

GPOI Peacekeeping Operations Contingent Commanders (PKOCC), In Residence Course

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Introduction: The Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) conducts a peacekeeping training course entitled “Peacekeeping Operations Contingent Commanders” (PKOCC) course. The aim of the PKOCC course is to prepare potential commanders in the roles and responsibilities of contingent commanders, battalion commanders and sector commanders in complex peacekeeping operations, both for UN and other multinational operations. CCMR conducts this course through the United States (US) Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) program.

Course Details: The PKOCC course is hosted by GPOI program partner countries. The course provides training to officers from the ranks of Lieutenant Colonel through Brigadier General. Participants could be from any of the GPOI participating countries in the region or worldwide; they could also be from non-GPOI participating countries, but those candidates should be funded through IMET/EIMET or be self-funded. The duration of training will be 12 calendar days (to include weekend rest and cultural/social programs).

Training Objectives: Gain an understanding of the operational environment of today’s conflicts and the commanders’ role in an integrated mission; ensure understanding of the importance of consensus, coordination and communication at the operational level among the military, humanitarian, and political actors; develop awareness and understanding of the various components of peacekeeping operations; enhance understanding of the underpinning legal framework of UN peacekeeping operations and the attendant Integrated Mission Planning Process; create a common understanding of the UN system and various agencies in the field including aspects of operational coordination; ensure understanding of the responsibilities and roles of the commander to effectively lead personnel employed in peacekeeping operations; enhance understanding of the importance of addressing various cross-cutting issues to include human rights, gender and the implementation of SCR 1325, Code of Conduct and Discipline, Sexual Exploitation and Abuses (SEA), through sound leadership and administration; understand the elements of conflict management; and develop skills and the ability to apply basic principles of negotiations and mediation.

Course: The training methodology will include presentations from Subject Matter Experts (SME) in conjunction with group discussions, plenary discussions, and classroom exercises. The focus of the group discussions and exercises will be problem solving based on a fictitious peacekeeping operation scenario or standalone problems related to various aspects of peacekeeping operations.

Course Instructors: The resource staff for the PKOCC course will consist of three to four SMEs and one senior SME (with experience as a commander in the field).

Participants: The course is limited to 30 participants. These participants will be identified among GPOI participating countries world-wide. Previous peacekeeping experience is desirable but not required.

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