



International Seminar: Uniformed women and peace operations: progress and challenges in creating safe and inclusive environments

October 22 and 23, 2024, in Brasilia/DF, Brazil

Latin American Security and Defense Network (RESDAL Internacional), Rede Brasileira sobre Operações de Paz (REBRAPAZ), Comando de Operações Terrestres do Exército Brasileiro (COTER/EB) and Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales de Ecuador (IAEN)

Agenda

October 22nd

09:30-10:00 Opening

Minister-Counsellor Simon Cridland (Embassy of Canada in Brazil)

Brig. Gen. Ricardo Luiz Da Cunha Rabêlo (Chief of Peace Operations, COTER / Brazilian Army)

Andrea Chiappini (President, RESDAL)

Eduarda Hamann (Coordinator, REBRAPAZ)

10:00-11:15 Panel 1 - Uniformed Women and Peace Operations

Brig. Gen. Ricardo Luiz Da Cunha Rabêlo (Chief of Peace Operations, COTER / Brazilian Army)

Christian Saunders (Special Coordinator on improving the United Nations response to sexual exploitation and abuse)

Deborah Warren-Smith (Manager, Elsie Initiative Fund)

11:15-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:45 Panel 2 - Between Norm and Practice: Progress and Challenges in Legislation to Prevent Harassment and Sexual Abuse in Security Forces

Roxana Arroyo (IAEN)

Dolores Bermeo and Elisa Rial (RESDAL)

Dainzú Lopez de Lara (UDLAP)

Regional perspective: Asia – Niloy Biswas (University of Bangladesh)

12:45-13:00 Official Photo at the Headquarters Summit

13:00-14:00 Lunch



14:00-15:30 Panel 3 - Troop and Police-Contributing Countries: National Norms and Peace Operations

Dra Mariana de Aquino (Military Judge, Brazil)

Commander Catherine Mbappe Mbome (Ministry of Defense / Cameroon)

Lt. Cnl. Sara Alvi (Army / Pakistan)

Cnl Jorge Luis Ramos Agama (Director, Center for Strategic Studies, Army of Peru)

Regional perspective: Africa - Cecil Griffiths (LINLEA)

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

15:45-16:30 Synthesis for Day 1

Moderator: Marcela Donadio (Project Director, RESDAL)

October 23rd

09:30-11:00 Panel 4 – Perspectives of National Institutions – Session 1

National institutions, participants, and regional experts

Lt Col Renata Monteiro (COTER / Brazilian Army)

Mag Carolina Podlesker (Ministry of Defense / Argentina)

Dra Carolina Piloni (Military Prosecutor's Office / Brazil)

Captain María Lorena Flores Velasteguí (Ministry of Defense / Ecuador)

Captain Sarahí Vargas de Jesus (SEMAR / Mexico)

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:15 Panel 5 - Perspectives of National Institutions – Session 2

National institutions, participants and regional experts

Secretary Helena Lobato (Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Brazil)

Major Reyna Melina Morales Morales (SEDENA / Mexico)

Captain Karla Cubas Ahumada (Army – Peru)

Lt. Coronel Lorena González Correa (Army / Uruguay)

12:15-12:45 Summary and conclusions session

12:45-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:00 Institutional Visit / Brazilian Army