The Integrated Training Service of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support conducted the United Nations Staff Officer Training of Trainers Course from 27 March to 7 April 2017 at the Regional Service Centre Entebbe in Uganda.

Twenty-four trainers - including six women - from twenty-one countries participated in the course.

The objective of the two-week course was to familiarise the trainers with the United Nations peacekeeping training standards and materials required for peacekeeping pre-deployment training for staff officers. The course culminated in an integrated command post exercise that allowed participants to practice the knowledge and skills acquired.

According to the anonymous evaluation survey conducted at the end of the training, participants were pleased with the training outcomes.

“As a whole, the course is well-organized and the facilitators are excellent. I learned a lot about UN peacekeeping and will endeavour to apply the knowledge acquired here in my future training activities,” one participant remarked.

Capacity-building through “training of trainers” courses for Member States, with a focus on staff officer training, is a core activity of the Integrated Training Service.

The United Nations will conduct more training of trainers courses related to peacekeeping in Entebbe on a regular basis. These training activities are supported by voluntary contributions from Member States.