



Xth Seminar for Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces

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“Legal Advisors and International Military Operations on the African Continent”

TUESDAY 6 MAY 2014

	Arrival of the Participants
14.00h-16.30h	Registration at the Ardilaun Hotel, Galway
17.30h-19.00h	Official Opening and Reception, Renmore Barracks hosted by Defence Forces Ireland

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2014

09.30h-09.40h	Opening Seminar Brigadier-General (Ret) Jan Peter Spijk, President of the International Society for Military Law and Law of War
09.40h-10.10h	Keynote Speech Lieutenant General Patrick Nash (Ret) DSM, Defence Forces Ireland “Military Operations on the Africa Continent”: Conditions for Success”
10.10h-10.20h	Introduction 1st Working Session Chair: General Michael Beary, General Officer Commanding 2 Brigade, Defence Forces Ireland Theme: International Operations and Challenges on the African Continent
10.20h-11.05h	African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) Brigadier-General Joseph NDAYISHIMEYE, Chef d 'Etat Major Interarmes, Burundi, Former Deputy Contingent Commander AMISOM
11.05h-11.25h	Coffee break



- 11.25h-12.00h *The International Society for Military Law and the Law of War* and its Research Project *International Law in Peace Operations* – Presentation and Update on the Progress
Mr. Alfons Vanheusden, General Counsel, Office of the Minister of Defence, Belgium & Assistant Secretary General of the *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War*
- 12.00h-12.15h Questions and Answers
- 12.15h-13.30h Lunch
- 13.30h-14.15h The European Union Mission in Chad,
Brigadier-General Gerald Aherne, Defence Forces Ireland
- 14.15h-14.30h Questions and Answers
- 14.30h-15.00h Coffee break
- 15.00h-16.00h Group tasks
- 16.00h-16.30h Group presentation and discussion
- 16.30h-16.45h Conclusions by Session President

THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014

- 09.00h-09.10h **Introduction 2nd Working Session**
Chair: Mrs. Ulrike Froissart, Deputy Director of the Seminar
Theme: Legal challenges and Peace Operations in Africa
- 09.10h-09.55h Building Integrity and Anti-Corruption - preconditions for success
Colonel (Ret) Nick Seymour, Consultant on Peacekeeping and African Capacity Building, former Chief Military Planning, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations
- 09.55h-10.10h Questions and Answers
- 10.10h-10.30h Coffee break
- 10.30h-11.15h The UN Mission in South Soudan - Legal aspects
LtCol Bart Haverman, former Legal Adviser, Force Headquarters, UNMISS
- 11.15h-11.30h Questions and Answers
- 11.30h-12.15h Role of Mil Justice System - Accountability of Soldiers and Commanders during Deployment
Bruce MacGregor LtCol Assistant to Deputy Judge Advocate General Operations, Canada



12.15h-12.30h	Questions and Answers
12.30h-13.30h	Lunch
13.30h-14.15h	Peace operations and the African Charter on Human and People's Rights Dr. Marco Odello, Reader in Law at Aberystwyth University (UK)
14.15h-14.30h	Questions and Answers
14.30h-15.00h	Coffee break
15.00h-16.15h	Group tasks
16.15h-17.00h	Group presentation in plenary and conclusions by Session President

FRIDAY 9 MAY 2014

09.00h-09.10h	Introduction 3rd Working Session Chair: Colonel John Spiering, Head Legal Department, Defence Forces Theme: Accountability and Responsibility
09.10h-09.55h	International Criminal Court –Update on Decisions and Current Challenges for the Prosecution Mr. Rod Rastan, ICC - Office of the Prosecutor
09.55h-10.10h	Questions and Answers
10.10h-10.30h	Coffee break
10.30h-11.15h	Command and Control in Multinational operations: State responsibility and 'Effective Control' Colonel Ben F. Klappe, The Netherlands
11.15h-11.30h	Questions and Answers
11.30h-12.30h	Group tasks
12.30h-13.00h	Presentation group work, Conclusions by Session President
13.00h-14.00h	Lunch



- 14.00h-14.10h **Introduction 4th Working Session**
Chair: Colonel Carl Marchand, Swiss Army
Theme: Legal framework in Peace Operations
- 14.10h-14.55h Peace Operations in Africa
Professor Ray Murphy, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National
University of Galway, Ireland
- 14.55h-15.40h Non-international conflict/peacekeeping paradigm, the case of Libya
and the DRC
LtCol Richard Brennan, Defence Forces Ireland
- 15.40h-15.55h Questions and Answers
- 15.55h-16.15h Coffee break
- 16.15h-16.45h Panel discussion and conclusions by Session President
- 16.45h-17.00h Seminar wrap-up by Seminar Director
- 18.30h-22.00h **Closing Dinner at Renmore Barracks**

SATURDAY 10 MAY 2014

Excursion to Bunratty Castle Folk Park in County Limerick and to Moran's of the Weir, one of Ireland's famous pubs with an oyster specialty.

SUNDAY 11 MAY 2014

Departure of the Participants