

Invitation to a workshop on

Norway as a Key Actor in Community-Oriented Policing in Post-Conflict Police Reform

22 November 2022, the Norwegian Police University College

Across the globe, trusting relationships between the police and communities remain a significant challenge, not least in post-conflict contexts. As a key actor on the international stage, Norway engages heavily in development assistance, peacebuilding, and police reform in these difficult contexts through bilateral, multilateral, and civil society channels. Norway is, therefore, in a unique position to influence police reform in ways that build trust with local communities and ensure broader human security. How can Norwegian actors collaborate to play a more vital role in transforming police reform processes internationally?

To address this question, and to form a 'Community of Users,' the **Center for Community-Oriented Policing and Post-Conflict Police Reform** ([ICT4COP Center](#)) is inviting key Norwegian government and civil society actors to a half-day workshop. The preliminary schedule is as follows:

8:30-9:00 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome:** Tor Tanke Holm, Assistant Principal, PHS

Welcome from the ICT4COP Center, and Purpose of the Workshop: [Ingrid Nyborg, ICT4COP Center Leader, NMBU](#)

Brief presentation of the [EU Horizon 2020 ICT4COP project](#), and its key findings (20 mins)

Ingrid Nyborg, [Tor Damkås, Chief Superintendent \(PHS\)](#), [Kari Osland, Senior Research Fellow \(NUPI\)](#)

9:35 – 10:30 Panel **discussion** on challenges working in post-conflict contexts in and with police reform. with representatives from policymakers, police, and civil society organizations

Panel Moderator: [Jai Ganapathy, Senior Lecturer, PHS](#)

Panel members:

[Douglas Brand, International Police Advisor and Former British Police Chief](#)

[Kari Øyen, Country Advisor Ethiopia, Regional Peace Program Eastern Africa \(RPP\) and Regional Program Southern Africa \(ROSA\), Norwegian Church Aid.](#)

[Hanna Mollan, member of the UN Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic, United Nations](#)

[Col \(Ret\) Petter HF Lindqvist, Human Security and Protection of Civilians, Norwegian Defense University College](#)

10:30-10:50 **Coffee break**

10:50-11:30 **Addressing Challenges**

How can we better address the challenges of post-conflict police reform in our work? Where are the gaps in knowledge and competence? (Group work)

Session Leader: Jai Ganapathy, PHS

11:30-12:15 **Presentation of key points from the group work**

Session leader: [Stian Lid, Researcher, OsloMet](#)

12:15-12:30 **The Way Forward**

(Ingrid and the ICT4COP Center Team. We can gather at the front, so we all interact with the participants more)

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch and Networking**

The ICT4COP Center was established at the Department of International Environment and Development Studies (Noragric), Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) in late 2021 as a follow-up to the 5-year Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation project '[Community-Oriented Policing and Post Conflict Police Reform](#)'. The ICT4COP Center is dedicated to conducting high-level research, teaching, curriculum development, and seminars on community-oriented policing issues. This workshop is funded by the Research Council of Norway and is a collaboration between the five Norwegian ICT4COP partners: The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), Norwegian Police University College (PHS), The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), OsloMet, and the University of Oslo.



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