



Lesson 3.3

Liaison and Coordination

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- Definition and aim of liaison and coordination
 - Roles of UNMO in liaison and coordination
 - Lines of liaison and coordination
 - Methods of conducting liaison and coordination
 - General guidelines for liaison and coordination



Learning Outcomes

- Explain the roles of UNMO in liaison and coordination
- Describe the lines of liaison and coordination
- Describe the general guidelines for UNMO to conduct liaison and coordination in UNPKO

Definition of Liaison and Coordination



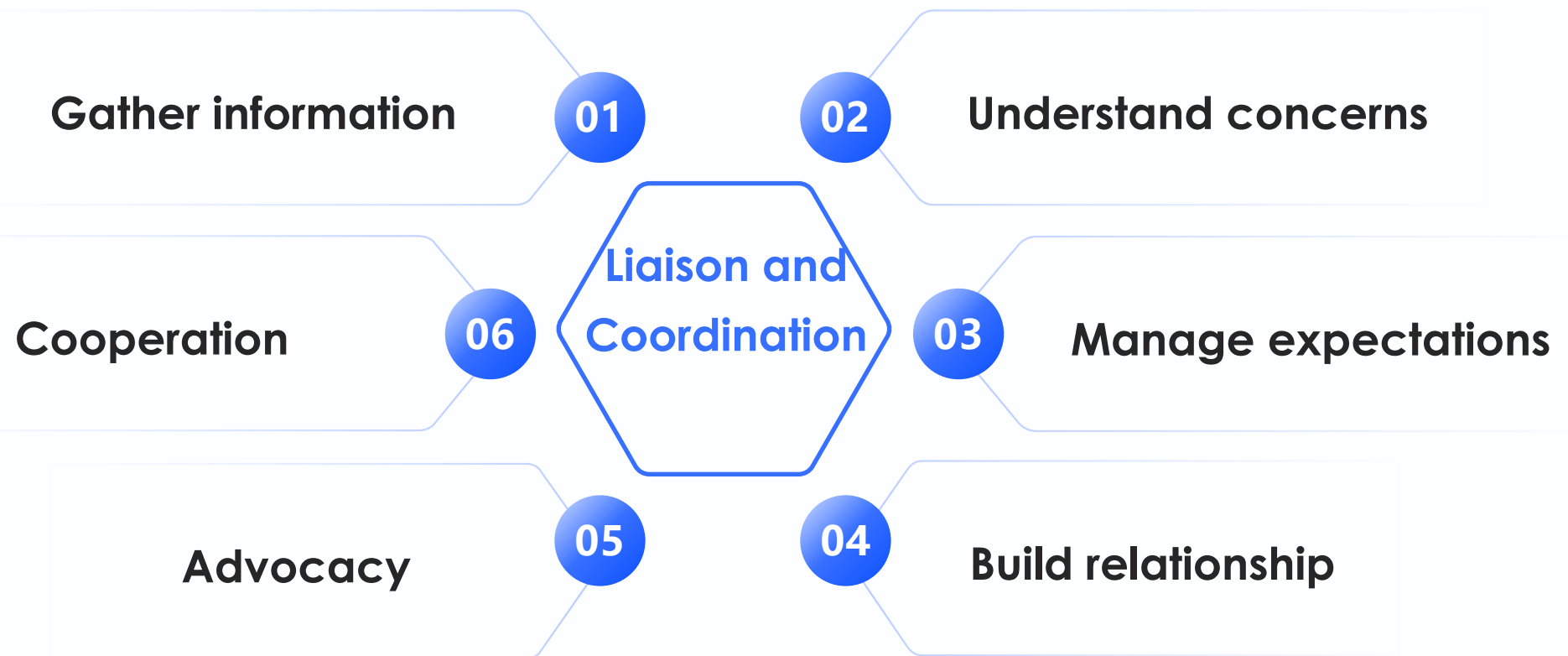
The process of establishing and maintaining communication channels and working relationship



with different mission components, mission partners and other stakeholders in the mission area



Aim of Liaison and Coordination



Roles of UNMO in Liaison and Coordination



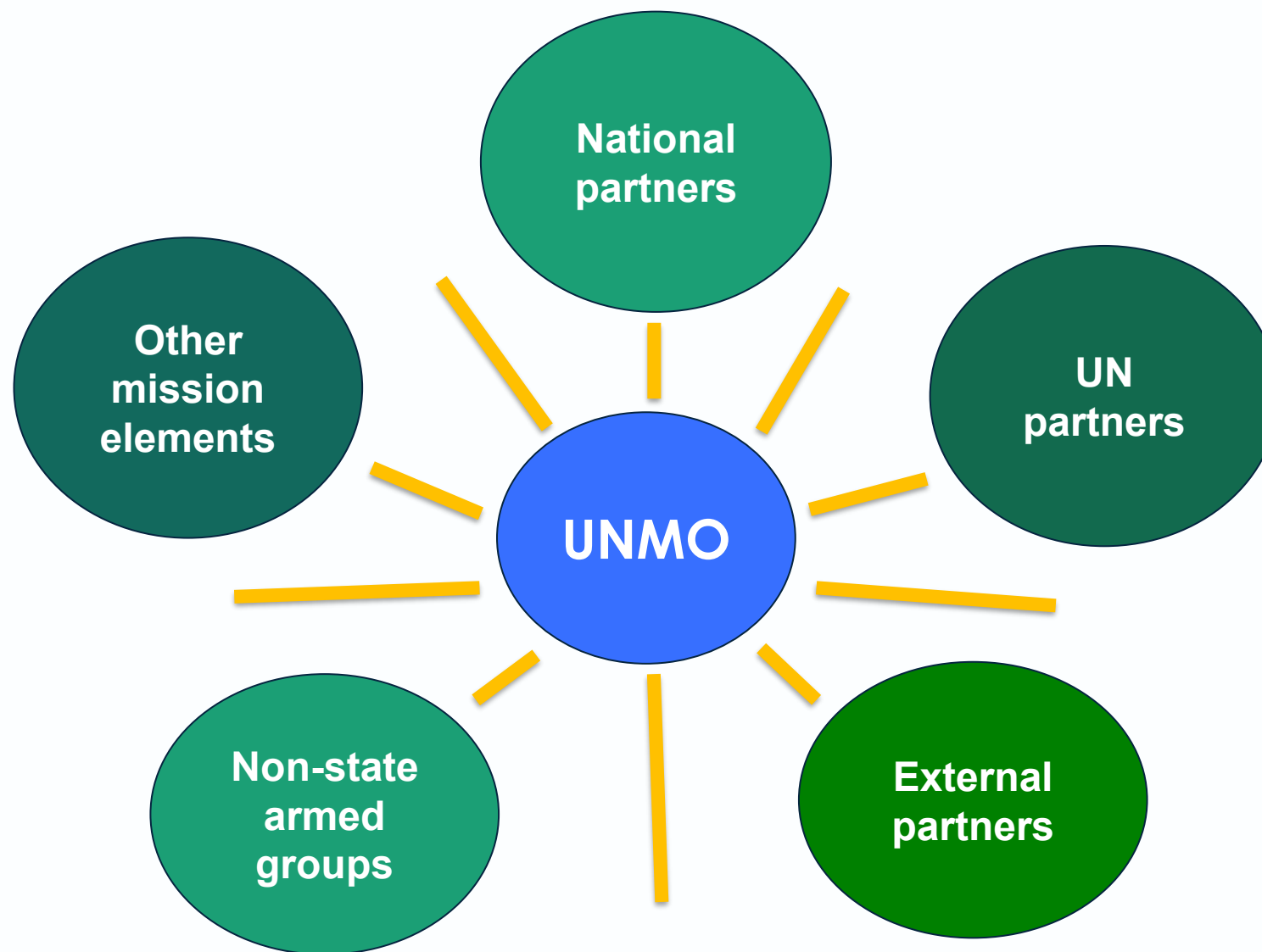
- Outreach and establish military liaison between mission and other field entities, such as:

- Local authorities, opposing armed groups, non-UN led forces, civil society, vulnerable people, etc.



- Coordinate with other UN stakeholders

Liaison and Coordination Partners



Lines of Liaison and Coordination



Friendly forces

Across chain of command

Parties to conflict

Other stakeholders



Friendly Forces



- Maintain transparency of intentions
- Encourage cross-boundary support
- Align force posture and military activity
- Conduct cross-boundary operations effectively
- Ensure operations do not conflict



Across Chain of Command



- Share Information
- Assist Planning
- Relay future intentions



Parties to Conflict



Understand concerns



Report violations



Identify areas of friction



Other Stakeholders



- Local government
- National military, police, security institution
- Civil society
- Human rights, humanitarian and development actors



Methods of Liaison and Coordination



Formal

Arranged in advance
with specific purpose



Informal

Spontaneous but
deliberate

General Guidelines for UNMO in Liaison and Coordination



- Clarify the purpose of liaison and coordination with all team members
- Focus on the purpose of liaison and coordination
- Use interviewing techniques
- Maintain gender perspective
- Give special attention when working with LA

General Guidelines for UNMO in Liaison and Coordination



- Propose and arrange liaison meeting
- Keep detailed records
- Report on meetings
- Keep force elements informed
- Ensure liaison assistance requests are met promptly
- Defuse situation and update information



Summary of Key Messages

- UNMO make necessary liaison and coordination with relevant stakeholders impartially
- Lines of liaison and coordination are cross-boundary with friendly forces, across chain of command, parties to conflict, and other stakeholders
- Liaison and coordination can be formal or informal
- Focus on purpose, use interview techniques and keep gender perspective during liaison and coordination



Learning Activity 1

Plenary Quiz (True or False)

1. There are four main lines of liaison and coordination for UNMO:

- Friendly forces (including boundary forces).
- Across the chain of command.
- Parties to conflict.
- Other stakeholders, such as local authorities, international organisations, and NGOs.

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Learning Activity 1



2. UNMO should take gender perspective into consideration when performing their tasks in liaison and coordination.

☐ True

☐ False



Learning Activity 2

Group discussion

Total Time: 15 min

Preparation: 8 min

Discussion: 7 min

- What are the aims of UNMO liaison and coordination?
- What are UNMO roles in liaison and coordination?
- How do UNMO liaise and coordinate with different actors?