

## Climate Change, Peace and Security Training Information Pack

*20-22 May 2024, Jable Castle, Slovenia*

### **Background:**

POTC developed a comprehensive training programme that covers different impacts of climate change on peace and security across the globe. Climate change is a security issue and a global threat multiplier and even if it does not directly cause violent conflict, its impacts can exacerbate its drivers. It undermines livelihoods, increases mass migration, and weakens the governance and stability of states, particularly conflict-affected fragile states and territories. With this in mind, POTC developed a comprehensive training programme that covers different aspects of the environmental peacebuilding, climate and security nexus at an introductory level in 2023. The 2024 training delivery is an updated version with subject matter changes based on evaluations of the pilot delivery. This training is specifically organised to cater to needs of allied and other partner countries deploying their own personnel to peacekeeping missions and operations.

### **Learning objectives:**

- main environmental and climate issues related to global security,
- climate and environmental elements in conflict and post-conflict situations,
- the international legal framework regarding climate change and implications for peacebuilding and peacekeeping efforts,
- role of water infrastructure and access to water as a global security issue,
- environmental issues affecting the mission's host countries,
- adaptation and mitigation strategies and measures in field missions and peacekeeping operations
- gender dimensions in climate-related conflicts.

After successful completion of the training, participants will be able to understand and analyse climate-related security risks in order to contribute to crisis prevention and sustaining peace in mission settings.

### **Target audience:**

20 civilian experts, police and military personnel, deployed or planning to be deployed to international missions or operations (24 in case of extraordinary demand).

**Country Prioritisation:**

Participants will be selected according to the probability of their future deployment and application of acquired skills. Priority will be given to citizens of the biggest T/PCC to UN missions and operations from Africa.

**Registration of Interest:**

All interested individuals are invited to apply for participation no later than the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 through [this online form](#). All applicants will be subject to a selection process by POTC, participants will be notified about selection no later than 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2024.

**Language of the training:**

The working language of the training will be English, and no translation services will be provided. We expect all participants to be able to communicate in English fluently.

**Attendance:**

Participation during the whole duration of the training (3 full days with app. 10 hours of program/day) is mandatory in order to receive a certificate of participation at the end of the training. Participants are expected to arrive no later than Sunday, 19th of May and are expected to extend their stay for the Africa Day Conference (22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> of May) as well.

**Entry into Slovenia:**

Slovenia is a member of the European Union and the Schengen Area, so EU Citizens (and citizens from other countries that Slovenia has bilateral agreements with) do not need a visa to enter the country; please see the official entry conditions for your country [here](#). The responsibility to process the visa request timely to secure a valid visa for the course participation is the sole responsibility of the participant.

**Accommodation:**

POTC will organise accommodation for all participants in Hotel Park (or similar) free of charge, as stated in the Financial Support section below. Participants who do not wish to stay at Hotel Park are welcome to organise their own accommodation but should bear in mind that transport to and from the training venue (Jable Castle) will be provided from Hotel Park only.

**Financial Support:**

Attendance will be free of charge for all confirmed training participants. POTC will additionally cover:

- local transport costs of participants arriving to and from the airport to the hotel and back,

- local transport costs of participants from the hotel to the training venue and back,
- accommodation costs in Hotel Park along with breakfast for the entire duration of the training and Africa Day Conference,
- all costs connected with attending the social/cultural event,
- lunch, beverages and other provided refreshments during the training,
- reimbursement of plane/train tickets for arrival and departure to and from Slovenia in the maximum amount of 600,00 € per participant.

POTC/CEP will not pay per diems or any other allowances. POTC/CEP does not hold any responsibility for any medical/healthcare costs that participants might bear in Slovenia. POTC/CEP will also not be liable for any costs resulting from an unsuccessful visa application.

**Dress code:**

We recommend business casual attire for civilian participants and a service uniform for uniformed personnel.

**Health Care Insurance**

EU citizens should have an [E-Card \(European Health Care Insurance\)](#) valid for the entire duration of their stay in Slovenia. Third-country nationals should be covered by full medical insurance for their entire stay in Slovenia. The Slovenian visa application procedure requests the applicant have proof of medical insurance covering the planned visit for a total premium of at least 30.000,00 €.

**Additional Information:**

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