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With regional and thematic focus
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Sunday, 28 June 2015

INFORMAL WELCOME DRINK AT HOTEL LA FALAISE (20:00–21:30)

Attendance of Major-General Hector TCHEMO
Commander of the 1st Joint Military Region, Cameroon

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Monday, 29 June 2015

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS (9:00–9:45)

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ANTHEMS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON AND THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR MILITARY LAW AND THE LAW OF WAR (10:00–10:15)

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WELCOME ADDRESSES (10:15–10:45)

H.E. Mr. Edgard Alain MEBE NGO’O
Minister-Delegate at the Presidency for Defence, Republic of Cameroon

Mr. Alfons VANHEUSDEN
Assistant Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

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OFFICIAL OPENING BY

H.E. Mr. Edgard Alain MEBE NGO’O
Minister-Delegate at the Presidency for Defence, Republic of Cameroon

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PHOTO SESSION, DRINK & PRESS INTERVIEWS (10:45–11:15)

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PRESENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR MILITARY LAW AND THE LAW OF WAR
(11:15–11:30)
Mr. Alfons VANHEUSDEN
Assistant Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

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PRESENTATION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT ON INTERNATIONAL LAW IN PEACE OPERATIONS & THE TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE FUTURE MANUAL ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW IN PEACE OPERATIONS
(11:30–12:15)

Drs. Marco BENATAR
Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg & Advisor for the ISMLLW Research Project

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RECORDED MESSAGE (12:15–12:40)

Major-General Martin CHOMU TUMENTA
Force Commander of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA)

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LUNCH (12:40–13:30)

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Master of Ceremonies for the Panels: Lieutenant-Colonel Noel BIDOUNG
Military Advisor to the Brussels Embassy of Cameroon

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PANEL I: PLANNING AND INITIATING A UN MANDATED PEACE OPERATION – AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES
(13:30–15:00)
Chair:
Professor Alain Didier OLINGA
International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC)
Speakers:
Colonel Cheik F. Mady DEMBELE
African Union Peace and Security Department
Colonel Abdoulaye NGOUYAMSA
Police Expert, ECCAS

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Q & A (15:00–15:30)

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COFFEE BREAK (15:30–16:00)

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PANEL II: MANDATING A REGIONAL ORGANISATION TO CONDUCT A PEACE OPERATION (16:00–17:30)
Chair:
Mr. Alfons VANHEUSDEN
Assistant Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
Speakers:
Mr. Luke MHLABA
Principal Legal Officer, United Nations Office of the Legal Counsel
Colonel Cheik F. Mady DEMBELE
African Union Peace and Security Department
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Q & A (17:30–18:00)
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FREE EVENING
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Tuesday, 30 June 2015

MORNING PRESENTATION ON IHL TRAINING IN CAMEROON (8:00-8:30)
Speaker:
Major-General Hector TCHEMO
Commander of the 1st Joint Military Region, Cameroon
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PANEL III: PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN PEACE OPERATIONS (8:30–10:00)
Chair:
Colonel Thomas ENGOLO
Director of Studies, EIFORCES, Cameroon
Speakers:
Colonel Floribert NDJAKO
Joint Staff Armed Forces, Cameroon
Mrs. Karen LOEINER
Legal Advisor, ICRC Delegation to the African Union
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Q & A (10:00–10:30)
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COFFEE BREAK (10:30–11:00)
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PRESENTATION, Q & A AND DISCUSSION ON GENDER ISSUES IN PEACE OPERATIONS (11:00–12:00)

Ms. Antoaneta BOEVA

NATO Office of Legal Affairs

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LUNCH (12:00–13:00)

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PANEL IV: CLAIMS PROCEDURES IN PEACE OPERATIONS (13:00–14:30)

Chair:

Dr. Thérèse BESSOMO

University of Yaoundé II

Speakers:

Mr. Bright MANDO

Legal Officer, African Union Office of the Legal Counsel

Dr. Melvis NDILOSEH

International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC)

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Q & A (14:30–15:00)

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CLOSING CEREMONY (15:00-16:00)

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CONCLUDING REMARKS (16:00–16:15)

Mr. Alfons VANHEUSDEN

Assistant Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

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PRESS CONFERENCE & DRINK (16:15–17:45)

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OFFICIAL DINNER (20:00–22:30)

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Wednesday, 1 July 2015

POST-CONFERENCE EVENT WITH NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES (ARMED FORCES CEREMONY)