

Final program

Contributing to Human Security through training: a mission impossible?

Tuesday 3 December 2019

Bleyenbergh | Grote Markt 10, The Hague | The Netherlands

Invite-only, registration required via the [online registration form](#)



PAX PoC event 2019: Contributing to Human Security through training: a mission impossible?

Training of international security forces and governance actors is commonly seen as one of the more viable and safe options to contribute to goals as wide as Security Sector Reform (SSR), Protection of Civilians (PoC), Gender, counter terrorism, stabilization, anti-piracy and border security. The Netherlands contributes to many forms of training with a variety of means coordinated by a diversity of bodies. Building international capacities in complex and fragile settings is riddled with challenges such as competing political interests and coordination mechanisms, a limited capacity to plan for and adjust to local realities, a general lack of outcome tracking and ultimately the risk of harming human security despite the best intentions. This program brings together international training experts and policy makers to reflect on best practices and pitfalls of international contributions to training with the explicit aim to discuss and suggest recommendations to the Dutch training efforts.

Program	3 December 2019
09:00 – 09:30	Registration, coffee & tea
09:30 – 09:50	Opening and welcome by Hans Rouw (Program Lead Protection of Civilians, PAX and Marriët Schuurman, Director Stability and Humanitarian Aid, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
09:50 – 10:45	<i>The Challenges of Training for Security with Q&A</i> , key note speech by Major General Patrick Cammaert
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Reality checks</i> by Welmoet Wels and Lt. Col. MAsc Gwenda Nielen, Dutch Ministry of Defence
11:30 – 12:15	<i>Critical Success and Failure (F)Actors, an interactive session</i> , an interactive session led by Rob Sijstermans, Cluster Coordinator Human Security, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 13:30	Short pitches for break outs in afternoon
13:30 – 15:00	Breakout sessions 1. <i>Measuring success and failure in training</i> : Lotta Hagman (Team Leader Training Policy and Standards, United Nations Integrated Training Service, Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training). Facilitated by Hans Rouw, PAX 2. <i>Curriculum development for training</i> : Virpi Levomaa (Senior Advisor, Finnish Defence Forces International Centre, Finnish National Defence University). Facilitated by Wilbert van der Zeijden, PAX 3. <i>Inclusiveness in training for security: from numbers to effectiveness</i> : Lt Col Colin Magee (Deputy Military Advisor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations). Facilitated by Selma van Oostwaard, PAX
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:00	Reporting key insights and recommendations back to plenary with Q&A
16:00 – 16:45	Concluding reflections from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands Ministry of Defence and PAX
16:45 – 17:00	Closing and evaluation of the day, next steps
17:00 – 19:00	Snacks, drinks & networking

Who

This conference will focus on both training Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) in the case of pre-deployment for UN missions and bilateral training programs Security Force Assistance (SFA) such as Flintlock. Dutch participants will consist of training specialists from the Netherlands Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs and policy makers relevant to decision making for Dutch contributions. International participants will consist of a mix of NATO, UN and EU practitioners and policy makers. Whereas the focus lies on direct operational relevance to Dutch training contributions the wider community of interest consisting of researchers, civil society and independent training specialists will be included.

Confirmed Speakers

Key note speaker: Major General Patrick Cammaert

Major General Patrick Cammaert has spent a career in both the Netherlands with the Royal Netherlands Marine Corps and the United Nations, holding various positions and specializing in peacekeeping operations. Cammaert served as Sector Commander in Cambodia (UNTAC), as Assistant Chief of Staff in Bosnia/Herzegovina (UNPROFOR), as Force Commander in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE), as Military Advisor to the United Nations Department of Peace Keeping Operations, and as General Officer Commanding the Eastern Division in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC). At the beginning of this year he headed the UN mission in Hodeidah Yemen.

Cammaert has been an expert advocate with regard to issues such as leadership in crisis circumstances, international peace and security, protection of civilians, civil-military cooperation in peace support operations, peacekeeping, and security sector reform.

Other confirmed speakers:

- **Lotta Hagman**, Team Leader Training Policy and Standards, United Nations Integrated Training Service, Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training
- **Robert van Dijk**, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations
- **Virpi Levomaa**, Senior Advisor at the Finnish Defence Forces International Centre, Finnish National Defence University
- **Lt Col Colin Magee**, Deputy Military Advisor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations
- **Lt Col MSc Gwenda Nielen**, the Netherlands Ministry of Defence
- **Hans Rouw**, Program Lead Protection of Civilians, PAX
- **Marriët Schuurman**, Director Stability and Humanitarian Aid, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Lt Col Rienk Sijbrandi MA**, Directing Staff Land Training Centre, the Netherlands Ministry of Defence
- **Rob Sijstermans**, Cluster Coordinator Human Security, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Welmoet Wels**, independent consultant peacekeeping missions and protection of civilians, former POC Advisor UN missions

Why

The PoC department of PAX is initiating this event as part of its Strategic Partnership with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Goal of this conference is to bring together national and international practitioners and policy makers in the field of training with the explicit aim to discuss and suggest recommendations to the Dutch training efforts and to contribute to the impact on Human Security through Dutch contributions to international training.

Registration

This is an invite-only event. Please make sure you have registered via the online registration form: http://bit.ly/PAXPoC_event2019.

Practical and logistics

When and Where

Tuesday 3 December 2019, 9:00-19:00h in Bleyenbergh, Grote Markt 10, 2511 BG The Hague ([route](#) & [website](#)).

Directions from The Hague Central Station: take tram 2, 3 or 6, direction Leyenburg or Kraaijenstein. These tram lines depart from the upper platform, accessible via the big escalators. The venue is called 'Bleyenbergh' and is located near tram stop 'Grote Markt'.

Dress code

DT1/service dress for military participants and business smart for civilians.

Internet access

WiFi is present in all rooms.

Smartphones and laptops

We will use Mentimeter for Q&As, voting on issues and evaluation, therefore we encourage you to bring your smartphone or laptop.

Coffee, lunch and drinks afterwards

These will be provided, besides fueling people and discussions, for networking opportunities for all participants. We will take into account the dietary restrictions as noted in the online registration form.

Photos

There is a photographer present at the event. In the [registration form](#) you can grant / not grant permission to take photos. We will check in with the participants who did not grant permission for photos at the registration table.

Participation list

A list with the names and e-mail addresses of the participants will be shared. In the [registration form](#) you can let us know if you do not want your e-mail address to be shared on this list.

Contact us

For any questions on the program or logistical matters please contact us via poc@paxforpeace.nl.

For urgent questions during the event, please contact Selma van Oostwaard: +31 (0) 6 225 087 32.