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## New training modules available for conflict-related sexual violence

To strengthen the capacity of peacekeepers to prevent and respond to sexual violence in conflict, the Integrated Training and the Policy and Best Practices Services of the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support conducted a global consultation workshop on newly developed specialized training materials on prevention and response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV), in Brindisi, Italy, from 15 to 26 June.



The new materials, which are comprised of modules on the strategic, operational and tactical levels, and scenario-based exercises were put in place to enhance the capacity of peacekeepers to combat and address Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in field missions.

The development of these materials was consulted with UN entities, including field missions and Member States.

Sixteen participants, including four female officers, from 11 Troop Contributing Countries from Asia, Africa, the Americas and the Middle East, attended the workshop to provide their inputs.

“It was a very interactive learning environment. The experience shared by the participants from various countries will surely go on to enhance our knowledge and working capacity” said Major Salauddin Mohammad from Bangladesh.

“These training materials will be helpful for combatting CRSV in armed conflicts and post conflict” noted Major Seraphine Nyirasafari, an officer from Rwanda.

The use of sexual violence in armed conflict and post-conflict settings is one of the worst protection challenges due to its scale, prevalence and profound impact. Following the adoption of Security Council Resolution 1820 in 2008, the deliberate use of sexual violence is recognised as a tactic of war, and stronger efforts to end sexual violence in conflict have been advocated and implemented.



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