “Partnership for Technology in Peacekeeping” symposium, expect to have intense discussion on a broad range of topics. This four-day event will focus on bringing together a wide range of peacekeeping partners to explore creative and collaborative opportunities to enhance technology efforts in the areas of:

1. Training and Leadership Development
2. Geospatial Information, Situational Awareness, Modelling and Simulation
3. Interoperability, Capacities and Force Protection
4. Cyber Security and Intelligence
5. Innovation and Next Generation Peacekeeping

Engaging technologists, scientists, and researchers, along with experts in peace building will harness the power of cross-discipline and cross-generational collaboration among conflict management professionals, academia and governments.

We will build the platform to engage in exciting dialogue and discuss opportunities for future collaborations and projects that provide practical solutions, actionable outcomes and a framework for execution.



keynote summary



Plenary Keynote:

Rethinking and Challenging the Traditional Interpretation of Collaboration

By Hervé Ladsous

Under-Secretary-General, Dept. of Peacekeeping Operations

Modern UN Peacekeeping depends on predictable, professional and adaptable capabilities. We are able to accomplish this through innovation, through technology and through strategic partnerships. But most importantly, we need reliable partners who understand our challenges and are willing to contribute and commit.



Plenary Keynote:

Leveraging the Critical Role of Technology in Peacekeeping

By Atul Khare

Under-Secretary-General, Dept. of Field Support

The context in which peacekeeping is carried out has never been more insecure or precarious. Despite these challenges, we provide support to our colleagues in the field with quality and speed. This symposium is of strategic importance to us, and will contribute greatly to those efforts and provide new and innovative opportunities for engagement and unite our partners.



Opening Keynote:

UN Peacekeeping is a Unique Global Partnership

By Suzanne Shanahan

Acting Deputy Director, Information and Communications Technology Division, DFS

United Nations Peacekeeping is a unique global partnership. While it faces many challenges, it remains at its core, the fundamental pillar for fostering political solutions, protecting civilians, and promoting prosperity and economic growth. This symposium presents an opportunity to achieve synergies and expertise; exchange lessons learned; engage in initiatives and projects; foster bi-lateral cooperation; increase readiness; and promote smart access to technology.

“The United Nations and its Member States are looking increasingly to the power of partnerships....

Such partnerships and alliances are the wave of the future”.

— Ban Ki-moon

United Nations Secretary-General



Welcome Address:

Furthering the Relationship between Austria and UN Peacekeeping

By Lt. General Franz Leitgeb

Director General of the Planning Directorate
Department within the Austrian Military of Defence

An Army Officer with 35 years of active duty experience, he is a graduate of the Austrian Defence Academy, Vienna, and the Royal College of Defence Studies, London.



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Training and Leadership Development

Applying innovative thinking to your challenges as a leader is another step to fostering an agile and creative organizational response to change and challenge. Creating a culture where innovation thrives and innovative thinking is used throughout an organization to solve problems and develop new products and services, however, requires additional training.

Geospatial Information, Situational Awareness, Modelling and Simulation

Enabling geospatial information services with the best available data, and setting a framework to control its dissemination in order to improve situational awareness and understand the operational environment, can provide peacekeeping with greater analysis at the service of decision-making. Modelling and simulation allows for forecasting and scenario-based analysis. It also supports training and understanding of complex challenges.

Interoperability, Capacities and Force Protection

Higher performance in peacekeeping is often limited because of a lack of interoperability and common communication standards. By developing a tailored list of standards and suggested equipment, ICT capacities and smart technology solutions will allow for better communication, while force protection improves the safety and security of UN peacekeepers and humanitarian workers.

Cyber Security and Intelligence

Increasingly, highly sensitive information needs to be collected, classified, correlated and shared in UN peace operations. Policies, procedures and technology platforms must be developed that protect and manage such information.

Innovation and Next Generation Peacekeeping

Combining existing research and development with academic and UN Peacekeeping expertise to forge a strong partnership is the way to advance next generation technological innovations that serve peacekeeping and sustainable development.

plan your experience

Focused Content. New Ways of Thinking.

Five focused break-out topics are designed to provide you with the opportunity to engage in smaller group discussions.

Some sections of this agenda will focus on the non-technical aspects of peacekeeping, such as training, coaching, guidance, leadership development, planning, testing and evaluating. We welcome new ideas that challenge conventional thinking, represent new approaches, and reflect emerging trends and technology. We invite you to participate fully.

Build your agenda based on your specific needs and areas of interest

Focus on the strategic insight that supports the development or implementation of an actionable plan.

Interact with colleagues from other Member States, academic professionals and UN staff

Moderated discussions are for exchanging ideas and best practices with your peers, with a focus on the realities and challenges in peacekeeping today.

Maximize break-out sessions and power networking opportunities to drill down on specific topics.

Sponsor or engage in a project and/or initiative

Get inspired and put into action ideas relating to the topics, projects and initiatives that you are most interested in.



agenda at a glance

Tuesday 22.09.2015	<p>Registration</p> <p>Plenary Keynotes by DPKO and DFS USGs</p>	<p>Introduction and Overview of “Partnership for Technology in Peacekeeping” Symposium</p>	
Wednesday 23.09.2015	<p>Registration</p> <p>Current Challenges and Trends in UN Peacekeeping</p> <p>Official Dinner</p>	<p>Break-out Sessions:</p> <p>Reality and Current Challenges in UN Peacekeeping</p>	<p><i>Training and Leadership Development</i></p> <p><i>GeoInfo, SitAwareness and Modelling and Simulation</i></p> <p><i>Interoperability, Capacities and Force Protection</i></p> <p><i>Cyber Security and Intelligence</i></p> <p><i>Innovation and Next Generation Peacekeeping</i></p>
Thursday 24.09.2015	<p>Registration</p> <p>Event Summary</p>	<p>Break-out Sessions:</p> <p>Reality and Current Challenges in UN Peacekeeping Partnership and Projects</p>	
Friday 25.09.2015	<p>Results and Possible Projects/ Cooperation</p>	<p>The Way Forward: Next Steps</p> <p>Final Remarks & End of Symposium</p>	



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