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*Comprehensive Capacity
Building for Multi-dimensional
Peacekeeping Operations*

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**History of Australian
Peacekeeping**

- Australian peacekeeping commenced in 1947
 - Four military officers deployed to the former Dutch East Indies as part of the United Nations Good Offices Commission
 - More than 55 000 Australians have since been involved in peacekeeping operations
 - The Australian Defence Force (ADF) and Australian Federal Police (AFP) have been involved in over 100 operations world-wide



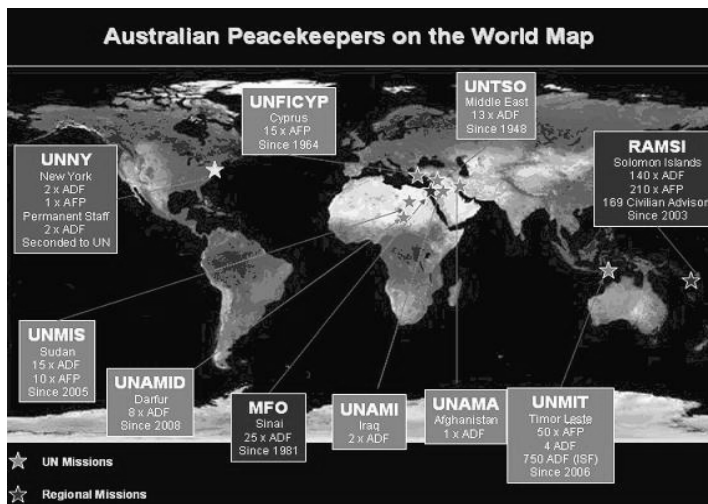
History of Australian Peacekeeping

- Australian peacekeepers have worked in many locations around the world
 - 1950's: UN Commission on Korea
 - 1950 -1985: UN observers in Kashmir and Palestine
 - 1964 - ongoing: UN Force in Cyprus
 - 1970's and 80's: RAAF helicopters in Sinai
 - Late 1970's: 150 ADF personnel in British Commonwealth Operation as Zimbabwe won independence
 - Late 1980's: ADF engineers under the UN in Namibia and AFP specialist in the UN Transitional Assistance Group
 - 1993: over 2000 peacekeepers in Cambodia and Somalia
 - 1992-94: AFP training specialist to the Commonwealth Observer Mission to South Africa

History of Australian Peacekeeping

- 1994: Australian medical staff in Rwanda and AFP deployment to UN Mission in Mozambique
- 1994/95: AFP deployment to Haiti
- 1997 - 2003: ADF, AFP, DFAT and AusAID in Truce and Peace Monitoring Group operations in Bougainville
- 1999: AFP & ADF in UN Assistance Mission in East Timor
- 2000 - ongoing: UN Transitional Administration in East Timor
- 2006: ADF led International Security Force and AFP contribution to international police security component in East Timor

Australia's Current Peacekeeping Operations



Multi-dimensional Peacekeeping & Capacity Building

- **Peacekeeping** operations involving multi-national contingents governed by international fora enable:
 - establishment of peaceful conditions allowing civilian agencies to provide basic needs for ongoing peace
 - opportunity for capacity building to prevent conflict from re-emerging
- **Capacity building** is key to restoration of ongoing peace and establishment of a civil society. Includes establishing:
 - good governance
 - a well regulated economy
 - a health system
 - an education system that builds human capital
 - a legal system that provides the basis for law enforcement and human rights

Current Capacity Building Initiatives

- Current initiatives include:
 - Combined peacekeeping training in Papua New Guinea
 - Pacific Patrol Boat Program
 - Engagement with the African Union to develop African military peacekeeping capacity
 - Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands
 - Timor-Leste Police Development Program
 - Pacific Police Development Program (discussed below)

Australian-led Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI)

- Background
 - deployed 24 July 2003
 - Pacific Island Forum decision
 - mission to assist the Solomon Islands Government to:
 - restore law and justice
 - strengthen economic governance and growth
 - improve the machinery of government
 - security operations are led by the police, supported by the military component

RAMSI Participating Police Force

- The PPF has direct involvement with the law and justice area of RAMSI through:
 - capacity building of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF)
 - management of the Fire Service and Maritime elements of the RSIPF
- Advisers from 15 contributing Pacific Island Forum police services
- Located in all provinces of the Solomon Islands

RAMSI ADF Contribution

- The number of troops has varied since 2003 depending on the level of unrest
- ADF personnel have continued to provide a calming presence in the Solomon Islands after the 2006 riots
- Since 2007, eight Army Reserve Company groups (at least 800 reservists) have been deployed at the invitation of the Solomon Islands Government
- Operation ANODE has been extended until June 2010

RAMSI Combined (Military) Task Force

- Principal task is to provide security and support for the Participating Police Force (PPF)
- The Task Force works closely with the police and civilian elements of RAMSI to assist the Solomon Islands Government and the Solomon Islands Police Force in maintaining law and order
- The Combined Task Force includes:
 - A Multinational Headquarters
 - One platoon from the ADF
 - One platoon from the NZDF
 - One platoon from Pacific Island nations

RAMSI Civilian Component

- Civilians working as part of RAMSI support the development of three key areas:
 - **Machinery of government**
 - effective cabinet and parliamentary processes
 - reforming the public service
 - accountability mechanisms and institutions
 - electoral and civic education
 - improving provincial governance
 - **Law and Justice**
 - policing
 - courts
 - prisons
 - **Economic Governance and Growth**
 - strengthening public finances
 - encouraging business and economic growth
 - support for provincial farmers

AFP Capacity Building – Pacific Police Development Program

- \$80.5m over 2008-13
- PNG – Australia Policing Partnership for the development of the RPNGC over the long term (30 years) – 13 AFP deployed
- Nauru – AFP Commissioner & 2 other AFP deployed
- Samoa – joint AFP and Attorney-General Department transitional support to Samoan Police Services – 1 AFP deployed
- Tonga – capacity development of Tongan Police Service – 4 AFP deployed
- Vanuatu – since 2003 an assistance program for creating a safe and secure environment through efficient and effective police services – 10 AFP deployed
- Partnerships focus on host nation police and engagement with NZ

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AFP International Training Complex
















- Purpose built facility in Canberra to replicate overseas mission environments
- Venue for training in counter terrorism, search and rescue, protection, forensics and other emergency service, law enforcement and military operations
- The AFP pre-deployment training includes capacity development, human rights, cultural awareness and basic skills such as four wheel driving and field first aid
- The training program received formal UN recognition in November 2007

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Members of Pacific Island Countries trained by the AFP for deployment to RAMSI	
 Cook Islands – 16	 Marshall Islands – 9
 Micronesia (Federated States) – 10	 Samoa – 86
 Fiji – 102	 Tonga – 93
 Kiribati – 34	 Tuvalu – 13
 Nauru – 29	 Vanuatu – 56
 Palau – 10	 Niue – 5
 Papua New Guinea – 59	
TOTAL DEPLOYED – 522 @ February 2010 (rotations yearly)	

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Vision Statement

Support the development of civil-military capabilities to prevent, prepare for and respond more effectively to disasters and conflicts overseas

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Conclusion

- Comprehensive capacity building is an essential component of peacekeeping, to prevent the re-emergence of conflict
- Australia is proud of our past and current peacekeeping and capacity building efforts, involving the ADF, AFP and civilian agencies
- However, we have much to learn from member nations here today
- We look forward to continuing our cooperation on these issues

Questions?