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The objective of A4P+ is to accelerate progress on the implementation of the Declaration of Shared Commitments on UN Peacekeeping and renew momentum on Action for Peacekeeping by focusing efforts on the systemic priorities identified in A4P+.

What is Action for Peacekeeping Plus (A4P+)?

Action for Peacekeeping Plus (A4P+) consists of seven priorities determined on the basis of an analysis of achievements, gaps and challenges in taking forward A4P since 2018. It is also informed by recent evaluations of UN Peacekeeping.

A4P+ is the implementation strategy of A4P for 2021-2023.

A4P+ was designed to enhance the impact and effectiveness of UN peacekeeping operations.

A4P+ Priorities:

Collective coherence behind a political strategy

There is need for peacekeeping missions to work towards adherence to a common strategy both internally and with key partners, including regional organizations, Member States, international financial institutions, and UN agencies, funds and programmes. They will also use their convening power to bring the collective resources of all partners to bear.

Strategic and operational integration

Enhancing strategic and operational integration is essential to achieving unity of purpose for greater impact.

Capabilities and mindsets

Peacekeeping missions must have the right capabilities and mindsets for mandate implementation.

Accountability to peacekeepers

There is need to advance current efforts to improve the safety, security and well-being of our peacekeepers. Holding perpetrators of crimes against peacekeepers accountable will continue to remain a priority.

Accountability of peacekeepers

More needs to be done to further enhance accountability for conduct and discipline, with a focus on prevention, enforcement and remedial action and strengthened support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.

We will maintain focus on accountability for our missions' environmental footprint, working to minimize their risk to people, societies and ecosystems.

We will also continue to step up our efforts to regularly assess our performance, recognize good performance and improve accountability for performance.

Strategic communications

Strategic communications will be better integrated into our planning cycles and our risk management efforts, to promote successes, manage expectations, and help address disinformation, misinformation and hate speech. It must also be recognized as a senior leadership responsibility and function, requiring a whole-of-mission, coordinated approach.

Cooperation with host countries

Constructive engagement and cooperation with our host countries remains central to political solutions, increasing peacekeepers' safety and security, bolstering performance and supporting successful transitions.

The Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda and innovative, data-driven and technology-enabled peacekeeping will be mainstreamed across these seven priorities.

Peacekeeping decisions should be informed by data-driven and evidence-based gender analysis and expertise to ensure the full integration of WPS priorities into all aspects of strategic and operational integration and planning processes.

A4P+ does not replace A4P. It aims to accelerate progress made on A4P implementation over the past three years (i.e. 2018 – 2021) by focusing on a few systematic and crosscutting priorities.

A4P+ priorities span several A4P themes, so they are not organized according to the eight A4P areas outlined in the Declaration of Shared Commitments.

What is the relationship between A4P and A4P+?

A4P remains the core agenda of the Secretary-General for UN peacekeeping. The Declaration of Shared Commitments, endorsed so far by 154 Member States and four partner organizations, continues to be the roadmap for strengthening UN peacekeeping.

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Any contribution to A4P+ implementation supports A4P implementation.

A4P+ takes a more holistic approach to implementation by placing greater emphasis on the interlinkages between the eight A4P priority commitment areas. Each of the seven priorities spans several, if not all A4P areas, with WPS and technology mainstreamed across all seven priorities.

Therefore, any effort to drive forward an A4P+ priority will have positive multiplier effects on A4P commitments across several thematic areas. In other words, by focusing our efforts on the essentials, A4P+ enables us to accomplish more on A4P.

Like A4P, implementation of A4P+ priorities will be co-led, coordinated and monitored by the Department of Peace Operations (DPO), the Department of Operational Support (DOS) and the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (DMSPC) on behalf of the Secretariat.

What is the expected role of peacekeeping partners on A4P+?

Active support of Member States, international, regional and sub-regional organizations, civil society and other peacekeeping partners will be critical to advancing the priorities within A4P+.

The upcoming Peacekeeping Ministerial will provide an opportunity for Member States to pledge to political and concrete support A4P+. The Secretariat has provided guidance on how to do so in a comprehensive and prioritized pledge guide in line with A4P+.
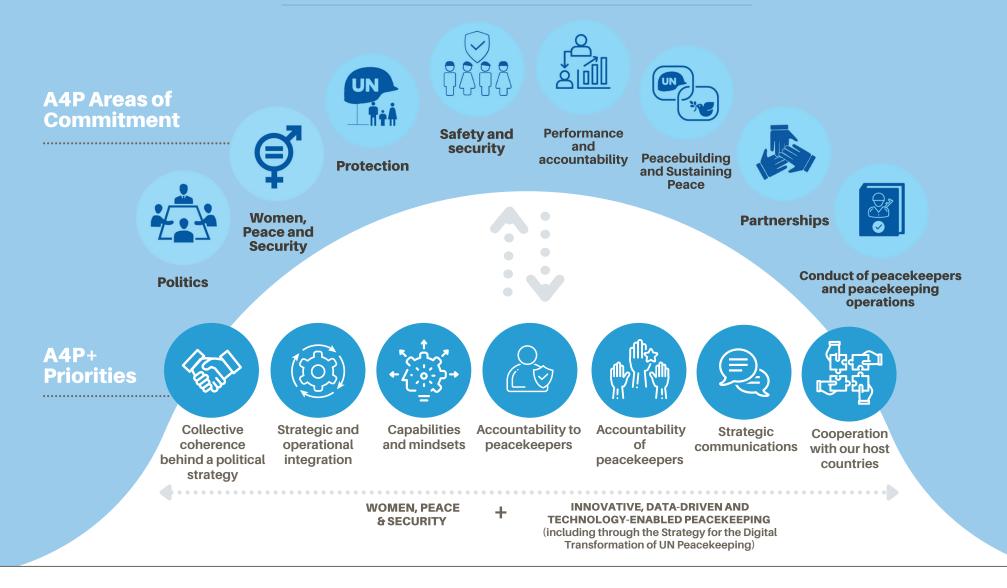

What is the implementation plan for A4P+?

The Department of Peace Operations has developed a plan to take forward the A4P+ priorities. It articulates key results and deliverables to fulfill each priority area as well as the cross-cutting objectives.

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A4P Areas of Commitment

- Politics
- Women, Peace and Security
- Protection
- Safety and security
- Performance and accountability
- Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace
- Partnerships
- Conduct of peacekeepers and peacekeeping operations

A4P+ Priorities

- Collective coherence behind a political strategy
- Strategic and operational integration
- Capabilities and mindsets
- Accountability to peacekeepers
- Accountability of peacekeepers
- Strategic communications
- Cooperation with our host countries

WOMEN, PEACE & SECURITY + **INNOVATIVE, DATA-DRIVEN AND TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED PEACEKEEPING** (including through the Strategy for the Digital Transformation of UN Peacekeeping)

2018

Through his Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative, the Secretary-General called on Member States, the Security Council, host countries, troop- and police-contributing countries, regional partners and financial contributors to renew our collective engagement with UN peacekeeping and mutually commit to reach for excellence.

2021 - 2023

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