# Programme
## Challenges Annual Forum 2022
### The Future of Peace Operations
#### 6–7 October 2022, New Delhi

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**Pernilla Rydén | Director, Challenges Forum International Secretariat (CFIS)**

**Maj Gen BK Sharma (Retd) | Director, The United Service Institution (USI) of India**

*Inaugural address: High-level representative from India Ministry of External Affairs (TBC)*

**Keynote Address: Current Global Trends affecting Peace Operations**

_What do future global security risks and peace opportunities look like, and how can peace operations, through new ideas, tools and fresh perspectives, make conflicts less deadly and peace more lasting._

**High-level Panel: Future Peace Operations and Regional Peace and Security Arrangements**

_How do future multilateral peace operations look like, what does this mean for regional peace and security arrangements, and how can respective partnerships with regional organisations be taken to the next level?_
Jean-Pierre Lacroix | Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, United Nations
Representative of Rosemary DiCarlo | Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, United Nations
Amb. Bankole Adeoye | Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union (TBC)

12:00–12:15
Introduction to Working Group Discussion
Pernilla Rydén | Director, Challenges Forum International Secretariat

12:15–13:45
Lunch

14:00–17:30
Working Group Discussions (Closed Sessions)
Incl. Break

- **Place for Preventive Deployment in Diplomacy**
  Chair: Amb. A. Mukerji | Former Permanent Representative of India at UN
  Ignite speaker: Richard Gowan | UN Director, Crisis Group
  Field Perspective: Judy Hylton | Senior Adviser to UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO)

  *In this period of great power rivalry, observer missions are expected to again become more prominent. How can future observer missions help prevent the escalation of a conflict? What should they look like, and how can they best be complemented by diplomatic efforts resolving larger political processes?*

- **Protection of Civilians**
  Chair: Cassandra Stuart Clark | Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of State (TBC)
  Ignite speaker: Dr. Lotte Vermeij | Senior Expert on Sexual Violence in Conflict at Norwegian Refugee Council
  Field Perspective: Hazel de Wet | Director, Civil Affairs, United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) (TBC)

  *Protection of Civilians in armed conflicts should be a core objective of peace operations. With future peace operations likely having a lighter footprint, how can the protection of civilians be safeguarded in those new operational settings? How is this best achieved and by whom?*
• **Protecting the Protectors**
  Chair: The Arab Republic of Egypt (TBC)
  Ignite speaker: Sara Lindberg Bromley | Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University
  Field Perspective: Lt Col Will Meddings | Former Commander of Long-Range Reconnaissance Group, United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) (TBC)

  *A central question for peace operations and their troop contributing countries (TCC’s) is how peacekeepers can be kept safe and secure whilst implementing their mandates. How can better understanding of attack patterns against peacekeepers help design operational responses? How can this data be used to improve local perceptions of peacekeepers while improving their safety and security?*

17:45–18:15 **Armchair Discussion: Geopolitics of Peace Operations**

*How to best prepare peace operations for the future while creating a better understanding on the role that emerging actors and troop-contributing regions will play?*

Dr. Anjali Dayal | Assistant Professor, Fordham University (TBC)

Dr. Yvan Ilunga | Deputy Director, Joint Civil-Military Interaction; Assistant Professor of Political Science at Central State University

Kazimiro Rudolf Jocondo | Director Political Affairs; United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA)

19:00 **Dinner** *(USI Campus/Swedish Residence or Embassy)*

Address by Lt Gen Satish Nambiar | Former Force Commander and Head of Mission United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR)
Day 2

09:25–09:30  Welcome Day Two

09:30–10:45  Marketplace
  Provides roving participants an opportunity to learn and discuss the findings of the other working group discussions.

10:45–11:00  Break

11:00–12:00  Mis- and Disinformation’s Impact on Missions’ Ability to Carry out Mandates
  Starting with a spotlight presentation from the field this session will look at how peace operations and their mission leadership can better contain mis- and disinformation risks and better leverage opportunities for strategic communications as part of a whole-of-mission approach. Spotlight presentation from the field followed by an armchair discussion with questions from the audience.

Spotlight presenter (TBC)
Francesca Mold | Chief of Strategic Communications, United Nations Department of Peace Operations
Jenna Russo | Director of Research and Head of the Brian Urquhart Center for Peace Operations, International Peace Institute

12:00–13:30  Lunch

13:30–14:30  Plenary: Discussing Key Takeaways with Experts
  Leading experts and policymakers reflect on the key working group conclusions and discuss next steps.
  Dr. Kseniya Oksamytna | Research Fellow, King’s College London (TBC)
  Dr. Yvan Ilunga | Deputy Director, Joint Civil–Military Interaction; Assistant Professor of Political Science at Central State University
  Flaminia Minelli | Chief Policy, Evaluation and Training Division, United Nations Department of Peace Operations (TBC)
  AU PSOD Chief | Department of Political Affairs, Peace & Security, African Union Commission (TBC)
  Moderator: Dawit Yohannes | Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies South Africa
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<td>Future Perspectives: Towards a New Agenda for Peace</td>
<td>How can CAF22 collective reflections and outcomes contribute and enrich the UN Secretary General’s New Agenda for Peace and the Summit of the Future in 2023. Per Olsson Fridh</td>
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