



**Concept Note**  
**Three Years of Action for Peacekeeping (A4P)**  
**- Achievements, Challenges and the Way Ahead -**

## Background

28 March 2021 will mark three years since the Secretary-General launched his Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative during a Security Council open debate on peacekeeping, presided by the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Since 2018, A4P has been the core agenda for all United Nations peacekeeping-related work. A total of 154 Member States and four partner organizations have signaled their support for A4P by endorsing the Declaration of Shared Commitments on United Nations Peacekeeping.

Endorsers of the Declaration have, together with the Secretariat, made significant progress on implementing their commitments across all thematic areas of the Declaration.

Three years of implementation call for a reflection on efforts thus far and particularly on the need to determine which foundational priorities the Secretariat should focus on going forward to maximize the impact of missions on the ground. This virtual event, co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the UN Secretariat, provides a forum for A4P endorsers and supporters to come together to take stock of progress made so far, identify gaps, and pinpoint future areas of focus to strengthen UN Peacekeeping.

## Objective

Recognizing that strengthening UN Peacekeeping is an ongoing process, the virtual event aims to promote understanding, further reflection, and motivate action on future implementation of A4P. The panel will provide an opportunity for the perspectives of various stakeholders to be shared, and the public will have a chance to interact with the panelists. Suggestions on how to strengthen future implementation of A4P are encouraged. The discussion should stimulate multi-stakeholder engagement on A4P progress and the way forward.



**Date:** 29 March 2021, 9:00 - 11.00 a.m. EDT

## **Musical prelude**

## **Opening statements**

- Statement from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres
- Statement from the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mr. Mark Rutte
- Statement from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Chung Eui-yong

## **Projection of video on A4P accomplishments**

## **Past-Present-Future of Action for Peacekeeping**

- Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix

## **High-Level Panel Discussion**

**Moderator:** Prof. Lise Howard, Georgetown University

**Panelists:**

- Ms. Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
- Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)
- Lt. Gen. Shailesh Tinaikar, Force Commander, United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
- Ms. Lina Ekomo, Network for Women's Leadership in Central Africa

## **Closing remarks**

- Mr. Atul Khare, Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support

## **Musical postlude**