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FOREWORD

It is my pleasure to introduce our 2011 Annual Report, sharing our accomplishments in the field of learning and training for the UN system. The Staff College is the principal arm of the wide spectrum of UN agencies dealing with learning and training. Our priorities are determined by the UN system as a whole, and our activities respond to the far-reaching reform agenda that cuts across all agencies.

The year was marked by the first meeting of the newly appointed Expert Technical Review Panel, the College's quality assurance body that is made up of distinguished personalities from within and outside the UN system. The Panel took stock of our learning initiatives and prepared a comprehensive independent report with recommendations to better align the Staff College's Executive Education standards. Most of the recommendations will be implemented in 2012 but, already in 2011, we started to re-focus our learning offerings around five thematic areas: UN Leadership, Development and Human Rights, UN Coherence, Knowledge Management and Peace & Security. A total of 84 face-to-face courses were implemented in these areas. Our website and branding also reflect the new focus areas in which we grouped our catalogue of offers.

The challenging global economic scene encouraged the Staff College to further shift its focus from a donorfinanced institution towards a self-funded institution. As a result, 73 percent of our funding base is now selfgenerated income derived from course fees and service contracts with a number of UN organizations. This shift compensated for the significant reductions in our host country contribution and funding from one of our key partners, the UN Development Operations Coordination Office (DOCO). Moreover, we were able to increase offerings of inter-agency tailor-made courses; that is, courses commissioned to the College by UN organizations, inter-agency coalitions and other UN entities to address specific system-wide learning needs. This successful formula resulted in a 110 percent increase in self-generated income from the 2006/2007 biennium. The ability to react and adjust quickly to the volatile financial environment was possible given two important factors: the reputation we have built over the years and the relevance of our training offerings. The perception of our courses' relevance is indeed the main indicator that the system turns to the Staff College for training, even for fee-based courses.

In terms of beneficiaries, our programmes have grown five percent in 2011 if we count our core activities, i.e. the ones totally under the College's responsibility. On the other hand, we experienced a substantial decrease in areas where external factors - outside our control - influenced demand. For example, the courses that were delivered in the field by UNSSC certified trainers, under the Safe and Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) programme, were lower in 2011 because the pool of untrained staff is diminishing. Similarly, courses offered to UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) roll-out countries experienced a reduction in beneficiaries attributable to cyclical UNDAF calendar needs. This explains why we delivered 28 "Strategic Planning Retreats" for UN Country Teams in 2010 but only 12 in 2011, resulting in a decrease of more than 1,000 beneficiaries. The combination of these two external factors translated into a decrease of about 20 percent in the total number of beneficiaries trained this year, compared to 2010.



Carlos Lopes UN Assistant Secretary-General Director of the UNSSC Turin, March 2012 The Staff College was prominently featured in the Secretary-General's report on "Civilian Capacity in the Aftermath of Conflict", which highlighted the need for increased training in civilian capacity. The Change Management Team established by the Secretary-General has also acknowledged the Staff College's strategic role in training and learning for the UN system.

> As a final word, and after five years serving as Director of the College, I am proud to say that this dynamic organization has achieved incredible results, mainly thanks to its dedicated and professional staff, the support of its committed Board, and the able leadership of the Deputy Secretary-General. My successor will inherit a training and learning institution which, I am sure, will continue to make its impact by equipping UN staff with the necessary skills and tools for confronting today's global challenges.



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- Residential workshops, seminars and training courses Tailor-made projects and technical support for UN organizations

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- ✓ Strengthen inter-agency collaboration within the UN system The mission of the Staff College is to: ✓ Support continuous learning and staff development in the UN system Promote a cohesive management culture across the UN To this end, the Staff College offers a wide range of learning and training opportunities, including:
- OUR MISSION

OUR HISTORY

The Staff College was created in 1996 as a project entrusted to the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC/ILO). In 2000, an independent team recommended that a fully-fledged Staff College be established. The General Assembly approved the Statute of the United Nations System Staff College in 2001 and on 1 January 2002 the College began its operations as a distinct institution within the UN system.

Since then, the Staff College has made steady progress. The number of UN staff participating in our programmes and the thematic underpinnings of our courses have increased. The level and diversification of our funding has also risen. And, most importantly, the guality of our offerings has improved. Since our modest beginning as a project in 1996, with programmes mainly for UN staff in the field and reaching out to approximately 1.000 participants per year, the College has evolved into a comprehensive provider of training at all managerial levels of the UN system, focusing on substantive areas in support of the UN goals. In 2011, the Staff College's programmes reached nearly 10,000 UN staff.

DIRECTORATE

Our history is permeated with change and constant improvement, and with a determination to make a difference through training and learning. Today, the College is helping make the whole of the UN system more than a sum of its parts, and to promote strategic and integrated thinking in the UN system OUR ORGANIZATION worldwide.

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The Board of Governors

The UNSSC Board of Governors is composed of nine UN representatives selected by the UN Chief Executives Board (CEB), plus three ex-officio members (the Director of the UNSSC, the Secretary of the CEB and the Executive Director of United Nations Institute for Training and Research - UNITAR). Board Members, at the Director-level or above, are appointed by the UN Secretary-General for a two-year period, with the possibility of a one-year extension.

The UNSSC Board of Governors meets annually: the meetings are chaired by the UN Deputy Secretary-General.

The composition of the 2011 Board of Governors is as follows:

CHAIR

Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

MEMBERS

- Mr. Omar Abdi, Comptroller, UNICEF
- Ms. Giovanie Biha, Director, Management and Administration Division, UN Women
- Mr. Hans D'Orville, Assistant Director-General for Strategic Planning, UNESCO
- Ms. Maria Angelica Ducci, Executive Director, Office of the Director-General, ILO
- Ms. Axumite Gebre-Egziabher, Director, Shelter & Sustainable Human Settlement Development Division, UN-HABITAT
- Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR
- Mr. Paul Larsen, Director, Division for External Relations, WFP
- Ms. Akiko Yuge, Assistant Administrator & Director of Bureau of Management, UNDP

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

- Mr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Director of UNITAR & Director of UNSSC
- Mr. Thomas Stelzer, Secretary of the CEB, UNDESA

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THE EXPERT TECHNICAL REVIEW PANEL (ETRP)

The ETRP's main function is to conduct analyses and provide advice about the College's programme activities. It reports to the Board of Governors and was newly appointed in 2011. Members of the Panel are selected among renowned experts - within and outside the UN system - in the College's programme areas and who have a strong understanding of learning, training and knowledge management. BOARD

The composition of the 2011 ETRP is as follows:

- Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Professor of International Affairs and Interim Dean for Academic Affairs, Milano New School for Management and Urban Policy
- Mr. Richard Jolly, Honorary Professor and Research Associate of the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
- Ms. Christine Letts, Senior Associate Dean for Executive Education & Senior Lecturer in the Practice of Philanthropy and Non-profit Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School
- Mr. Adebayo Olukoshi, Director of the UN African Institute for Economic Development and Planning
- Ms. Namita Pradhan, former Assistant Director-General for General Management, WHO



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About UNSSC

During 2011, we identified those thematic areas where interagency learning and training were most needed in the UN system in order to strengthen our impact in supporting the United Nations' global evelopments for 2011. challenges. We expanded our offerings proactively by scanning the priorities of the UN system as highlighted in the agendas of the CEB and the UN Development Group (UNDG), and responding to demands that various inter-agency taskforces had put forward.

Five thematic areas of intervention were identified: UN Leadership, Development & Human Rights, UN Coherence, Knowledge Management and Peace & Security. Our main courses and seminars were developed along these themes and delivered at our Campus in Turin as well as at UN Headquarters in New York,

Our Areas of Expertise

5,000 beneficiaries by providing them with on-line learning, e-toolkits and learning-centered Communities of Practice. We also developed tailormade activities to respond to additional requests from the UN system for inter-agency training and learning. These activities complemented and expanded the five thematic areas. Following is a report on our main programmatic developments for 2011.

UN Leadership

The world of executive education is saturated with leadership development initiatives, and leadership theory is a growing field in today's academic arena. We at the College are not focusing only on one type of leadership approach, but rather we want to expose participants to a range of ideas and experiences from which they can build their own leadership mosaic. One could liken leadership training at the College to a "buffet" with a variety of offerings for each participant, but with some being more tailored to his or her liking: a unique, personal leadership approach.

problems that UN senior staff face and responding to them. And we take pride in making For example: the leadership this "buffet" a cosmopolitan role of UN Country Teams one by tapping into all (UNCTs) in promoting UN leadership sources: Eastern, coherence at the country Western and tribal traditions. level; the leadership This is achieved around the concept of collective, collaborative leadership with senior staff from various agencies carrying the overall UN mandate and its priorities forward, in a Most of all, we are aware very specific to the context in which it is being carried out. Our courses look at the concept of leadership through a very realistic lens, focusing

role of UN Humanitarian Coordinators and the UNCT in emergency settings; and the role of UN leaders in promoting human rights. With this approach in mind, a number of successful programmes were delivered in 2011, contributing to building a more adaptive, prepared and agile workforce at all levels of the UN system.



Highlights in Leadership Training 2011

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THE UN LEADERS PROGRAMME

Designed for senior UN staff, this is an peer innovative forum for learning that uses a mix refle of theory and practice. The theoretical side lea presents pioneering knowledge on key global UN challenges that the UN faces, while exploring lea the latest theories and trends in leadership r development. The practical side offers a unique occasion for sharing experiences, practical knowledge, lessons learned and good practices in leadership across the UN system. The aim is to develop strategic leaders who think and act innovatively, but work collectively to advance the mandate of the United Nations.

> The UN Leaders Programme was held three times in 2011 and took up the challenges of leadership by focusing, respectively, on "Peace & Security", "Ethics & Accountability" and "Culture & Development". Over 100 participants were trained.

UN COUNTRY TEAMS LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION SKILLS PROGRAMME

This course is designed for senior-level UN UI country officials, including development reand humanitarian practitioners, and blends in knowledge and skills sessions to promote the sharing of experience and the development of applied skills. The selection criteria also promote a broad participation of UN agencies, funds and programmes, including missions, that operate across geographically diverse regions and country typologies.

This interactive course uses an array of active learning methodologies such as simulation, peer-to-peer exchange, case studies and reflection to create a rich and proactive learning environment. It engages senior UN leaders on topics such as enhancing g leadership, negotiation, political acumen, p media and communications skills - topics that a are indispensable for effective leadership. es, Special attention is paid to being aware of sensitive cultural and political issues without em. sacrificing personal security when operating who in conflict-affected areas.

> The programme was once again held four times in 2011 and saw 100 senior staff enter its learning corridors. Over the past five years the programme has been an essential component of the Induction Programme for newly appointed UN Resident Coordinators (RCs).

THE UN LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

This initiative was developed in 2011 for Assistant Secretaries-General. It has been designed to impart a strong sense of the overall UN mission and to enable participants to review and calibrate their leadership approach in light of their responsibilities. The goal is for participants to gain insight and vision into their to wn leadership potential, especially in terms of ia innovation, strategic collective leadership, and JN fulfilling the United Nation's mandate.

This initiative will be rolled out in the second half of 2012.

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UN Coherence

One of our key priorities has always been to contribute to always been to contribute to UN coherence and to promote a common UN culture based on effectiveness, expertise on effectiveness, expertise and continuous learning. Our courses and learning Our courses and learning activities bring together staff from different parts of the UN from different parts of the UN system, often with different system, often with different functions and responsibilities and with diverse mandates. This inter-agency approach is

key to increasing coordination among the various parts of the system and in supporting the UN global agenda, including the implementation of UN reform processes, the UN Millennium Declaration UN Millennium and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Development Goals (MDGs). Our courses in the area of UN Coherence are of UN Coherence are particularly relevant for Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams who, as the institutional leaders of the UN system at country the UN system at country right mix of substantive right mix of substantive knowledge, technical knowledge, technical skills and competencies to skills and competencies to effectively and efficiently effectively and efficiently deliver UN assistance in deliver UN assistance in the MDGs and other international commitments.

Highlights in UN Coherence Training 2011

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SUPPORTING UN COUNTRY TEAMS IN DEVELOPING STRATEGIC UN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FRAMEWORKS (UNDAFs)

In partnership with the UN Development Operations Coordination Office (DOCO), we strive primarily to assist the United Nations at the country level to work more effectively with national partners in planning and designing UN strategic interventions through the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF). We also provide assistance to the UNCTs to better integrate key programming principles and business practices.

In 2011, we delivered 23 learning and planning events for UNCTs, reaching a wide geographical area: from Algeria to Brazil, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fiji, India, Jordan, Moldova and Thailand to mention only a few. Over 1,200 UN and country-level development partners participated in these strategic planning events.

PROGRAMME-OPERATIONS INTEGRATION: REGIONAL UNDAF PLANNING WORKSHOPS

The Regional UNDAF Planning Workshops for 2011 roll-out countries focused on the integration of business operations into the programming process. The objective was to improve coherence and coordination at the country level across business operations and programmes, so as to improve efficiency.

Participants recognized the value of bringing Programmes and Operations together to discuss the UNDAF process, their respective roles and accountability. They also highlighted how the workshops enabled them to identify opportunities to improve operational efficiency, reduce transaction costs, manage common services and harmonize business practices. A total of 54 senior Operations staff from 21 countries participated in the 2011 Regional UNDAF Planning Workshops in Bangkok, Dakar, Kigali and Panama City.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINING

In October and November 20011, we designed and delivered an Operations Management Skills Training in Turin. The training focused on improving inter-agency cooperation and building the knowledge and skills of Operations staff and management. A total of 67 senior Operations staff participated from 48 countries (6 regions) and the overall feedback was excellent. The training will also be delivered in 2012.

EVALUATION AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

Increasingly, learning professionals and managers are called upon to determine the "value for money" of training and learning, which can be demonstrated through systematic and robust evaluation. As the UN system moves from training to learning, the associated shift from "activity-focused" to "results-based" learning and development requires that new and re-focused approaches be developed and used for evaluating the training and learning.

In 2011, we continued to offer the EIA Courses and EIA Clinic exercises, centered on the Return on Investment (ROI) methodology, to strengthen evaluation capacity and harmonize common evaluation standards within the UN system. This course - delivered in collaboration with the ROI Institute - provided an overview of evaluation practices within the UN context and exposed participants to the ROI evaluation methodology. As a complementary element, participants were able to attend the two-day "EIA Clinic" workshop to explore the most challenging aspects of conducting an ROI study.

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Development & Human Rights

in 1999 in his book "Development as Freedom", one should look at the roles and interconnections between and among economic opportunities, political freedoms, social facilities,

The United Nations understands development to be about much more than the rise of national incomes. It is about creating an environment in which people can develop their full potential and lead productive, creative lives in accordance with their needs and interests. As Amartya Sen highlighted

transparency guarantees and protective security. And societal arrangements involving many institutions (the State, the market, the legal system, political parties, the media, public interest groups and public discussion forums, among others) are to be viewed in terms of their contribution to enhancing and guaranteeing the substantive freedoms, well-being and dignity of all people everywhere. We at the College are committed to supporting UN staff and programming

counterparts in building individual, institutional and societal capacity for development and human rights. We develop knowledge management tools and courses (customized on request). In 2012, we will complement our successful courses, such as those on human rights-based development programming, with new offerings on environmental sustainability, climate change and disaster risk reduction; anti-corruption; context analysis; and minorities and indigenous peoples.

Highlights in Development & HR Training 2011

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HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH (HRBA) AND RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT (RBM) TRAINING

2011 was marked by a continued demand for training on Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) and Results-Based Management (RBM). We responded by delivering workshops to develop the capacity of UN staff to apply HRBA and RBM tools and principles in their daily work and, in particular, to UN Common Country Programming processes, Courses targeted UN Country Teams and other UN Programme staff in order to familiarize them with these two programming principles, help them understand how they complement each other, and to then apply them in their work. These workshops are tailored to meet in-country needs and development challenges when UNCTs are requesting such support. When the workshops are organized in Turin, they are designed to share case studies so that participants gain comprehensive knowledge about the human rights entry points, as well as practice the theory and foster a solid understanding of the HRBA and RBM methodologies and links. In 2011, nearly 250 UN staff benefitted from trainings delivered in Turin and at the country level.

UN INTER-AGENCY COMMON LEARNING PACKAGE ON A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

The UN Common Learning Package (CLP) on HRBA was established as a common tool to apply HRBA to programming. It was developed by an inter-agency task team co-chaired by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). With our technical and pedagogical expertise on inter-agency learning support for UN common programming processes, we helped to develop and finalize the CLP, which was launched in 2007.

In early February 2011, focal points from 20 UN agencies met in Turin to validate major updates to the training material. After four days of intense collaborative work, the changes to the training material were validated. The updated training material was integrated into the training resources for HRBA country-level workshops.

The HRBA CLP was translated into French and Spanish and made available on the UNSSC website as well as on the UN Development Group's website for wide access by UNSSC-trained HRBA resource persons, UN staff and development partners.

TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH AND RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT

This Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop was successfully rolled out in Turin in March 2011, in partnership with the UNDG-Human Rights Mainstreaming Mechanism (UNDG-HRM). The ToT resulted in an expanded interagency pool of HRBA resource persons, spread out among the different regions. This has allowed for quicker regional responses to training requests arriving from the UNCTs of 2011 roll-out countries.

After successfully completing the ToT, 33 participants from eight agencies are now trained resource persons and expected to serve as trainers for two to three HRBA in-country workshops organized for/by Country Teams each year.

Participants expressed particular appreciation for the tools and coaching sessions that were part of our workshop, which boosted their capacity to provide training to colleagues on HRBA and RBM.

FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC LEARNING EXCHANGE

In collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and UNDP, we delivered a second edition of this event, which brought together 35 participants from the UN system and representatives of faith-based organizations from the largest religious groupings - Islamic, Christian (diverse denominations) and Hindu - as well as members of academia and donor governments. The purpose of the event was to enhance the programming and partnership outreach of UN staff by appraising faith-based partnership dynamics. As with many of our offerings, this event was based on mutual sharing of practical experiences, activities and lessons learned.

Knowledge Management

Our world has changed, and with it the challenges the United Nations is called upon to address. We live in a time where everything is inter-connected, where events may have ripple effects that span the whole globe almost immediately. A world of higher interdependence and complexity. A scenario where the United Nations' accrued experience, networks and acumen are of paramount importance. Today, UN personnel are increasingly called upon to foster innovation, identify good practices, distil lessons and facilitate the flow of knowledge beyond traditional North-South cooperation, including among new and emerging powers.

Leveraging knowledge has become a key component of the UN strategy to defeat misery and suffering. Knowledge management is seen as one of the pillars for the United Nations of the future. As the inter-agency provider of knowledge management for the UN system, we have insiders' knowledge of the challenges faced by UN personnel and organizations. Our unique position also enables us to convene ideas, and to identify "pockets of knowledge" and innovative approaches and solutions found across the UN system, as well as those emerging from its academic and institutional partners.

By organizing thematic knowledge fairs and supporting knowledge networks, we facilitate knowledge exchange and enhance staff competencies to identify, share and apply good practices. Connecting people and experiences across the UN system is a priority and a design paradigm for all our initiatives. Our approach to knowledge management is not limited to merely including it as an additional topic in our programme portfolio: knowledge management and sharing are at the heart of our activities and modus operandi.

Highlights in KM Training 2011

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THINK UN, ACT SMART: LEVERAGING EXPERIENCE AND GOOD PRACTICE

Building on the success of the previous year. we partnered with UN system organizations to deliver this knowledge management course, which was designed to enhance staff competencies to apply knowledge management tools and techniques, and to promote coordination and knowledge sharing at the country level. The course provides a "hands-on" and contextual approach to knowledge management in support of leadership and managerial efforts to break "operational silos", foster internal and interagency communication, and empower colleagues to leverage their knowledge and experience. In 2011, the course was held twice: in Thailand (in collaboration with UNDP Regional Centre for the Asia-Pacific region) and in Vietnam (in collaboration with the Resident Coordinator's Office).

MEASUREMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE **RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT**

This inter-agency knowledge-sharing course strengthens the competencies of participants in evaluation methodology, collecting and analysing data, reporting results and using Women - "Empowering women: Career data to manage performance.

Developed in cooperation with the ROI Retention". Mr. Hendra underscored the Institute, the course complements our existing importance of "leading by example" as a initiatives on RBM and evaluation by providing a more in-depth, technical and skills-building gender parity in the UN system. learning event on one of the key elements of

RBM strategies: performance measurement. The Forum's success was confirmed by In 2011, the course was held in South Africa the participants' very positive feedback. and in Chile, and an online version was also

launched to increase its outreach.

THE LEARNING MANAGERS **FORUM 2011**

The Learning Managers Forum is an annual event that brings together staff, mainly Chiefs, from the learning, training and staff development functions in the UN system and affiliated international organizations to share experiences, work together on common projects and learn new skills.

> In 2011, the 14th edition was centered on the themes of "Doing more with less: Strengthening the UN from within" and "Women's empowerment: Career development, Talent management and Retention". The event brought together 39 participants from 31 UN agencies and affiliated organizations.

> > Highlights of the Forum included sessions by key speakers such as Jane Hart, Founder Centre for Learning & Performance Technologies. Ms. Hart demonstrated the key elements of leveraging and fostering informal learning in a world of IT use, by merging personal learning tools, work

and social media. One of the Forum's key themes was addressed by Mr. John Hendra, Assistant Secretary-General, UN Development, Talent Management and

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The recommendation rate was 100 percent.



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state warfare. No longer are the boundaries clearly defined between conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, nor are the actors and activities confined to one or the other. To understand the structural and cultural elements that propagate patterns of violent conflict, UN staff need nonlinear, creative solutions which are truly based on cultural values and goals. At the same time, the creative solutions must take local circumstances into account while adhering to UN planning and programming. In addition, and programming. In adomon UN staff in the field are calling

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for an improvement in their own personal security. We at the College understand that the inter-connectedness of the challenges to global security are indeed central to our training and learning events in this field. In 2011 our courses touched on innovative and diverse themes, such as examining how theories of change and conflict analysis can lead to better prevention programming; what makes decentralized governance processes a mechanism for conflict prevention; how natural resources can be managed equitably and contribute to peace; how Rule of Law principles can be translated into a unified UN approach; and the basic standards that security officers need to meet before training others.

Thanks to our inter-agency focus, we believe we are best placed to harness the UN system's potential and create training and learning events that can make a real difference.

The list continues, but all training and learning events share one fundamental principle: whether they are courses, workshops, round table discussions or high-level seminars, they are designed around strengthening skills and sharing knowledge. As the challenges to peace and security are continuously evolving, the responses will need to encompass different skill sets, updated knowledge, cutting-edge technology, inter-connected practices and creative and complex solutions.

Highlights in Peace & Security Training 2011

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SAFE AND SECURE APPROACHES IN FIELD ENVIRONMENTS (SSAFE)

In response to the continuing demand for training for UN and associated personnel who are exposed to security risks when working in conflict-affected areas, the Safe and Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) programme was delivered in collaboration with the UN Department for Safety and Security.

Training in the field was provided through a pool of UNSSCcertified trainers who had taken part in the Training of Trainers workshops to maximize the programme's outreach: almost 3,000 people received certified SSAFE training in 2011.

DECENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACEBUILDING

This course, delivered for the first time in 2010, provides participants with insights on decentralized governance and its relationship with conflict. The objective is to ensure that participants gain sound grounding in the theoretical concepts and are equipped with the analytic tools and skills they need to better understand when and how decentralized and local governance can contribute to conflict prevention and peacebuilding efforts in volatile and post-conflict contexts.

CONFLICT ANALYSIS FOR PREVENTION AND PEACEBUILDING

The course provides participants with practical skills for conducting conflict analysis in contexts of deteriorating human security, armed conflict, political crisis and other threats to peace. It gives a solid framework to engage with volatile political situations where a conflict prevention lens is required, and post-conflict settings where the consolidation of peace is the priority. The course was delivered twice in Turin in 2011. It was also conducted in a redesigned format in Budapest, Chiapas (Mexico) and New York. A semi-tutored and more basic online version was launched for the first time at the end of December 2011.

We also continued to provide advisory services to UNCTs to ensure that conflict prevention is inserted as an integral part of the UN planning and programming processes.

UN UNIFIED RULE OF LAW TRAINING

2011 saw the roll-out of this newly designed course, which seeks to enable UN personnel working in Rule of Law - in law enforcement, criminal justice, prisons/corrections, law reform, gender justice, economic and social justice - to better apply a UN system-wide approach in substantive areas, such as understanding legal systems and cultures, mapping and assessing them, developing national justice strategies and understanding common UN approaches to programming.

INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOPS

In 2011, we delivered a number of workshops for strategic planning officers in Resident Coordinators Offices, peacekeeping and special political missions, and selected UN Departments. The workshops were jointly convened by DOCO, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The goal was to advance the UN agenda on system-wide coherence by combining skills training with indepth sessions on implementation and monitoring of Integrated Strategic Frameworks, which are the basis for the Integrated Mission Planning Process

Through these training and learning events, participants increased their awareness of the latest planning and coordination tools and initiatives available in the system and reinforced their strategic planning and coordination skills. The design of the workshops provided peer learning opportunities and resulted in the establishment of a community of practice among planning and coordination practitioners.

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One of the prime advantages of working with us is our access to an array of world-renowned academic institutions. As a common practice, we never hand over the design and delivery of our courses to a third-party institution. Instead, we identify the best and most suitable group of faculty members to team up in developing and rolling out our offerings. This practice ensures that our courses are relevant to the current realities OURADDED IALUE and challenges that UN staff face, while introducing new and innovative thinking combined with academic rigor.

INNOVATION THAT GENERATES VALUE FOR MONEY

AN INSIDER'S VIEW We at the College take pride in our ability to design and deliver high-level training that is specifically intended for the UN system's needs. Being part of the UN family ourselves, we are able to anticipate demands for training in priority areas as well as respond quickly to new needs arising at Headquarters and in the field.

> As a learning and training institute, Knowledge Management forms the basis of our operating principles. This means that every course and learning event we organize employs a succinct Knowledge Management methodology. The cyclical concept forms the crux of our learning philosophy: generating new ideas or

A KNOWLEDGE-BASED ORGANIZATION

formed partnerships with scholars from global institutions In 2011, we such as Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), INSEAD and Lee Kwan Yew University of Singapore to work with their faculty members in designing and delivering our courses. In addition, we strive to expose course participants to cuttingedge knowledge by attracting speakers and subject matter experts within the UN as well as outside the system who now make regular appearances in our courses (see our list of speakers).

experts can easily be deployed to deliver the same highquality training directly to the field. UNCTS, UN Field Offices, Specialized Agencies and RCs are some of our regular clients who call on our services. In addition, we are able to design a completely new, ad-hoc course in as fast as six months, which constitutes an excellent advantage for clients in the field who need prompt and valuefor-money training services.

REACHING OUT WHERE THE NEEDS ARISE Our mobile, yet small, team of

identifying solutions to problems; tested good creatively codifying them for learning purposes; sharing them among the learners; and using simulation learning models, applying new and tested ideas to contextspecific work problems.

" I really learned a lot. It was challenging but also extraordinarily positive. It really reminded me of the common sense of purpose and values shared within the UN System. Very comforting indeed." " Excellent. The lectures covered a broad spectrum of issues, the events were diverse, and yet each lecture and every event was closely focused on the main theme of the programme, namely leadership in the sense of cultural development. That was the best training programme I ever had."

" Feel energized to address the coming challenges with the reinvigorated and reinforced values which we discussed over the past 2 weeks." personally and professionally, " The UNCT and In were very pleased with the support received from the UNSSC facilitation team. They have engaged with enthusiasm, respect, empathy and understanding of the context and have. ensured that the UNDAF Rollout is conducted in such a way that the objectives are achieved." (Resident Coordinator)

WHAT OTHERS SAY ...

" It was an excellent opportunity to be together the last 2 weeks and to share experiences and to get to know each other. My deep thanks go to our colleagues at the Staff College who spared no efforts to let us benefit from this course and to feel at home." " I really enjoyed the time we had together in Turin, it was a very unique opportunity to learn and share experiences. Thank you staff college, you did a brilliant job. " I had a very refreshing and intellectually inspiring time in Turin. There are a few things that stand out in my mind as take aways: a stronger sense of belonging to the UN family, a whole new perspective on the system including what to expect from it and what to do for it." " Thank you for sending me an outstanding team to support us with the prioritization retreat. They were great, the facilitator really first class and the trainers were superb. (Resident Coordinator)

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" I would like to thank colleagues in Turin for having sent an experienced and knowledgeable team of facilitators to the UNDAF workshop. They managed to create an atmosphere of dialogue and collaboration among the UN Team and our Partners, leaving us with more clarity on the way ahead. The workshop brought new momentum to our joint push for increasing business. efficiency and sparked a series of follow-up actions in the preparation of the Strategic Planning Retreat. (Resident Coordinator) " It sounds like a cliché but it is really there within already and there are many ways of untapping it. What stops us many times to be great and good is the fear and holding back. This opportunity also in a very good way helped all of us to be proud of our mission and to find inspiration to stay the course." "... this is one of the best Conline] training I have had and thanks for all the encouraging communications. I am so anxious to pass and get the certificate and hoping to participate in another training organized by the UNSSC.

as much From each other as " working with the UN System Staff College to offer the Evaluation and Impact Assessment (EIA) they do from the presenters Workshop and Clinic is a privilege. We are proud of the work we are doing throughout the UN system, particularly our work with UNSSC to help build capacity in measurement and evaluation. The steps taken toward showing the value in programme investments is impressive. It is exciting to watch participants stretch their thinking as they apply a model of evaluation that includes the return on investment (ROI) calculation to programmes, and projects of all types. (Dr. Jack J. Phillips and Dr. Patti P. Phillips, Founders of the ROI Institute, Inc.)



Participants learn









EXPANDING OUR OFFERING

In 2011, we expanded our services beyond Turin and delivered courses in various UN headquarters, regional hubs and country locations.

For example, thousands of UN staff were able to take advantage of our offerings in regional hubs such as Bangkok, Nairobi and Santiago. Our learning opportunities also benefitted a large number of UN personnel attached to UN country operations - such as our learning & facilitation support to UNCTs in their efforts to develop the UNDAF. This typically takes place by organizing Strategic Planning Retreats through which UN Country Teams and their partners review and validate the major national development problems and the comparative advantages of the UN system, and identify the priorities for UN intervention.

For this initiative, we manage a global UNDAF Training of Trainers programme and a roster of approximately 300 UN staff with different areas of expertise who are available to support UNCTs on our behalf.

We also recognize the enormous value of distance and on-line learning to reach a wider audience. In 2011 we made solid investments to bring our courses to those UN staff who were not able to benefit from our offerings in Turin and other locations. Three new on-line courses were developed (tutored or semi-tutored) in Results-Based Management, Conflict Analysis and Instructional Design, providing a flexible and cost-effective alternative to our traditional offerings in these areas.

PARTNERSHIPS

In 2011, a host of agencies, funds and programmes sought collaborative training ventures with the College. Our joint ventures with UN Volunteers, UN Women, UNICEF, UNHCR and the UN Secretariat to train staff on common system priorities are an indication of our reputation as a sound and reliable partner. A new tripartite alliance with UNITAR and ITC/ILO on a number of joint activities has strengthened synergies between our three UN training institutes.

We also systematically worked with world-renowned learning institutions such as Harvard University, INSEAD, MIT and the University of Notre Dame, which now feature regularly in our portfolio of courses.

At the same time, we embarked on a strategy to form partnerships with institutions in the South, including with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore; and the University of Malaya, the International Institute for Public Policy and Management and the University of Tun Abdul Razak in Malaysia. In Africa, we initiated discussions with the University of Pretoria for joint initiatives to be designed and implemented in 2012.

We also continued to enjoy a fruitful partnership with Turin-based entities such as the Compagnia di San Paolo Foundation, the Regional Government of Piedmont, the City of Turin, the Italian Military, as well as with traditional donors such as the Swedish Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Host Country. Each of these entities, through financial or in-kind contributions, significantly assisted our work and enabled us to increase our course offerings.

INCREASED SELF-SUSTAINABILITY

Despite the global financial downturn, which also had its impacts on our resources, we experienced a tremendous growth of 110 percent of income generated compared to the 2006-07 biennium. This was a result of contracts with various UN agencies and fees paid by course participants, thanks to our appealing course offering and our competent team of trainers and facilitators. This significant growth in revenue clearly demonstrates our growing reputation as a centre of excellence for learning, training and knowledge management for the entire UN system.

In addition, by effectively using a fee-based business model, we were able to generate resources to a record level of USD 6,794,361 by the end of 2011. This represents 73 percent of the total contributions we received, with only 10 percent being donor-related: an outstanding result for a small organization and a testimony of our ability to cope with a fast-changing environment thanks to a flexible and mobile way of conceiving training.

FACTS AND FIGHBES

ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 WITH NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

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		Event			
1	January	United Nations Country Team (UNCT) Strategic Planning Retreat	Saudi Arabia	5.073	11
2	January	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	Chad		75
3	January	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	Perù	14	48
4	January	Integrated Mission Planning Process Inter-agency Strategic Planners Workshop	Italy		46
5	January	Country Analysis and Comparative Advantage Workshop	Algeria	6 5	56
6	February	Human Rights-Based Approach: Validation of Common Learning Package	Italy		27
7	February	Conflict Analysis for Peacebuilding Programming	USA		29
8	February	UNDAF Lessons Learnt meeting	Italy		10
9	February	Resident Coordinators Induction Phase II	Italy & Switzerland	+	14
10	February	UNCT Leadership and Coordination Skills	Italy		25
11	March	Conflict Analysis for Prevention and Peacebuilding	Italy	3	33
12	March	UNDAF Regional Workshop	Thailand	6	60
13	March	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	Panama	*	51
14	March	Human Rights-Based Approach: Training of Trainers	Italy	3	34
15	March	Think UN, Act Smart: Leveraging Experience and Good Practice	Thailand		17
16	March	UN Leaders VI Cohort - Peace & Security	Italy		22
17	March	Evaluation and Impact Assessment (EIA) of Learning - COURSE	Italy		14
18	March	UNDAF Regional Planning Workshop for Anglophone Africa	Rwanda	{	86
19	March	Evaluation and Impact Assessment (EIA) of Learning - CLINIC	Italy		11
20	March	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	Brazil		48
21	April	UNDAF Regional Workshop for Francophone Africa	Senegal	•	73
22	April	Safe & Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) Training of Trainers	Italy		27
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	Month				No.
23	April	UNDAF Regional Workshop for Hispanophone Countries	Panama	÷.	73
24	April	UNDAF In-Country Workshop	Jordan		124
25	April	Quality Support Assurance Meeting	Italy		32
26	April -	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	Algeria	e	64
27	May	Sub-regional UNDAF Planning Workshop	Fiji	988 4	44
28	May	UNDAF Roadmap Workshop	Djibouti	•	43
29	May	UNDAF Planning Workshop	Moldova	0	29
30	May	UNDAF Validation Workshop	Malawi	0	68
31	May	Conflict Analysis for Prevention and Peacebuilding	Mexico	8	19
32	May	Human Rights-Based Approach/Results-Based Management Workshop	Lesotho	*	27
33	May	Safe & Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) Regional Training of Trainers	Nicaragua	8	19
34	May	Workshop on UN Volunteers Strategic Engagement in UN Country Programming Process	Germany		40
35	May	UNCT Retreat	Djibouti	•	43
36	May	Human Rights-Based Approach/Results-Based Management Workshop	Jordan		20
37	June-	Human Rights-Based Approach/Results-Based Management Workshop	Italy		34
38	June	Think UN, Act Smart: Leveraging Experience and Good Practice	Vietnam	*	31
39	June	UNDAF Roadmap Workshop	Belize	8	15
40	June	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	India		53
41	June	UNCT Leadership and Coordination Skills	Italy		20
42	June	Learning Managers Forum	Italy	11	41
43	July	Translating Policy into Action: Tools for Policy Design and Implementation	Italy	11	23
44	July	Safe & Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) Regional Training of Trainers	Afghanistan	0	23
45	July	UN Unified Rule of Law Training	Italy		24
46	July	Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction in UN Country Programming	Panama	•	39
47	July	Measurements for effective Results-Based Management Workshop	South Africa		40
48	July	Human Rights-Based Approach/Results-Based Management Workshop	Djibouti	>	44
49	July	UN Leaders VII Cohort - Ethics & Accountability	Italy		26
50	July	Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction in UN Country Programming	Thailand	_	20
51	August	Human Rights-Based Approach/Results-Based Management Workshop	Belize	۲	13
52	September	Young Professionals Orientation Programme	Italy		32
53	September	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	Moldova		42
54	September	Training on use of DevInfo for UNDAF monitoring	Italy		27
55	September	UNCT Leadership and Coordination Skills	Italy	T.	30
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56	September	Safe & Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) Regional Training of Trainers	Democratic Rep of Congo	\sim	17
57	September	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	Democratic Rep of Congo	/	46
58	September	Human Rights-Based Approach/Results-Based Management Workshop	Eq. Guinea	2	28
59	September	Communication Skills for Junior Diplomats	Italy		44
60	September	Strategic Learning Exchange: Faith and Development	Italy		31
61	September	UN Women Regional Planning Meeting	Morocco	*	30
62	September	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	Lesotho		40
63	October	UN Women Regional Planning Meeting	Thailand		22
64	October	Conflict Analysis for Prevention and Peacebuilding course	Italy		25
65	October	Operations Management Skills Training	Italy		44
66	October	UN Women Regional Planning Meeting	Turkey	C-	28
67	October	Human Rights-Based Approach/Results-Based Management Workshop	Italy		22
68	October	UN Women Regional Planning Meeting	Ethiopia		35
69	October	Safe & Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) Training of Trainers	Italy		19
70	October	UN Women Regional Planning Meeting	Panama		27
71	November	Rio+20: Sustainable Development 'Next Practices'	Italy		27
72	November	UNCT Leadership and Coordination Skills	Italy		28
73	November	Safe & Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) Training of Trainers	Italy		18
74	November	Conflict Analysis Training for Humanitarian Actors	Hungary		18
75	November	Decentralized Governance and Conflict Prevention & Peacebuilding	Italy		27
76	November	Measurements for effective Results-Based Management Workshop	Chile		24
77	November	Operations Management Skills Training	Italy		48
78	November	Facilitation Skills	Switzerland	+	17
79	November	Persuasive Public Speaking	Switzerland	+	10
80	November	UN Leaders VIII Cohort - Culture & Development	Italy		19
81	November	Training of Trainers	Switzerland	+	19
82	November	UNCT Strategic Planning Retreat	Djibouti		40
83	December	Resident Coordinators/Resident Representatives Induction	USA		18
84	December	UN Fellows Workshop: Tools for Development Cooperation	Italy		22
		Secure and Safe Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) courses run by UNSSC-certified trainers		3,	026
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TOTAL UNSSC BENEFICIARIES BY YEAR

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2006-2007 BIENNIUM

SELF-GENERATED INCOME BY BIENNIA 2006-2011

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2008-2009 BIENNIUM

Income generated by Contracts

Income generated by fee-based activities

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2010-2011 BIENNIUM



EXPENDITURE BY BIENNIA

(expressed in US dollars)

	2006 - 2007	2008 - 2009	2010 - 2011
Salaries and other personnel costs	\$ 8,454,203	\$ 10,961,334	\$ 13,421,704
Travel	\$ 1,582,716	\$ 2,923,533	\$ 3,419,126
Contractual services	\$ 1,542,274	\$ 514,418	\$ 581,747
Operating expenses	\$ 1,647,132	\$ 2,228,982	\$ 2,137,106
Acquisitions	\$ 213,975	\$ 264,480	\$ 348,513
Total expenditure	\$ 13,440,299	\$ 16,892,748	\$ 19,908,196

Notes:

1) 2006-2007 expenditure is based on the UNOG statement of income and expenditure for the biennium 2006-2007 ending 31/12/2007 2) 2008-2009 expenditure is based on the UNOG statement of income and expenditure for the biennium 2008-2009 ending 31/12/2009 3) 2010-2011 expenditure is based on financial data generated from IMIS for the biennium 2010-2011 ending 31/12/2011

EXPENDITURE BY YEAR

(expressed in US dollars)

	2009	2010	2011
Salaries and other personnel costs	\$ 5,778,976	\$ 6,661,160	\$ 6,760,544
Travel	\$ 1,183,532	\$ 2,370,761	\$ 1,048,365
Contractual services	\$ 254,809	\$ 194,900	\$ 386,846
Operating expenses	\$ 1,157,023	\$ 1,345,605	\$ 791,501
Acquisitions	\$ 145,836	\$ 206,825	\$ 141,688
Total expenditure	\$ 8,520,175	\$ 10,779,252	\$ 9,128,944

Notes:

1) 2009 expenditure is based on the UNOG statement of income and expenditure for the biennium 2008-2009 ending 31/12/2009

2) 2010 expenditure is based on the UNOG statement of income and expenditure for the biennium 2010-2011 ending 31/12/2010

3) 2011 expenditure is based on financial data generated from IMIS for the biennium 2010-2011 ending 31/12/2011

UN AGENCIES' CORE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2011 (expressed in US dollars)

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FAO	\$ 36,934
IAEA	\$ 20,789
ICAO	\$ 8,458
IFAD	\$ 3,549
ILO	\$ 25,130
IMO	\$ 3,093
ITU	\$ 8,133
UNDP	\$ 36,630
UNESCO	\$ 24,998
UNFPA	\$ 7,849
UNHCR	\$ 35,687
UNICEF	\$ 48,140
UNIDO	\$ 7,403
United Nations	\$ 150,424
UNOPS	\$ 7,068
UNRWA	\$ 2,130
UPU	\$ 1,714
WFP	\$ 13,964
WHO	\$ 47,572
WIPO	\$ 7,575
WMO	\$ 2,758
Total expenditure	\$ 500,000

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FINANCIAL DATA

ORIGIN OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2011 (expressed in US dollars)

Local Authorities	\$ 186,649
Foundations	\$ 827,108
UN Core Contribution	\$ 500,000
Self-Generated Income - collected & receivable	\$ 6,794,361
Governments	\$ 961,880





BALANCE SHEET AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2011 as provided by the United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG)

Cash and term deposits	\$ 945,995	
Cash Pool	\$ 13,876,741	
UN Agencies contributions receivables	\$ 409,616	
Interfund receivable	\$ 12,192	
Deferred Expenditures	\$ 47,288	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 15,291,833	

Deferred Payable	\$ (387,871)
Deferred Income	\$ (856,911)
Unliquidated obligations	\$ (433,043)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ (1,677,825)

Operating reserves	\$	-	
Refund to donors	\$	(235,064)	
Prior period savings	\$	(275,173)	
Cumulative surplus (deficit)	\$	(13,573,899)	
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Based in Turin, Italy, the **United Nations System Staff College** (UNSSC) is the primary **provider** of inter-agency **training** and **learning** for staff of the United Nations system. Its overall objective is to **promote** and support UN **inter-agency** collaboration, increase the operational **effectiveness** of the UN system as a whole and provide **UN staff** with the required skills and **competencies** to face today's global challenges.

The **UNSSC** conducts a variety of learning and training **activities**, in **Turin**, UN **Headquarters** as well as at the regional and **country level**. All such activities effectively **respond** to the cross-agency, far-reaching **reform agenda** of the United Nations.