# USI ANNUAL UN FORUM 2023
## INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND PEACEKEEPING
### 21 – 22 NOV 2023

## Programme

**21 Nov 2023**

9 - 9.30 AM   Registration

9.30 – 10.30          **Opening Session**

    0930 – 0935  Welcome Remarks  Maj Gen PK Goswami, DDG, USI

    0935 – 0945  Opening Address:   Maj Gen BK Sharma, DG USI

    0945 – 1005  Keynote Address    Lt Gen JP Mathew, UYSM, AVSM, VSM
                                                                          Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, HQ IDS,
                                                                             MoD

**Special Address**

1005 – 1020  Mr Prakash Gupta, JS (UNP), MEA, Govt of India

1020 – 1030  Mr Kedir Awol Omar, Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC


1030 – 1100  **Tea/Coffee break**

## Session 1

11.00 – 12.30 PM    **International Humanitarian Laws and Law of Armed Conflict**

Chair – **Dr George Dvaladze**, Regional Legal Advisor for South Asia, ICRC, New Delhi

Speakers

Challenges and Opportunities in applying IHL in contemporary PKOs – Wg Cdr U C Jha (Retd)

IHL in UN peacekeeping – Force Commander's View – Lt Gen S Tinaikar (Retd), Former Force Commander, South Sudan.

IHL in UN peacekeeping – Police Commander's View – Mr Sudesh Kumar, IPS (Retd), Former Police Commissioner in MONUSCO.

IHL and PKOs – ICRC approach – Mr Tim Brown, FASCo, ICRC.

12.30 – 2 PM          **Lunch**

## Session 2

2 – 3.30 PM  **Protection of Civilians and IHL**

Chair – **Maj Gen (Dr) AK Bardalai**, Former Deputy HoM and Deputy Force Commander, UNIFIL.

Speakers

POC in Intra State conflict and Civil War - Col (Dr) KK Sharma (Retd)

Challenges of POC in conflict environment - Force Commander's View - Lt Gen S Mohan, Force Commander, South Sudan.

POC – Prospective from field – Mr Rajendra Joshi, IPS (Retd), Former Chief Security Advisor in the UN.

3.30 – 4 PM  **Wrap-up and Reflections** – Col (Dr) KK Sharma (Retd)

4 PM onward          Tea/Coffee

**22 Nov 2023**

9 - 9.30 AM   Registration

0930 – 0935  Welcome Remarks  Maj Gen PK Goswami, DDG, USI

**Opening Address**

0935 – 0945  Lt Gen Rakesh Kapoor, VSM, DCOAS (IS & C)

0945 – 0955  Mr Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator in India.

**<u>Session 3</u>**

10.00 – 11.30 AM    **Protecting the Protectors: Accountability of crime committed against Peacekeepers.**

> Chair – **Stephane Jean**, OROLSI, DPO, UN, New York (incl Host Country Responsibility)
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> Speakers
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> Status and Protection of Peacekeepers under IHL – Ms Gunjan Chawla, Legal Advisor, ICRC, New Delhi
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> Protecting the protectors: a field perspective – Brig S Basu, former Regional Cdr at Congo
>
> Training and Preparedness to mitigate risks faced by Peacekeepers – Lt Gen JS Lidder (Retd), Former Force Commander and subsequently Deputy SRSG, Sudan.

1130 – 1200  **Tea/Coffee break**

**<u>Session 4</u>**

12.00 – 1.30 PM    **Women, Peace, and Security**

> Chair **– Ms Susan Ferguson,** Head UN Women in India
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> Speakers
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> Role of Women in Peacekeeping – Ms Garima Bhatnagar, former Chief of Mission Management and Support Section, DPO, UN Police Division.
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> Uniformed Women in Peacekeeping: a field perspective - Col Sophia Quereshi
>
> Peculiar Challenges to Women Peacekeepers – Col Vanessa Hanarahan.

1.30 to 2.30  **Lunch**

**<u>Session 5</u>**

2.30 – 4.00 PM  **Leveraging Technology for Effective Peacekeeping**

Chair – **Lt Gen IS Singha**, Former Force Commander and Head of Mission, UNDOF.

Speakers

Role of technology in Peacekeeping – Group Captain (Dr) Swaim Prakash Singh, CAPS

Drones and surveillance: Enhancing Situational awareness in Conflict Zones - Lt Gen Asit Mistry (Retd), Former Deputy Force Commander, South Sudan.

Intelligence and data analysis: Improving decision making – Brig Narender Singh, Former Regional Commander, South Sudan.

4 – 4.30 pm  **Plenary: Discussing Key Takeaways with Experts** (By Chairs of all sessions)

**Maj Gen (Dr) AK Bardalai**, Former Deputy HoM and Deputy Force Commander, UNIFIL.

**Dr George Dvaladze**, Regional Legal Advisor for South Asia, ICRC

**Stephane Jean**, OROLSI, DPO, UN

**Ms Susan Ferguson,** Head UN Women in India

**Lt Gen IS Singha**, Former Force Commander & Head of Mission, UNDOF.

4.30 – 5 PM  **Closing Session**

Closing Address          Lt Gen MAJ Fernandez, AVSM, VSM
                                   DG, Dte Gen of SD

Vote of Thanks           USI and ICRC

5 PM        **Closing Reception**