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Training and advisory services for military and NSAG.

We participated in November 2015 in the **UK military exercise Joint Horizon** as a gender advisor. The collaboration with UK forces included the delivery of a master class for the Task force as well as advice and inclusion of injects into the scenario, in the exercise which took place at RAF St-Mawgan (Cornwall).

Beyond peace was invited to speak at the **Knowledge Exchange Network Workshop organised by the University of Edinburgh, Newcastle University and UK Ministry of Defense** in London on 11 March. Cynthia Petrich of *Beyond peace* compared the experience of various armed forces in integrating gender and prevention of sexual violence issues and highlighted the progress achieved by UK armed forces. The Knowledge Exchange Network was launched on this occasion to allow for a continuation of exchange among military, academics and practitioners.



At the invitation of US Africa Command, we co-facilitated a **high-level workshop on Accountability for African Commanders** in Sanremo on 1-3 March. Attended by 42 military Commanders, Chiefs of Staff, and their staff Legal Advisors from 20 African countries, the workshop focused on issues relevant to the African militaries. This year's theme addressed the response to gender based violence in peace operations and examined some of the following topics: what happens following allegations of sexual violence, legal standards, duty to investigate, comparative law, responsibility of the mission and the Mission Commander.

Quote: "Teach the rule of law, respect the rule of law, enforce the rule of law. How to control a soldier? By training, training and training. Nothing beats education".

Judge Howard Morrison, ICC

Beyond peace conducted a **mission to Mindanao in February 2016 to meet with the political and military leadership of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)**. We discussed with the MILF training needs for the Bangsamoro Islamic Armed forces (BIAF) in the context of the transformation.



02

Training government officials, civil society and humanitarian professionals



Beyond peace in cooperation with the UNHCR, delivered a course on international refugee law to Lebanese Government officials last November. The small nation of 5 million inhabitants still recovering from the political violence of the past decades, is overwhelmed with some 1.5 million Syrian refugees, in addition to the refugees it hosts since 1949 as a result of the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Together with national and international experts, the workshop discussed international standards, social and legal aspects as well as international burden sharing issues.

In September, we co-facilitated an **Advanced Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy for UN missions professionals** from CAR, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Guinea, Mauritania and Niger as well as local and international NGOs, with PHAP in Dakar.

In the aftermath of the Paris attacks and in view of combatting a culture of fear disseminated by mainstream medias, we have engaged in delivering talks in France. In events organised by town halls, cultural centres or at Paris Senate (upcoming, April 2) on the topic **"Do not be afraid, work for peace"**, we discuss with our compatriots non-violent and meaningful ways for everyone to contribute to a better world.



03

Efforts to promote compliance with international norms



Beyond peace is moving on, on its **project aimed at increasing compliance through creating an international mechanism** which will recognise good behaviour by combatants. We are working on building a small group of experts in relevant fields (IHL, human rights, military). We recently conducted an on site interview with AFP General Pangilinan, Commander 6ID, Mindanao Western Command, believed to have shown restraint and moral courage in a very challenging and volatile situation in a conflict affected zone.

We presented with the Harvard Group of Professionals on Monitoring, Fact-Finding and reporting, our publication "HPCR's Advanced Practitioner's handbook on Commissions of Inquiry", in November 2015 in an event hosted in coordination with the AU in Addis Ababa and in December as a side **event to the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent** in Geneva.



Beyond peace was approached to support an IOM-driven process among the Inter-agency standing committee (IASC) agencies **to develop global standard operating procedures on interagency cooperation on sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA)** complaints handling. We facilitated this confidential process from October to December 2015.