

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all on behalf of the Commandant of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) AVM C.E.K. Dovlo and the entire staff of the KAIPTC to this pilot training on Responsibility to Protect (RtoP) for civil society actors and multidimensional peace support personnel.

The KAIPTC is supportive of the view that prevention of violence in all its forms must be given prominence within the academic and policy circles, and we are most grateful to all our sponsors and benefactors for their continuous trust and support in our vision and mandate of promoting peace and security on our continent and beyond.

I am hopeful that this three-day training will lead to outcomes that will shape your views and contribute to policy making in the implementation of R2P. I also trust that you will all avail yourselves of this opportunity to imbibe the principles of R2P and help in its effective implementation across the world.

Thank you