

Future of Peace Operations/Peace Interventions

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This symposium brings together the three members of the 2024 Independent Study team commissioned by the UN Department of Peace Operations (DPO), who authored *The Future of Peacekeeping, New Models, and Related Capabilities*—Mr. El-Ghassim Wane, Prof. Paul D. Williams, and Prof. Ai Kihara-Hunt—together with leading experts and practitioners from Japan. Drawing on the findings of the Independent Study and subsequent developments in UN peace operations, including the 2026 comprehensive review of peace operations, as well as participants' diverse perspectives, we will explore the future of peace operations and peace interventions.

Keynote Speaker



Mr. El-Ghassim Wane

Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)

Date & Time: Monday, 2 November 2026 | 17:00–19:30

Venue: The University of Tokyo, Komaba Campus

Language: English

Program

17:00 – 17:05	Welcome Speech Prof. Mitsugi Endo, Chair of the Steering Committee, Graduate Program on Human Security (HSP), The University of Tokyo
17:05 – 17:10	Video Message Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations
17:10 – 17:20	Opening Remarks Ms. Kotono Hara, Director, International Peace Cooperation Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Kenju Murakami, Director General, Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office
17:20 – 18:20	Keynote Lecture Mr. El-Ghassim Wane, Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)
18:20 – 18:30	Break
18:30 – 19:30	Panel Discussion Moderator: Prof. Ai Kihara-Hunt, The University of Tokyo Prof. Paul D. Williams, Elliott School of International Affairs Associate Prof. Yukako Tanaka (Sakabe), Kyoritsu Women's University Colonel Kuniyoshi Watanabe, Senior Fellow Researcher, National Institute for Defense Studies
19:30	Closing



Registration

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