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Message from the Director

I wish to send my best greetings to all of our readers of this first issue of the Pan African Police Project (PAPP) newsletter. I am delighted to be part of this important initiative to support and work with our counterparts in Africa in their contributions to peace operations, whether they are under the auspices of the United Nations, the African Union, or any other multilateral organization.

As the nature of peacekeeping has changed over the years, complex peace operations necessitate cooperation between all actors. The Pearson Peacekeeping Centre (PPC) is committed to this integration by bringing together military, police, and civilians to work together; a philosophy that the PPC adheres to in its work with partner organizations.

Given this reality, there is no doubt that the work of the police and gendarmerie as United Nations Police (UNPOL), is essential to any successful mission. Having been myself a Police Commissioner to UN missions, I understand and value the contributions these men and women make, as representatives of their own countries, to peace operations.

It is for this reason that the PPC has been working with police and gendarmerie in Africa since 2003. At that time, our partners were in West Africa. As the success of our training and our projects grew, we were invited to other countries to do the same work. Today, the PPC is working with police and gendarmerie in the Maghreb, West Africa, Central Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa.

It is a privilege for us, at the PPC, to work with so many counterparts and we hope this newsletter and the electronic network may serve as a means of sharing information and sharing success stories to all of our partners in this project.

I invite you to share your comments with us about your thoughts on the newsletter and how it may serve you better.

Peter Miller
Director, Africa Programs

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We would like to thank all of our partners in the valuable contributions they make in supporting this project

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Police Nationale du Gabon
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Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

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Southern African Development Community (SADC)

African Union (AU)



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Past & Upcoming Events

The end of September 2008 marked 6 months since the beginning of the Pan African Police Project (PAPP). The PPC would like to thank all of its partners for their participation, collaboration and overall partnership in the various events and activities taking place all over the continent as part of this project.

Should you have any questions about any of the past and upcoming events, please contact us!

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Past Events

- PPC visits to partners in: Niger, the Gambia, Benin, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Gabon, Cameroon, Rwanda, Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco, and South Africa.
- Support to a police secondment within ECOWAS
- Contributions made to the Documentation Centre in Sierra Leone and in Burkina Faso
- Official opening of a Documentation Centre in Rwanda
- Design, Development & Facilitation (DDF) Courses:

July 21 - 25, 2008

Libreville, Gabon

French

15 Participants (12 men, 3 women) from Cameroon and Gabon

July 28 - August 1, 2008

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

French

16 Participants (14 men, 2 women) from Burkina Faso, Benin, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Sierra Leone, and Senegal.

- UN Police Core Competencies in Peace Operations Course (UNPOL):

October 20 - 31, 2008

Kigali, Rwanda

French

30 Participants (23 men, 7 women) from Rwanda, Cameroon, Gabon

Upcoming Events

- Peace Operations Workshop:

On November 25 - 27, 2008

At EMP in Bamako, Mali

In French & English (simultaneous translation)

- Design, Development & Facilitation Courses (DDF):

January 2009

Sierra Leone

English

- Official opening of a Documentation Centre in Niger



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Official Inauguration of a Documentation Centre for the Rwanda National Police

By Richard Nsanzabaganwa
Project Officer, Central Africa

In addition to the courses delivered to police and gendarmerie in strengthening their skills in peace operations, the Pearson Peacekeeping Center (PPC) also provides documentation centres to its African partners for the continuation of training of potential peacekeepers. Documentation centres offer focused information to researchers and trainers interested in the field of peace operations.

The PPC is happy to be working closely with the Rwanda National Police (RNP) in providing a documentation centre to be located at their headquarters.

The official inauguration ceremony took place on October 27, 2008 in Kigali. In attendance were representatives from Rwandan Foreign Affairs, Internal Affairs, Acting Inspector General of the Police, Ms. Anna Maria Scotti, the Head of Office and Head of Cooperation of the Embassy of Canada in Rwanda, as well as the PPC's Deputy Director of Africa Programs (Mr. Peter Dnistrianskyj). Other guests included representatives from the German and South African embassies and from UNIFEM.

In the case of the RNP, while the centre is owned by them, it is also open to military and civilians interested in

During the official opening of the documentation centre in Kigali, Mr. Peter Dnistrianskyj (PPC Deputy Director of Africa Programs) declared:

"To help innocent people in crisis and armed conflict around the world, the reputable efficiency of the Rwandan Police - men and women - is rooted in the fundamental values of Rwandan culture that is of responsibility and duty. We, at the PPC, share these values and our part in strengthening their force is to share with them skills and information related to peace operations through training and documentation centres dedicated to continuing education."

What is a Documentation Centre?

A documentation centre is a resource centre or library with specialized information on peace operations. Visitors can access electronic materials, books, and other relevant tools specifically focused on peace operations.

peace operations. The centre is a resource for continuing education and will help local trainers prepare and conduct their training effectively.

Other countries to have received documentation centres from the PPC to date are: Burkina Faso, Benin, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal.



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Leading the Way to Gender Equality

Johannesburg, August 17, 2008 – Eleven heads of state at the Southern African Development Community (SADC) summit signed a gender protocol, breaking new ground in gender equality

By: Sévrine Calande

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The Protocol on Gender and Development contains 23 targets, outlining a roadmap for leaders of the Southern African region to move towards gender equality. In general, the Protocol aims to eliminate all practices that have negative impacts on women's rights with regards to health, education, governance, employment and media, among other issues. Going forward, member states will endeavor to adopt and implement new legislative measures in accordance with the protocol. Some provisions require that by 2015, women should represent 50% of all level of government employees, while others call for equal access to education and a prohibition of gender-based violence.

This initiative was also part of a response to the United Nations' request for the involvement of women in peace and security, as expressed in Resolution 1325 adopted in October 2000.

In the area of peace operations, the Protocol recognizes the

involvement of women as key to the prevention and resolution of conflict.

In addition to the different perspectives women bring to peace operations; their physical presence encourages trust among populations living in the region, particularly women and children who are often most affected by conflict.

The protocol calls for women's participation in decision-making processes, including those within peace operations, a call that is also echoed from Resolution 1325.

With the signature of the Gender Protocol, SADC signatory members took another step forward in achieving gender equality.

Working Towards Effective Peace Operations

14 African countries and 3 sub-regional organizations will gather in Bamako, Mali on November 25 - 27, 2008 for a workshop on peace operations

By: Saidou Hamani
Project Officer , West Africa

Since the United Nations' first peace mission in 1948, the trends and challenges faced by peacekeepers have become complex and multi-disciplinary. Over the years, the nature of UN peace operations, and more recently AU peace operations, has evolved in order to respond to the growing needs of different types of conflict in changing political environments.

Tackling these trends and challenges requires efficient and effective initiatives, with concrete

action on the ground. The Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, in collaboration with the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye (*Ecole de Maintien de la paix Alioune Blondin Beye - EMP*) in Bamako, under the auspices of the Pan African Police Project funded by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade (DFAIT), is hosting a workshop from November 25 - 27, 2008 on the current trends and challenges faced by African police and gendarmerie forces in peace operations. Topics to be discussed include: the role of the police and the gendarmerie in UN integrated missions, the African Standby Force (ASF), the selection of personnel to mission, pre-deployment training, and gender issues in the context of peace operations.

Participants from several African countries will gather together at this important workshop. In addition, representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade (DFAIT) of the Government of Canada, the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) will be in attendance.



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Peace Operations News About You!

We would like to hear about any news or developments taking place within your organizations that are related to peace operations. Please send your news to Mr. Saidou Hamani at: shamani@peaceoperations.org

According to the president of the
Pearson Peacekeeping
Centre, Ms Suzanne Monaghan,

*"it is here in Canada, we have worked to
deepen the dialogue about the evolution
of peace operations, their growing
complexity and the need for increased
collaboration at all levels
among all players".*

To view PPC's 2007 Annual Report, click here:

<http://www.peaceoperations.org/CMS/Files/AR2007.pdf>



Official Opening of the Documentation Centre in Kigali (October 27, 2008):

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