

AGENDA

SPECIALISATION COURSE «Introduction to Rule of Law»

5 – 9 February 2018

Stadtschlaining, Austria

Implementing institution: Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR)





Objectives

This course offers a comprehensive overview of the rule of law aspects of civilian crisis management missions and to deepen the participants' understanding of such matters and their importance in the context of war-torn societies. The course lectures will shed light on the different challenges associated with rule of law in societies affected by violent conflict, such as predictability of the law and equality before the law, reform of judicial institutions, ethics and the role of the police in rule of law engagement. Each lecture is intended to clarify a particular aspect of the field while acknowledging the practical interaction between them. In particular, a focus is given to:

- Introduction to the concept of rule of law;
- International cooperation in the field of crisis management (including CIMIC);
- The role of the judiciary and transformation of dysfunctional judicial systems;
- Core ethics principles;
- Risk assessment in an international context;
- Monitoring, mentoring and advising components;
- The role of the police in RoL enforcement.

Prospective participants should have already completed a core course in civilian crisis management. The Rule of Law course is designed to build on the already existing theoretical background acquired in core courses.

Target Group

Civilian experts with professional experience required for deployments to international civilian crisis management-type missions in third countries with a particular focus on experts selected or pre-selected for deployment for the first or second time or field mission personnel.

Monday, 5 February 2018: Introduction to Rule of Law

TIME	SESSION	Working Methodology	Learning Objectives (participants will...)
8:45	Opening Ceremony		
9:00 – 10:30	Welcome and introduction to the course; Presentation of the ENTRI programme In Test	Introduction Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know about the different activities of ENTRI. • Understand the purpose, approach and the methodology of the Specialisation Course. • Know the course curriculum incl. general learning objectives. • Know other participants and their course expectations.
Coffee Break			
11:00 – 12:30	Introduction to Rule of Law: Conceptual framework, meanings of terms and concepts <i>(Module I)</i>	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be familiar with different terms, concepts and approaches used in accordance with specific mission mandates. • Understand the genesis of Rule of Law in peacekeeping missions • Be able to explain the importance of national ownership and principles for engagement. • Relate to the main conclusions of recent evolutions in the field of International Human Rights Law and their implication on civilian crisis management.
Lunch Break			
14:00 – 15:30	Current Norms and Standards <i>(Module I)</i>	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get familiar with the actual key concepts, strategies, initiatives and standards in the field of Rule of Law. • Understand the main conclusions of recent evolutions in the field of International Human Rights Law and their implication on civilian crisis management.
Coffee Break			
16:00 – 17:30	Tour de Table on Module I	Facilitated Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to understand the experiences of other participants and contextualize the theoretical approaches with practical examples.
18:30	Welcome Dinner		

Tuesday, 6 February 2018: Actors and Mandates & Transitional Justice

TIME	SESSION	Working Methodology	Learning Objectives (participants will...)
8:45	Daily Recap		
9:00 – 10:30	Rule of law reform on the ground and reality checks I (Module II)	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get introduced to the challenges of re-establishing rule of Law in post-conflict societies. • Understand the reality of Rule of Law in the field and the difficulties they may face in their respective missions. • Gain increased awareness about the impact of weak governance on the Rule of Law reform agenda • Will be able to map policies and tools used by actors working on the ground (incl. police).
Coffee Break			
11:00 – 12:30	Rule of law reform on the ground and reality checks II (Module II)	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the importance of cooperation and coordination in the field. • Will be able to formulate strategic approaches to implement rule of law programmes in the field.
Lunch Break			
14:00 – 15:30	Introduction: Mechanisms of transitional justice (Module III)	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get familiar with key mechanisms of transitional justice (criminal justice, truth seeking, memorialisation, reparations, institutional reform). • Comprehend the basic approaches of truth seeking mechanisms (truth and reconciliation commissions). • Get perspective on gender justice components. • Increase their own awareness on the ways to link formal and informal justice mechanisms. • Understand how transitional justice mechanisms can contribute to the strengthening of the Rule of Law at a local level.
Coffee Break			
16:00 – 17:30	International and Local Criminal Justice (Module III)	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get familiar with international crimes (genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes). • Understand the mandates and roles of international courts and tribunals, particularly the International Criminal Court. • Understand states' obligations to prosecute international crimes at national level and get an overview of national trials.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the lessons learned in terms of international, domestic and hybrid criminal justice.
Wednesday, 7 February 2018: Transitional Justice & Tools and Methods in the Field			
TIME	SESSION	Working Methodology	Learning Objectives (participants will...)
8:45	Daily Recap		
9:00 – 10:30	Capacity Development for prosecution of international crimes at national level and the Rule of Law reform <i>(Module III)</i>	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get familiar with mechanisms of transitional justice Get familiar with key challenges of transitional justice, particularly of domestic prosecution of war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. Understand what mechanisms and skills need to be developed for trials at a national level. Understand needs and mechanisms for victim and witness support and witness protection (including a gender perspective thereof). Increase awareness of potential spill-over effects of transitional justice on the Rule of Law reforms.
Coffee Break			
11:00 - 12:30	Tour de Table on Modules II and III	Facilitated Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to understand the experiences of other participants and contextualize the theoretical approaches with practical examples.
Lunch Break			
14:00 - 15:30	Ethic principles and risk assessments <i>(Module IV)</i>	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get familiar with the core ethic principles Assessing risk in an international context
Coffee Break			
16:00 - 17:30	Mentoring and Advising on Rule of Law <i>(Module IV)</i>	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the distinction between monitoring, mentoring and advising as regards the content and the mission's mandate.

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Thursday, 8 February 2018: Tools and Methods in the Field

TIME	SESSION	Working Methodology	Learning Objectives (participants will...)
8:45	Daily Recap		
9:00 – 10:30	Mentoring and Advising on Rule of Law (Module IV)	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the distinction between monitoring, mentoring and advising as regards the content and the mission's mandate. Understand the development of monitoring, mentoring & advising in Peace Operations.
Coffee Break			
11:00 – 12:30	Reporting (Module IV)	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase their understanding of the importance of reporting and knowledge management and enhance their knowledge about useful tools.
Lunch Break			
14:00 – 15:30	Anti-Corruption in the Context of Rule of Law (Module IV)	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the implications of corruption to peace and stability. Identify forms and causes of corruption. Get familiar with tools and mechanisms of fighting corruption available to international crisis management missions. Get familiar with the practical challenges of anti-corruption efforts in the framework of role of law programmes.
Coffee Break			

16:00 - 17:30	Tour de Table on Module IV	Facilitated Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to understand the experiences of other participants and contextualize the theoretical approaches with practical examples.
19:00	<i>Closing Dinner</i>		

Friday, 9 February 2018: Rule of Law Enforcement by Sectors			
TIME	SESSION	Working Methodology	Learning Objectives
8:45	Daily Recap		
9:00 - 10:30	Anti-Corruption in the Context of Rule of Law (Module IV)	Group Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify practical strategies for integrating anti-corruption efforts in rule of law programmes.
<i>Coffee Break</i>			
11:00 - 12:30	Security Sector Reform (Module V)	Presentation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the interlinkages of the different components of the security sector and their roles in establishing and maintaining the rule of law. Get familiar with comprehensive approaches to security sector governance and reform processes.
<i>Lunch</i>			
14:00 - 15:30	Q&A Evaluation and Conclusions Out Test	Discussion Evaluation forms	