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KAIPTC RANKS FIRST IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ON GLOBAL GO-TO THINK TANK RANKING

The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), has emerged the first institution in sub-Saharan Africa on the Global Go-To Think Tank Ranking. The KAIPTC also ranked second out of five institutions on the entire continent, who appeared on the global list of leading think tanks in foreign policy and international affairs. KAIPTC outranked the Institute for Security Studies and the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), both in South Africa, and the Ghana Centre for Democratic Development (CDD), Ghana.

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The Think Tank Index is the result of an international survey of over 7,500 scholars, who helped rank more than 6,600 think tanks using a set of 28 criteria developed by the TTCSP. The TTCSP works with leading scholars and practitioners from think tanks and universities in a variety of collaborative efforts and programs, and engages with a panel of peer institutions and experts from the print and electronic media, academia, public and private donor institutions, and governments around the world, to produce the Index that ranks the world's leading think tanks in a variety of categories. The goal is to increase the profile and performance of think tanks and raise public awareness of the important role think tanks play in governments and civil societies around the globe.

KAIPTC's impressive ranking on the Index report is due to its work in disseminating African thinking on peace, security and conflict issues globally through numerous and cutting-edge research publications, policy advice to governmental, non-governmental and private institutions.

Further, this recognition is also attributable to KAIPTC's immense contribution to academic and policy discourses on African peace and security issues, with the goal of achieving sustainable peace on the continent and beyond.

The Commandant of the Centre, AVM Evans noted that this recognition comes to consolidate KAIPTC's reputation as a Centre of Excellence for training, education and research in the sub-region, noting that it will enhance KAIPTC's visibility and credibility in public policy globally.

Out of the overall listing of 133 institutions on the Index Report, KAIPTC ranked 78th ahead of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) Canada, United States Institute of Peace (USIP) in the United States of America, and Amnesty International in the United Kingdom, which placed 89th, 98th, and 100th respectively.

PROF ALBERT CALLS ON REGIONAL BODIES TO DEEPEN PEACEBUILDING STRUCTURES



Renowned Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Professor Isaac Olawale Albert, has charged regional bodies to deepen efforts geared towards the implementation of peacebuilding agenda globally. He noted that peacebuilding is a multiplicity of activities that demands partnership at the governmental, inter-governmental, non-governmental levels.

He made these remarks as Guest Speaker at the 5th Annual Kofi Annan/Dag Hammarskjöld lecture held at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), on the theme, "Regional Engagement in Peacebuilding in Africa: Perspectives and Challenges". It was chaired by the Canadian High Commissioner to Ghana, HE Heather Cameron.

The professor reiterated that, among others, the lack of provision of basic resources to citizens, threatens peace and often results in violent conflicts that can last for several years. He revealed that peacebuilding is for the people, and reckoned that if citizens are given their due, there would be no cause for alarm.

He called on African leaders to discharge their duties in a matured and equitable manner, especially in the management and distribution of state resources.

"There is a slight deficit in the governance system", he said, "deficit in a sense that, our political leaders have not been able to grow up to the level of having the capacity to be able to harness our resources in a way that will benefit our countries", he observed.

He indicated that nurturing trust between political leaders and citizens is key, if any gain is to be made in the peacebuilding process, “you cannot do peacebuilding without trust, there must be trust between leaders and followers”.

Prof Olawale, who is also a senior lecturer at the KAIPTC, outlined some critical measures suitable for the peacebuilding cause. This includes an active civil society which manifests the will and interest of the people, the drafting of good policies by state institutions, responsible citizens, and dedicated leaders who have the interest of the people at heart.

Further, Prof Olawale added that peacebuilding in Africa is donor dependent, which weakens the ownership of the projects and the process for implementing them. Thus, a collaborative effort at touching the grassroots

people and a sustainable development must be achieved to prevent any unforeseen circumstance.

In conclusion, Prof Olawale disclosed that Africa, like the rest of the world should be guided by five values which are, the support to basic safety and security, political processes, provision of basic services, restoration of core government functions, and economic revitalization. The lecture had in attendance Mr. Henrik Hammargren, Executive Director of the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, and distinguished personalities from the public and private sector.

The KAIPTC and the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation (DHF), Uppsala Sweden, instituted the Annual Kofi Annan/Dag Hammarskjold (KA-DH) Lectures in honour of the two former Secretary-Generals of the United Nations.

WADPI PROGRAMME WRAPS UP WITH TRAINING IN CABO VERDE



The West Africa Disaster Preparedness Initiative (WADPI) has held its final training for officials from the Government of Cabo Verde in Praia. Cabo Verde is the 15th ECOWAS Member State to benefit from the WADPI Training Curriculum which focuses on government multi-sectoral approach to disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

The official opening ceremony was well-attended, with high level officials from the Government of Cabo Verde including Honourable Arlindo da Rosaria, Minister of Health and Social Security, Mr. Xavier Crespin, Director General of West African Health Organisation, Amb. Donald L Heflin, US Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde; Officials from United States Africa Command, representatives from International and Civil

Society Organizations as well as Subject Matter Experts from select ECOWAS Member States.

He stated that WADPI was developed following the Ebola Outbreak in the region with a view to building the capacity of West African Nations for a response to outbreaks and disasters. He emphasized, “From the health threats posed by Ebola and Zika, to natural disasters such as the 2014 volcanic eruption in Cabo Verde, this region has faced some incredibly complex disaster scenarios. The training offered by the West Africa Disaster Preparedness Initiative is exactly what’s needed to get the experts and government officials together to improve their response capabilities and save lives.”

The Course Director, Lt Col F. M Bashar, representing KAIPTC, stated the aim and the benefits of the training to the Government of Cape Verde. He said “the focus of this programme is to share knowledge and experiences, deepen collaboration and foster interoperability among in-country stakeholders and among countries in this region and with external partners for an effective disaster response.”

The Director General of the West African Health Organisation, Dr. Xavier Crespin, addressing the audience indicated that the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) breakout in West Africa reiterated the urgent need for public health institutions to support governments across the region in their quests to detect and respond to future outbreaks in the region. Dr Crespin lauded the African Union Commission for its recent launch of the Africa Centre’s for Disease Control and Prevention (AFRICA CDC). He stated, “It is time to reinforce Africa’s public health systems to combat future threats. Africa CDC will reduce sicknesses and death by improving prevention, detection and response to public health threats”, and added that the multi-sectoral approach to training is vital in building capacity across the region.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Honourable Paulo Rocha, in his remarks to officially launch the training in Cape Verde, thanked ECOWAS, KAIPTC, U.S AFRICOM and all collaborators of WADPI for their partnership that has led to the Government of Cape Verde to benefit



from the training. He also encouraged all participants to take the training seriously. Hon. Rocha said “it is important to include Cape Verde in the training to improve prevention capacity at all levels of government to reduce risk of disaster by strengthening national strategies through Serviço Nacional de Protecção Civil e Bombeiros* (SNPCB) and various institutions”

He also added, “we must continue to discuss best strategies and approaches to protect our communities from diseases and risks that we face and must continue to partner in the sharing of information, knowledge and experiences between institutions and countries with the ultimate goal of strengthening disaster management systems”.

CANADA RE-IGNITES INTEREST IN KAIPTC

The Canadian government has initiated efforts to re-establish a partnership with the KAIPTC. A delegation comprising members of the Canadian Foreign Affairs Ministry, the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Police Service, paid a scoping visit to KAIPTC to gain a deeper overview of the operations and the achievements of the Centre over the years, and to also explore possible areas of entry and partnership.

Leader of the delegation, Ms. Krista House, expressed satisfaction with the KAIPTC’s work, adding that the team was interested in collaborating with KAIPTC again. She singled out the Women Peace and Security Institute (WPSI) as an area of immense interest to the Canadian government.

The delegation later met with staff of the Faculty of Academic Affairs and Research (FAAR), the Training Department, the Policy Planning Monitoring and

Evaluation Department (PPMED), the Women, Peace and Security Institute (WPSI) and the Training and Evaluation Department (TED), to understand their respective areas of work.

Canada’s past support to the Centre comprised technical and financial support towards the development of KAIPTC’s training courses.



15TH DDR FOUNDATION COURSE HELD

KAIPTC began its 2017 training year with the opening of the 15th edition of the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Foundation Course, on 6th February, 2017, with 44 participants in attendance.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Executive Director of the KAIPTC, Brigadier General Dr Emmanuel Kotia, revealed that the DDR course had been updated for the benefit of participants, pointing out that “violent extremism has become an enormous challenge for DDR practitioners. As a result, the topic has been mainstreamed in the DDR Foundation course”.

He assured participants of quality tutelage at the KAIPTC. “As you may already be aware, this Centre is a member of the Integrated DDR Training Group and the current co-chair for the group. Your Course Director participates in all the group’s activities, so be rest assured that what you will learn here will be of the highest standard”, he said.

He added that the Centre has graduated a total of 546 participants, some of whom are working in UN/AU missions and National DDR Commissions in Africa and at the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) in New York. Brig Gen Kotia heartily thanked the German Government for their

unwavering support and funding for the course since 2003. Ms Elisabeth Schwartz, a representative from the German Embassy in Ghana, pledged their continuous financial and technical support to the Centre. Ms Schwartz encouraged participants to take full advantage of the resources at their disposal and make the best out of it. “We hope that by the end of this training, you will have enhanced your skills relating to the planning, coordination and conduct of DDR. We encourage you to use the experience of your facilitators and other international and academic agencies and, of course, also your own expertise, over the next two weeks for an inspiring experience-sharing and learning”, she said.

The aim of the DDR process is to support peace and improve security in post-conflict environment to enable other elements of peace-building strategy to proceed. However, due to the current dynamism and complex nature of conflicts, DDR is often undertaken during ongoing conflicts in order to mitigate impact of the conflict.

The DDR Foundation course covers modules on concepts, policies, strategies, operations as well as associated cross-cutting issues such as gender, small arms control, human rights, and specific needs of a group.

KAIPTC SIGNS MOU WITH E-CRIME BUREAU TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND BUILD CAPACITY IN CYBER SECURITY, CYBER INTELLIGENCE AND FORENSICS

The enormous role and value of information, communication technologies to individual, societal and commercial activities is immeasurable. This enabling tool, however, has also become a global criminal hub which presents unprecedented cyber security threats to nations around the world. A more disturbing fact, is the lack of knowledge and expertise to anticipate and manage these threats. In response to this challenge, KAIPTC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with e-Crime Bureau, a leading cyber security agency, to deepen knowledge on, and develop capacity in the area of cyber security.

The collaboration seeks to develop cyber security programmes and conduct research in the areas of cyber security, cyber intelligence and forensics and cyber incident responses, among others. Two certificates



courses – Certificate Programme in Cyber Security and Certificate Programme in Cyber Intelligence & Forensics - have been developed to build the capacity of both public and private sector institutions. The courses are expected to benefit both policy makers, industry practitioners and law enforcement/security professionals.

KAIPTC has for the past five years integrated cyber security modules into curricula for its post-graduate academic programmes. These modules have been facilitated by experts from the e-Crime Bureau. Thus, the MoU between both institutions further consolidates a fruitful partnership nurtured over the years.

Globally, cyber threats have been identified to be among the most pressing challenges to the security of individuals, institutions and the state at large. Various research and analysis conducted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) and the KAIPTC suggests cybercrime is gradually impacting on other transnational crimes such

as terrorism, money laundering, human trafficking and drug trafficking among others. Cybercrime has therefore become a national security issue for countries.

Commenting on the collaboration during the signing of the MoU, the Commandant of the Centre Air Vice Marshal Griffiths Santrofi Evans highlighted the need for cyber security programmes at the Centre due to heightened security threats targeting the West African sub-region, particularly. On his part, Mr. Albert Antwi-Boasiako, the Principal Consultant at e-Crime Bureau, noted that the collaboration between his outfit and the Centre is a clear manifestation of both institutions commitment towards implementing Ghana's National Cyber Security Policy and Strategy (NCSPS) which was approved by cabinet in November 2016.

Participants from Ghana and the entire West Africa are expected to benefit from these courses, with the Certificate programme in Cyber Security and Certificate programme in Cyber Intelligence & Forensics scheduled to be held in August and December 2017 respectively.

FORTY-FOUR INDIVIDUALS BENEFIT FROM ELECTION OBSERVATION TRAINING COURSE

Forty-four participants have benefited from a week-long Election Observation Training Course held in February 2017 at the KAIPTC. The course provided a platform for participants to both learn and share new ideas and knowledge on how to continually refine electoral processes in the region and beyond, in order to deepen democratic structures and achievements.

Brig Gen Kotia stressed the need for fine tuning the delivery of electoral processes to guarantee confidence and integrity of its structures. He added that whenever an electoral process lacks fairness and credibility, it threatens the peace of any nation and can trigger unrest and conflict.

He announced that the ECOWAS election assistance division was creating a database of election observers and assured participants of the inclusion of their details in the database. He urged the course participants to approach the training opportunity with the dedication it deserved.

The Election Observation Training course has since 2004 collaborated with ECOWAS to train over 426 election observers, including retired army officers, ambassadors/diplomats and members of civil society organizations. Most of them have been deployed on ECOWAS observation mission within West Africa.



BURKINA FASO POLICE SERVICE HONOURS KAIPTC



Since its inception, KAIPTC has received awards and recognition from continental and global institutions for its quality of training. The most recent award is from the Burkina Faso Police Service, who presented a medal of honour to KAIPTC for achieving outstanding work in the delivery of Police Pre-Deployment Training (PPDT) Course and the Police Middle Management Course (PMMC) to the Service.

Prior to the KAIPTC training the Burkina Faso Police Service, the nation ranked 75th with respect to the deployment of Police Troops to the United Nations Peacekeeping Missions. Currently, it occupies an enviable 8th position in Police Deployment to the United Nations.

The Commandant of the KAIPTC, AVM Evans expressed his delight at this significant achievement noting that “this is a double honour for the MMT individually and the KAIPTC as an institution. Through excellently delivering on our mission to provide internationally-recognized capacity on African peace and security through training, our mobile training team are indeed worthy ambassadors of the quality that the Centre represents”.

Through its Mobile Training Team (MTT) led by Dr Amadou Fofana, KAIPTC has trained the Burkina Faso Police Service from 2011 till date. Receiving the award on behalf of the KAIPTC, Dr. Fofana, noted that “this is a

personal honour for me; I am most grateful that the hard work of my colleagues and I has been recognized. This is a huge inspiration to us and an encouragement to us to continue with our good work”.

The medal of honour is proposed by the Burkina Faso Inspector General of Police (IGP), and granted by the Minister of Security and signed by the President of Burkina Faso. In Burkina Faso, the medal of honour gives financial promotion to the beneficiary, while to recipients abroad, it is for honour, for supported the activities of the Police Service towards global peace in the sub-region.

The Norwegian and German governments have over the years financed the training of the Burkina Faso Police Service, and supporting them in varied aspects of the programme.

Since 2011, the KAIPTC Mobile Training Team has been providing Police Pre-deployment Trainings for Peace Support Operations in Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Mali, Benin, and Malawi and to missions such as United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM), United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the DR Congo, (MONUSCO), ECOWAS Missions etc. A total of 738 Police officers have been trained in diverse fields both in Accra and Ouagadougou.

7TH BATCH OF MASTER OF ARTS IN CONFLICT, PEACE AND SECURITY MATRICULATE AT THE KAIPTC

The seventh batch of students of the Master of Arts in Conflict, Peace and Security (MCPS 7) programme have been urged to contribute their quota to bridging the knowledge gap in peace and security in Ghana, the sub-region, the continent and the world at large.

Brig Gen Kotia made this call during the matriculation ceremony held to officially recognize and welcome the students to the KAIPTC academic fraternity.

He assured the matriculating class of the Centre's readiness to professionally groom them in conflict, peace and security, noting that "we at the KAIPTC pledge to deliver to internationally acceptable academic standards, and urge you to avail yourselves of the opportunities that may be opened to you", he stressed.

Professor Kwaku Osei-Hwedie, Dean of Academic Affairs at the KAIPTC, in his introductory remarks assured the students that the KAIPTC has assembled top notch faculty from Ghana and abroad to tutor them, and promised them an insightful and enriching academic life at the Centre.

Prof Osei-Hwedie challenged the students to introspectively determine the difference they would make to the nation's development. He asked, "what will be your contribution to your country's development... what will make you unique; and at the end of it all, how do you want to be remembered, as a giant or dwarf?"



Speaking on behalf of the matriculating class, Mr. Irbard Ibrahim, conveyed the class' high expectations for the programme, owing to the reputation of the KAIPTC as a West-African regional Centre of excellence. He was ecstatic about the diverse backgrounds of the students, and hoped that it will be useful in exchanging ideas, forging relationships and networks.

The MCPS was launched in 2010, and has since then made steady progress in offering opportunities for students to pursue their academic interests in conflict, peace and security.



KAIPTC STRENGTHENS CAPACITY IN CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MEDIATION

The perpetuity of conflict on the continental and global scene, and efforts to prevent, manage and resolve them, has engaged the attention of all international actors in peace and security around the world. To support these processes, KAIPTC, since 2011, has delivered a Conflict Analysis and Mediation (CAM) course, aimed at utilizing mediation as a tool for conflict prevention and peace-building in Africa.

The 2017 training session has 36 individuals in attendance. These comprised 27 males and 9 females from 13 countries and several organizations such as the Military, Government Agencies, UN Peacekeeping Missions, among others. Participants were taken through modules such as Introduction to Negotiation and Mediation, Conflict and Conflict Analysis - Theories, Stages Strategies, Gender, Women and, Vulnerable Groups in Mediation, Diplomatic Considerations in Mediation, Cultural considerations in AU/ECOWAS Approach to Mediation among others.

The course was funded by Denmark, Norway and Sweden.



About the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre

The Ghana Ministry of Defence (MoD) established the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in 1998 and commissioned it in 2004. The purpose was to build upon and share Ghana's five decades of internationally acclaimed experience and competence in peace operations with other states in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) region and the rest of Africa. This was in recognition of the need for training military, police and civilian men and women to meet the changing demands of multidimensional peace operations. The Centre is one of the three (3) Peacekeeping Training Centres of Excellence mandated by the ECOWAS to offer training in peacekeeping and peace support operations (PSO) in Africa.

The Centre delivers training courses in three thematic areas; Peace Support Operations, Conflict Management and Peace and Security Studies and also runs Masters and PhD programmes in same. The KAIPTC has a world-class research department that undertakes research in the thematic areas in Peace and Security. Located in Accra, Ghana, the KAIPTC is an internationally-recognized institution and has till date trained and tutored over 14,000 participants and students since its inception.

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