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SSR Training by sector: Police Reform in Guatemala Guatemala City



Participants at the Police Reform Training

The contribution of the Teaching Institute for Sustainable Development (IEPADES) to Security Sector Reform in Guatemala and the region, has focused on capacity building and the inclusion of social actors. It is hoped that the collective dialogue that results from IEPADES' activities will lead to policy proposals that guarantee human rights and civilian participation in security matters.

As part of this process, IEPADES organised an SSR Seminar and a Police Reform training in Guatemala from 11-15 May 2009. Around 30 participants from Security Institutions (National Security Council, Security Advisory Board from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Security Ministry, Police, Defence and Penitentiary agents, parliamentary advisers, CSOs from Security, Youth, Gender, and Justice) discussed issues such as police reform, defence reform, intelligence, justice sectors, democratic oversight and transitional justice. At the end of the training, participants agreed on the need to organise further training activities and to also deal with other issues such as environmental, territorial, risk and natural disasters and gender through a holistic and multidimensional approach.

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the first Quarterly SSR Bulletin of the Association for Security Sector Education and Training! Since its inception in March 2008, ASSET has continued to grow in size and strength. Today, ASSET comprises 24 member organisations from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East who work on SSR and / or training-related issues. The present Bulletin bears witness to the vibrant community of SSR training institutions that ASSET represents.

This Bulletin is also the result of a need for increased information sharing among fellow members as well as with the broader SSR and training communities. As you will see in the pages that follow, ASSET members are active in several countries and regions. This has added to the diversity of knowledge and expertise within the Association but has also highlighted the need for improved communication. We hope that this Bulletin becomes not only a tool for information sharing, but also a vehicle for increased coordination among training actors.

Finally, sincere thanks to all members who readily contributed to this Bulletin, who answered our numerous queries and who supported this initiative. We hope you find this Bulletin useful and informative.

Happy reading!

The ASSET Secretariat Team

Pilot Course on Security Sector Reform Stadtschlaining, Austria

The Pilot Course on SSR was the first course in the framework of the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution's (ASPR) Programme on Security Sector Reform and Peacebuilding, funded and supported by the Austrian Ministry of Defence and Sports. This course, which took place from 6-13 June 2009, was designed to enhance capabilities of experts working in field missions for contributing to the design, development, implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive SSR approach. Course participants were provided with an overview on the concepts, principles and strategies for security sector reform and with the knowledge and skills required for the step-by-step planning, implementation and assessment of major SSR tasks. Participants also learned about the approaches of international organisations and familiarised themselves with SSR through case studies and best practices.

Compared with other training initiatives on SSR, this course was different in several aspects. First, the duration of the course was 9 days (7 working days) and thus constituted the longest existing training course on SSR. This length was used to expand the course content and learning output on two levels. On one

hand, the course aimed to cover a full SSR project cycle from analysis and design to monitoring and evaluation. On the other hand, this course aimed to both teach SSR in a comprehensive and holistic way, and to give insights into all segments of the security sector (rather than focusing on either the basic principles of SSR or reform of a specific sub-sector).

Within the framework of this Pilot Course, the ASPR worked with thirteen different trainers and hosted twenty-three participants coming from seventeen different countries. Among the organisations represented in the group were United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the African Union (AU), the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX), the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and several national ministries. The course was held at the ASPR premises in Stadtschlaining, Austria. It is anticipated that one Course on SSR will take place every year from 2009 to 2014.

Final workshop report available at:
<http://www.asset-ssr.org/files/ASPR%20SSR%20Working%20Paper%202009.pdf>

Female UNPOL Officers participate in 1820 Open Debate

UN Headquarters, New York



Three female UNPOL officers who currently serve in peace operation missions stand at a press conference for the Resolution 1820 Open Debate in New York. (UN Photo © Evan Schneider)

The Pearson Peacekeeping Centre (PPC) played a key role in bringing three female United Nations Police (UNPOL) officers to the Security Council open-debate on UNSCR 1820 in New York, in early August 2009.

Through this initiative, the three female UNPOL officers, who are currently serving in Africa and the Americas, had their voices and experience heard by decision makers. This contributed to heighten the awareness of the challenges and opportunities arising from UNSCR 1820 to Member States, civil society, the UN and other actors involved in conflict zones. In addition, a round table discussion was organised to discuss best practices and lessons learned from the field on how best to implement UNSCR 1820 and 1325 in conflict zones.

Security Sector Transformation Workshop for Civil Society

Dili, Timor-Leste

Following a request made by the Norwegian and Irish governments, the International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT) of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) recently supported a Security Sector Transformation (SST) training for civil society organisations in Timor Leste. In collaboration with a local partner - Fundasaun Mahein - ISSAT conducted a three-day training programme in Dili,

Timor-Leste from 13-15 October 2009.

Fundasaun Mahein is a new, and in the Timorese context unique, civil society actor with a mandate to assist in increasing the legitimacy and capacity of the Timorese security sector through citizen participation in the development of relevant legislation, policies, procedures and budgets. It is the only non-governmental organisation in Timor-Leste

with a stated SSR mandate. DCAF/ISSAT's collaboration with Fundasaun Mahein aimed at enhancing the organisation's SSR capacity and also to encourage local ownership and involvement in SSR processes.

The training brought together approximately 30 civil society representatives from Timor-Leste and the broader South-East Asian region. The training was conducted in Tetum.



Civil society representatives at the Timorese training

The workshop attained a positive level of official recognition and participation with both the Secretary of State for Defence and the President of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security Defence and Foreign Affairs attending parts of the event. The key objective of the workshop was to raise basic awareness of the role that civil society could play in what is

essentially a political process based on the public policy issues of security sector reform. A second objective was to lay the basic groundwork for development of a potential civil society security sector network in Timor-Leste.

The agenda for the workshop was based on a basic introduction on SST/SSR,

mapping the security sector, understanding SSR as political process, regional case studies, and possible network models.

Additionally, as part of its strategy to develop capacity of SSR trainers, ISSAT invited two participants from its regional workshop on Security Sector Transformation (Kathmandu, May 2009) to become a part of the training team for this workshop and to present case studies on the experiences of civil society in Indonesia and the Philippines.

The workshop was also a positive first step towards the development of local SSR capacity within Timorese civil society.

For more information on Fundasaun Mahein please visit:
<http://fundasaunmahein.wordpress.com/>

Gender Awareness Seminar Freetown, Sierra Leone

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and WIPSEN-Africa organised a Gender Awareness Seminar for the Senior Management of the Ministry of Defence and Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces from 22-23 July 2009 in Freetown, Sierra Leone. At the request of the Ministry of Defence, this two-day training focused on gender and defence issues including integrating gender into defence white papers and developing institutional gender policies.



Working group sessions during gender awareness seminar

Workshop on Crime Prevention Santiago, Chile

This workshop was the first international activity of the Global Consortium on Security Transformation's (GCST) Working Group on Prevention of Crime and Community Participation. The workshop was held in Santiago, Chile from 21-22 October 2009 and aimed to present and analyse the first steps towards the institutionalisation and implementation of mechanisms for crime prevention in different regional contexts. The meeting was organised by The Latin American Faculty of Social Science (FLACSO), Chile.



Participants at the Police Reform Training

Workshop on Transnational Organised Crime Mexico City, Mexico

This workshop was the first international activity of the Global Consortium on Security Transformation's

(GCST) Working Group on Transnational Crime. The workshop took place in Mexico City from August 19-20. Its main aim was to analyse and discuss the challenges of organised crime and transnational democracy and the system of public and private institutions. Leading experts from Nigeria, India, Colombia, Mexico, Asia, and Central America, attended this meeting. The meeting was organised by the Institute for Security and Development in Mexico and Flacso, Chile.

For more information please visit http://www.securitytransformation.org/wg_talleres_descript.php?id=2

SSR and Good Governance Workshop Kabul, Afghanistan

The Swedish National Defence College (SNDC), in collaboration with the Balkan Analysis Group, conducted a Security Sector Reform (SSR) workshop in Kabul from 8-11 February 2009.

The purpose of the course was to strengthen good governance and transparency and to increase integrity and reduce corruption. The course, requested by the Afghan authorities and supported by

the NATO Partnership for Peace (PfP) initiative, brought together 30 instructors at the National Military Academy of Afghanistan (NMAA).

In 2008 the training was conducted at the Peace Support Office Training Center (PSOTC) in Sarajevo, at the NATO School Oberammergau and at



From the left: Colonel Andre Zumstein, GCSP, General Sharif, Commandant of the NMAA, and Thomas Klementsson, SNDC

the UK Defence Academy in Shrivenham.

The course was also conducted in Kiev in May 2009 and will take place in

Kabul in November 2009. Another course is scheduled to take place at the PSOTC in December 2009.

Please refer calendar of events for more information.

Postgraduate Diploma in Security

The Southern African Defence and Security Management Network (SADSEM) has launched a postgraduate diploma in Security, leading to a Master of Management in the field of Security, in response to requests from members of the security sector from countries in Southern Africa. Universities in Botswana, Malawi, Namibia and South Africa offer configurations of this qualification, with others in the region under development.

The aim is to build in-house capacity for the deepening of required skills to govern and manage the security sector of countries in the region more effectively and efficiently. The next intake of students will be in January 2010.



Wits University participants in the newly-launched postgraduate diploma in Security

For more information please visit: <http://www.sadsem.org/English/images/PDM%20MM-s%20brochure.pdf>

Swiss Peacebuilding Training Course Stans, Switzerland



The 10th Swiss Peacebuilding Training Course Group photo.

From 30 August to 11 September 2009, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) organised its 10th Swiss Peacebuilding Training Course in Stans, Switzerland, the home of the Swiss Armed Forces International Command

(SWISSINT). The course welcomed 24 participants active in the field of peacebuilding and affiliated with government ministries, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, field missions, training centres and research institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa, North America, the Middle East, East Asia and greater Europe.

Course modules included: Institutional Approaches to Conflict and Mission Management; from Peace Accords to Democratic

Institutions; the Security Dimensions of Integrated Field Missions; Rule of Law and Transitional Justice; Swiss Contributions to

Peacebuilding; as well as operational Training such as media, mine safety and stress management.

For more information please visit

http://www.gcsp.ch/e/training/Short%20courses/SEP/Swiss_peacebuilding_brochure.pdf

Whole-of-Government Training for Swiss Authorities

Stans, Switzerland

The International Relations Defence (IR D) of the Swiss Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS) and the Political Affairs Division IV (PD IV) of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), in collaboration with the International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT) of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), conducted a Swiss Whole-of-Government Workshop on Security Sector Reform (SSR) from 6-8

October 2009. The training was mainly targeted towards middle and senior management level representatives from the different departments of the Swiss Government and also toward participants from other ISSAT Governing Board member states. The training brought together Swiss participants, from the DDPS, the FDFA and also from the Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP) as well as foreign participants from

Austria, Germany and the Netherlands.

Following participant feedback as well as specific needs that were identified, especially regarding the development of a Swiss SSR-expert pool, a similar interdepartmental basic training will be organised henceforward on an annual basis. Additionally, a more specific advanced training will also be offered to participants who are directly involved in ongoing SSR projects.

GPPAC listens to All Parties to the Conflict

Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines

From 30 September to 7 October 2009, 55 peacebuilders from the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) met to update each other and plan activities for the coming years. ASSET member, Colombo-based Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), who is also the

Regional Initiator for the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) in South Asia, also participated in this meeting.

The formulation of the activities during



GPPAC Programme Managers presenting their activities to the members

the week came in the shape of Regional Liaison Officer Meetings, Monitoring and Evaluation Training Sessions, Regional Presentations through Programmatic Areas, Discussion on organisational issues and the way forward for a more dynamic GPPAC network. A one-day field visit was also organised to Davao City, Bukidnon, Cotabato City and Compostela Valley.

Additionally, representatives from GPPAC met with peace advocates from Mindanao for

learning sessions on peacebuilding amidst ethnic differences, and experiences with early warning and early response. GPPAC delegates also visited conflict-hit communities in Central and Southern Mindanao, local government and military officials and armed groups.

During another visit to Cotabato, the GPPAC delegation proposed its assistance in the creation of an International Contact Group (ICG) to facilitate the peace

process between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP). The ICG will be a body of both governments and international non-government organisations that aims to restore the mutual trust between the GRP and MILF. Both parties have agreed to its formation in September this year.

For more information on GPPAC please visit www.gppac.net

Expert Workshop on EU Training for Security Sector Reform Stadtschlaining, Austria

The Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR), in collaboration with Egmont (The Belgian Royal Institute for International Relations), organised an “Expert Workshop on European Union Training for Security Sector Reform” from 1 to 4 September 2009 at the Schlaining Castle in Austria. This workshop was supported by the European Union (EU) - within the framework of the EC Project on Training for Civilian Crisis Management - and the Austrian Ministry of Defence and Sports. Seven European members of ASSET

participated in the event. Other participants included representatives from the European Community, the United Nations, EU Member States’ Institutions dealing with SSR, and EU Field Missions.

This workshop brought together EU decision makers, field experts and other international actors, in a bid to establish the training needs and requirements for greater EU engagement in SSR in the field. These needs and requirements were then

compared against existing training offered by European training institutions. Based on this assessment, workshop participants worked towards a roadmap to harmonise European SSR training programmes, standards, and curricula.

African Peacebuilding Training Course Bamako, Mali

From 8 to 19 June 2009, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) organised its second edition of the African Peacebuilding Training Course. The workshop took place at the Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye (EMP) in Bamako, Mali.

The course was conducted in French and welcomed 23 participants from the region including representatives of government ministries of foreign affairs, interior and defence; offices of the president; civil society organisations; think tanks and Interpol.

The course provided a comprehensive and interactive training programme, giving an inclusive view on theoretical and practical aspects of peacebuilding. Modules

included: conflict analysis; transition management: from peace accords to democratic institutions; security dimensions of integrated field missions; human rights in post-conflict situations; rule of law and transitional justice; and mission management.

A scenario based in a post-conflict state, "Mérango", was employed throughout the course. This fictitious country draws on the characteristics of modern conflict zones and peacebuilding missions. This scenario, on which practical exercises during the course are based, creates a world wherein the participants apply theory and tools explored during the course.

The course culminated in a final exercise in the rural area outside Bamako, providing

participants the opportunity to build upon pre-existing knowledge and personal experience, as well as drawing upon that gained during the course. Participants developed their operational skills, cooperated and coordinated closely within their teams, assessed and reacted to security threats, and applied negotiation and conflict resolution techniques.

The GCSP conducts the African Peacebuilding Training Course on behalf of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) and in partnership with EMP. The EMP is a centre of excellence in Africa contributing to capacity-building in peace and security in African states.



African Peacebuilding Training Course 2009 participants

Meeting of the Working Group on Regional Security from Above and Below Manila, Philippines

The Working Group on Regional Security from Above and Below (WGRS), a subcomponent of the Global Consortium on Security Transformation (GCST), focuses on perspectives, conceptions, processes, and activities, of formal institutionalised intergovernmental organisations (above) and informal, non-institutionalised non-governmental groups (below) in four regions of the world. Its aim is to determine how regional security is viewed by the two sets of actors in Latin America, South Asia, Southeast Asia and West Africa and to find ways by which views regarding regional security actors from "below" might be able to provide inputs to and be reflected in security policy making by those from "above". ASSET member FLACSO hosts the Secretariat of the GCST.

Members of the WGRS including the Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS), Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina (RESDAL) and the S. Rajaratman School of International Studies (RSIS Singapore), met in Manila, the Philippines, on 15 August 2009 to discuss how the WGRS project will be carried

out by the regional teams. The goal was to set the timetable and deliverables, as well as to have an agreement on the template that will be used for the regional study paper in order to facilitate comparison.



Participants discuss implementation of WGRS project

For the first year of work, the WGRS will be mapping the various players from above and below on regional security issues by examining discourses and activities that contribute to the shaping of security policies and concerns. A presentation of the 'state of play' in Latin American and Southeast Asian countries and their relationships with the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the Association of Southeast Asian (ASEAN), respectively, on issues regarding security followed. The discussion was intended to identify areas of concern that need to be addressed in designing the

template for the case studies which will facilitate the comparison of the regions and regional organisations.

In the discussion of the methodology and the analytical framework,

members agreed that the regional papers will be a mapping exercise on how the different actors from above and below define and perceive security in general, and regional security in particular. The regional papers are also intended to clarify the scope and definition of regional security as well as its

constituent elements. In addition, the papers should also map and illustrate civil society involvement in security issues in order to explain how institutionalised civil society interacts with formal regional institutions.

For more information on the GCST please visit http://www.securitytransformation.org/wg_talleres_descript.php?id=1



Helpdesk

Advisory Board for Border Management and Gender

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) is currently working on its next set of training resources for the Gender and SSR Training Resource Package. It has now finalised the draft training resources on **Border Management and Gender** and is looking for individuals with expertise in border management issues to join the project's Advisory Board. Members of the Advisory Board will be required to review these draft training resources and to provide inputs and suggestions where necessary. ASSET members who have such experience and are interested in being a part of the Advisory Team are requested to contact Ms. Megan Bastick at m.bastick@dcaf.ch.

Researchers on Gender and SSR from ECOWAS countries

Within the framework of its research project on Gender and SSR in West Africa, the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) is currently looking for local researchers in the following ECOWAS countries: Benin; Burkina Faso; Cape Verde; Côte D'Ivoire; Gambia; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Niger and Togo. ASSET members who are interested or who wish to recommend colleagues/ institutions are invited to contact Ms. Kristin Valasek at k.valasek@dcaf.ch.



Ongoing activities

The National Security Academic Programme

Funded by the Global Opportunities Fund (UK), the National Security Academic Programme (NSAP) aims at creating the first civilian Master's Degree in Security in Lebanon. The Center for Middle-Eastern Strategic Studies (CESMO) is the main organiser of this programme. Directed at uniformed personnel, high-rank civil servants, and diplomats, the goal of this programme is to produce efficient and readily

operational Security practitioners and experts.

During its first phase, a group of experts from a variety of backgrounds (Generals from the Lebanese Army and the Internal Security Forces, a member of the Constitutional Council, Professors of International Law, Political Science, Constitutional law, Criminology, Economy, and Sociology) have been working since June 2009, and will be working until end of January 2010, on the design of the curriculum of the Master's degree, in order to adapt it as closely as possible to the Security situation of Lebanon.

Promoting Democracy and Human Rights in Lebanon

The Center for Middle-Eastern Strategic Studies (CESMO) will conduct a programme titled Promoting Democracy and Human Rights in Lebanon through Fostering Discussion on Security Sector Reform. This programme has received funding from the Foundation for the Future.

A group of experts is currently working on the relationships between SSR and Democracy,

on the one hand, and SSR and Human Rights, on the other hand. Experts are currently meeting to discuss these topics and to work, each in their area of expertise, on contributions that will be published in early 2010 in the form of 2 “policy papers”.

Listing of laws related to the security sector in Lebanon

The Center for Middle-Eastern Strategic Studies (CESMO) is currently carrying out a study -at the request of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)- that lists all the laws related to the Security Sector in Lebanon. All laws will later be compiled into a book upon completion of the study.

New Training Programmes

DCAF/ ISSAT is currently developing three new training programmes on Supporting the development of National Security Strategies, Justice and SSR processes. DCAF/ ISSAT has conducted a two-day training for personnel from the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) SSR Unit on how to support the development of National Security Policies. This training is now being revised following participant feedback. Initial desk research is also being conducted on Justice and SSR processes. Preliminary discussions have been carried out with colleagues working on similar issues internally and also with the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID). Both training packages are expected to be finalised in early 2010.

Operational Guidance Notes

DCAF/ ISSAT has begun work on the development of operational tools to support its members’ capacity to assess, design, monitor and evaluate SSR processes and programmes. These tools will take the form of short, sharp, Operational Guidance Notes (OGNs). Three consultative workshops have been held with experts in each field. The first set of OGNs on SSR assessments will be completed in December 2009. OGNs for Programme Design and Monitoring and Evaluation will be finalised in the first half of 2010. Once finalised, DCAF/ISSAT also plans to develop training programmes for each category of OGNs.

For more information on CESMO activities, please contact: Dr. Mustapha Adib at mustapha.adib@cesmo.org

For more information on DCAF/ ISSAT activities, please contact Ms. Eleanor Pavey at e.pavey@dcaf.ch



Secretariat News

ASSET AGM

The second ASSET Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place from 2 to 3 March 2010 at the Edsa Shangri-la Hotel, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, in the Philippines. A formal invitation letter and agenda, together with a Participation Form and Grant Application Form will be sent out to members in mid November. A limited number of travel grants will also be available. Members who wish to apply for travel grants are invited to return the completed Grant Application Form to the ASSET Secretariat. Requests will be considered according to need and on a first-come - first-serve basis.

Scoping Study

ASSET is currently conducting a scoping study of institutions involved in SSR-related activities in various regions. It is hoped that this study will help ASSET identify key actors on the ground, explore possibilities for collaboration and identify key trends and gaps in SSR training.

ASSET has also learned that DFID has commissioned GFN-SSR, an ASSET member, to carry out a study on Southern organisations and networks involved in security and justice. Following discussions, the data gathered from both studies will be

merged into a combined database. ASSET members will be offered access to this database upon completion of the project.

Training Guidelines

GCSP, in collaboration with DCAF/ISSAT, has developed draft ASSET Guidelines for SSR Training. The document has been revised following comments from members from the Working Group on training guidelines. The Guidelines will be circulated among broader ASSET membership shortly for comments. The finalised version of the Guidelines will be adopted at the ASSET AGM.

ASSET Webportal

Following member feedback, GFN-SSR together with DCAF/ISSAT are currently redesigning the ASSET webportal in order to offer members a more user friendly, interactive webpage that will facilitate communication. The redesign of the new webportal is now being finalised. Official launch of the website is scheduled for early December following an initial trial period.

Regional Workshop on SST

As a follow-up to the Regional Workshop on Security Sector Transformation held in Kathmandu, Nepal in May

2009, ASSET has undertaken to develop case studies on the state of SSR within various countries in the region. Case studies on Indonesia and the Philippines have been completed and were presented at the Timorese SST workshop held in Dili in October. Case studies on India and Pakistan are under way. Two other case studies- on Afghanistan and Nepal- will also be developed. Once finalised, the training modules will be made available to all members through the ASSET webportal. Colleagues who have contributed to the development of these case studies will be invited to present their case studies at upcoming trainings organised by ASSET members.

New Membership Requests

ASSET is gaining greater visibility among the broader SSR/ training community. Three new membership requests have been addressed to the ASSET Secretariat over the past month. These include: Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS), Kathmandu, Nepal; Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi, India; and the Centre for Conflict and Peace Studies (CAPS), Kabul, Afghanistan. Membership applications of these institutions will be circulated among ASSET members ahead of the AGM.



Recent Publications



African Security Governance: Emerging Issues

Gavin Cawthra (ed)

Wits University Press, Johannesburg

October 2009, 218 pages

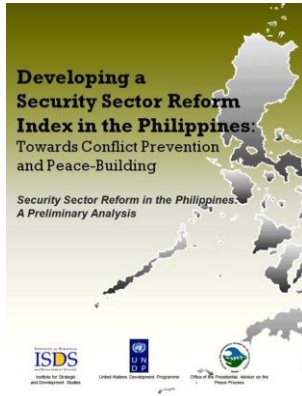
Africa faces a seemingly ever-increasing range of security challenges. The traditional threats of civil and border conflicts, crises of governance and military coups may have receded but they remain active. Meanwhile, other issues have risen to prominence, such as globalisation, security sector reform, terrorism, private security actors, peacekeeping and peace-building and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

This book is a result of research carried out over a number of years by the Southern African Defence and Security Management Network (SADSEM) on many of these new and emerging security issues, in cooperation with the Danish Institute for International Studies and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

The broad focus is on security governance – the role of state and a wide range of social actors in

the areas of both human and state security. It deals with a range of sectors, themes and national case studies and makes an important contribution to debates on security sector reform. The topics covered include policing transformation, intelligence governance, regulation of private security actors, challenges of nuclear proliferation, regional security, peace diplomacy and peace missions, the relationship between development and security and new challenges in governance of the military.

Written by scholars as well as practitioners, and African as well as international researchers, it brings a variety of insights to new as well as traditional security concerns.



Developing a Security Sector Reform Index (SSRI) in the Philippines: Towards Conflict Prevention and Peace-Building

Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP).

ISDS Manila

October 2009, 189 pages

Developing a Security Sector Reform Index (SSRI) in the Philippines: Towards Conflict Prevention and Peace-Building is intended to assist in enhancing the SSR concept in the Philippine setting and reach out to concerned stakeholders. It traces the evolution of the security sector, the scope of which traditionally covered the police and the armed forces but is now understood to encompass all groups and sectors involved in security and defense.

This publication proposes a framework for

developing an SSR Index for the Philippines. It elaborates on learnings and insights gathered from the testing of the index, and presents two case studies undertaken in Iloilo and Bohol to examine the connection between SSR and peace work. It also provides some indicative directions on how succeeding research initiatives on SSR can proceed.

Publication will be shortly available on the ASSET website

Changing Intelligence Dynamics in Africa

Sandy Africa & Johnny Kwadjo (eds), in partnership with GFN-SSR and ASSN

GFN-SSR, Birmingham

June 2009, 192 pages

This publication from the African Security Sector Network (ASSN) and the Global Facilitation Network for Security Sector Reform (GFN-SSR) examines the changing dynamics affecting intelligence services in Africa. It argues that intelligence services are significant players in Africa and that intelligence reform has invariably proceeded alongside broader political evolutions.

Several layers of changing dynamics have influenced and continue to impact upon African intelligence services. Changing political dynamics have seen reform of intelligence services, after the post-colonial era in which intelligence services were focused primarily on regime protection. The security agenda has also changed, with Cold War

struggles giving way to terrorism and civil wars as the major issues for African intelligence services. Finally, while a culture of secrecy is still the norm the normative dynamics around intelligence services in Africa are also changing.

Electronic version available at
<http://www.ssrnetwork.net/documents/Publications/ChangingIntelligenceDynamicsInAfrica/ChangingIntelligenceDynamicsInAfrica.pdf>



Calendar of Events

Name of activity	Date	Organiser	Description
Women in Peace Operations Seminar and Workshop	12- 15 Oct. 2009, Zambia	PPC	Aimed at identifying systematic barriers that currently serve to exclude women from participating in Peace Operations, and exploring strategies and identifying skills needed to overcome barriers.
UN Mission Visit	19 – 21 Oct. 2009, Cote d'Ivoire	PPC	Organised in partnership with United Nation Department for Peace Keeping Operations (UNDPKO), senior decision makers from ministries and institutions involved in the management of participation in peace missions will deepen their understanding and appreciation of the challenges associated to these missions; and will have the opportunity to meet their police officers and gendarmes.
United Nations Integrated Mission Staff Officers Course (UNIMSOC VII)	26 Oct - 3 Dec. 2009, Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, Canada	PPC	Designed to prepare participants for entry into a United Nation (UN) integrated mission headquarters and to familiarise them with how a typical military organisation operates. This course aims to provide participants with the training required to fill key staff positions within a military establishment.
The Pearson Papers, Volume 12	November 2009, Ottawa, Canada	PPC	The Pearson Papers examine issues of interest to the peace operations community and provide a forum where researchers and practitioners can openly engage with the complexities of evolving peace operations. The journal is peer-reviewed, with an emphasis on the interface between theory and praxis. Each volume is thematically-oriented, with space for field contributions, research articles, and topical reviews examining the emerging trends.
Consultations and launch of assessment on gender and SSR in Mali and Senegal	November, Bamako, Mali and Dakar, Senegal	DCAF	As part of its gender and SSR initiatives in Mali and Senegal, DCAF will conduct meetings with national authorities, local researchers and civil society in these countries.
AU- UN training on SSR	2- 6 Nov. 2009, Addis Ababa. Ethiopia	AU/ UNDPKO	This training programme aims to develop the AU's capacity on SSR and to foster greater coherence and coordination on SSR within the AU and with the UN. The training will target middle and senior level personnel working on SSR and related issues within the AU secretariat. DCAF/ ISSAT will provide support to this training.
“Gender and Civil Society Oversight Security Sector Reform: Roundtable Training with the Gender and SSR Toolkit”	5-6 Nov. 2009, Brussels, Belgium	DCAF and ISIS Europe	The final Roundtable out of a series of three, this training is targeted towards EU staff and specifically focused on gender and civil society and parliamentary oversight as well as gender and national security policies.
SSR Practitioners' Course	8-11 th Nov. 2009, Birmingham, UK	GFN-SSR	The SSR Practitioners' Course is a residential programme that aims to provide an overview of security sector reform and its constituent parts, as well as provide an opportunity for discussion of good and bad practices in SSR and issues to consider when developing programmes and projects.

SSR Course	8-12 Nov. 2009, Sandö, Sweden	FBA	This course will introduce the guiding principles of SSR as well as concepts for how to develop an integrated approach to SSR in peace operations. The specific challenges and opportunities arising in post-conflict situations will be analysed bearing in mind the importance of sustainability. Participants will be provided with necessary theoretical knowledge by academic lecturers and experienced practitioners.
Anti-Corruption Training	8-19 Nov. 2009, Kabul, Afghanistan	SNDC	The purpose of the course was to strengthen good governance and transparency and to increase integrity and reduce corruption. The course is requested by the Afghan authorities and supported by NATO and Partners.
Advanced Planning for Integrated Missions Course (APIM)	10-28 Nov. 2009, Libya	PPC	This course is designed to increase the strategic and operational effectiveness of the multi-disciplinary actors who are working in a multi-disciplinary/multi-dimensional integrated peace operations mission. The course is based on the Integrated Mission Planning Process (IMPP) and the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UN DPKO) Capstone Principles and Guidelines.
15 th Annual Conference of the International Association for Peacekeeping Training Centres	23-28 Nov. 2009, Sydney, Australia	International Association for Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC)	The Annual Conference of the IAPTC will be hosted by the Australian Federal Police International Deployment Group and the Australian Defence Force Peacekeeping Centre. The theme of the conference is "Training together: strengthening peace operations capacity through multi-disciplinary partnerships".
EU Training on SSR	25-26 Nov. 2009, Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	This workshop will introduce existing EU policy frameworks, instruments and mechanisms that define and influence EU support for SSR processes. It will also deal with other tools and instruments that guide international support to SSR and analyse the EU's interactions with international actors when engaging in SSR processes. The workshop will target middle and senior-management level representatives from the European Commission (DG DEV, RELEX, AIDCO, ECHO, etc), the EU Council Secretariat (DG8, DG9, CPCC, etc), Parliament. DCAF/ISSAT will support this training.
Resolution 1325 and Security Sector Reform	25-27 Nov. 2009, Stockholm, Sweden	Operation 1325	The focus of the conference is to identify ways and methods of integrating the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 into SSR components of ESDP (European Security and Defence Policy) missions. The conference will aim to provide a forum for civil society organisations from Sweden, Georgia and Kosovo and for ESDP-mission planning staff as well as staff from Swedish authorities to meet and exchange experiences and ideas on how to improve and strengthen SSR through gender sensitive working methods. Operation 1325 is a partner of the Folke Bernadotte Academy. DCAF will also be participating in the event.
Building Integrity in Defence Establishment (BIDE) training	14-18 Dec. 2009, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	SNDC/ PSOTC	The course is developed by five institutions, including ASSET members SNDC and GCSP. Other institutions include the NATO School and Transparency International. The UK Defence Academy takes the lead in this project. The module aims at enhancing professionalism and strengthening the foundation for leadership, integrity, good governance and management within the defence and security sectors through sharing experiences, challenges and best practices between nations, irrespective of their political/ developmental contexts.

Senior Level Peacebuilding Course	6-9 Dec. 2009 Geneva, Switzerland	GCSP	This course will aim to provide high-level peacebuilding training for policy posts in order to increase efficiency in the field and/or to prepare for deployments. The Course will target senior-level participants from select governments, including from countries in reconstruction; Regional and International Organisations (UN, AU, ECOWAS, EU, OSCE); or NGOs.
Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP) Annual Forum	11 Dec. 2009, Geneva, Switzerland	GCSP	The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is an action-oriented forum where stakeholders can build upon the contributions of Geneva to peacebuilding worldwide. Its annual International Peacebuilding Forum will bring together practitioners from Headquarters and the field as well representatives from civil society and academia, to discuss a pressing issue of specific relevance to peacebuilding practitioners.
SSR Practitioners' Course	17 th -20 th Jan 2010, Birmingham, UK	GFN-SSR	The SSR Practitioners' Course is a residential programme that aims to provide an overview of security sector reform and its constituent parts, as well as provide an opportunity for discussion of good and bad practices in SSR and issues to consider when developing programmes and projects.
Executive Course in Security Sector Governance (SSG) [Certificate of attendance]	March 2010, Johannesburg, South Africa	CDSM, Wits University	One week course of Security Sector Governance aimed at introducing senior officers and officials in the security sector to current and new thinking around SSG, and to show relevance for the local setting.
ASSET Annual General Meeting (AGM)	2-3 March 2010, Manila, Philippines	Hosted by ISDS	The second ASSET AGM will take place within backdrop of the ASEAN Human Rights Consortium. Special focus will be laid on issues related to human rights and SSR. Invitation letters will follow shortly. A limited number of travel grants are also available.
SSR Course	8-12 March 2010 Sandö, Sweden	FBA	This course will introduce the guiding principles of SSR as well as concepts for how to develop an integrated approach to SSR in peace operations. The specific challenges and opportunities arising in post-conflict situations will be analysed bearing in mind the importance of sustainability. Participants will be provided with necessary theoretical knowledge by academic lecturers and experienced practitioners.
Senior Course on Crisis Management and Civil Emergency Planning (CMCEP)	17 – 21 May 2010, Stockholm, Sweden	SNDC	The aim of the course is to give a deeper understanding about security policy and international relations in a new Europe. The course is a part of the Swedish contribution to NATO's Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme. There are no tuition fees for this course, however, participants are expected to cover their own travel costs and costs for board and lodging. A limited number of scholarships are available. The participants should come from a country within the PfP programme.
Senior Course on Security Policy in a New Europe (SPNE)	22 Nov. – 2 Dec. 2010 Stockholm, Sweden	SNDC	The aim of the course is to provide the participants with an enhanced knowledge base and analytical tools for effective and legitimate crisis management with focus on civil emergency planning. The course is a part of the Swedish contribution to NATO's Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme. There are no tuition fees for this course, however, participants are expected to cover their own travel costs and costs for board and lodging. A limited number of scholarships are available. The participants should come from a country within the PfP programme. However, if the number of participants from PfP countries is not filled, other countries may be considered.

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Acronym	Organisation	URL
ACCORD	African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes, South Africa	http://www.accord.org.za
ASPR	Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Austria	http://www.aspr.ac.at/
ASSN	African Security Sector Network, Ghana	http://www.africansecuritynetwork.org
BICC	Bonn International Centre for Conversion, Germany	http://www.bicc.de
CESMO	Centre for Middle Eastern Strategic Studies, Lebanon	http://www.cesmo.org
CESS	Centre for European Security Studies, Netherlands	http://www.cess.org
Clingindael	Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Netherlands	http://www.clingendael.nl
CSSM	Centre for Security Sector Management/ Cranfield University, United Kingdom	http://www.ssronline.org
DCAF	Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces, Switzerland	http://www.dcaf.ch
FBA	Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden	http://www.folkebernadotteacademy.se
FLACSO	Latin American Faculty of Social Science, Chile	http://www.flacso.cl
GCSP	Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Switzerland	http://www.gcsp.ch
GFN-SSR	Global Facilitation Network for SSR, United Kingdom	http://www.ssrnetwork.net
IA	International Alert, United Kingdom	http://www.international-alert.org
IEPADES	Teaching Institute for Sustainable Development, Guatemala	http://www.iepades.org
ISDS	Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Philippines	http://www.isdsphilippines.org
ISS	Institute for Security Studies, South Africa	http://www.iss.co.za
KAIPTC	Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Ghana	http://www.kaiptc.org
PPC	Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Canada	http://www.peaceoperations.org
PRAWA	Prison Rehabilitation and Welfare Action, Nigeria	http://www.prawa.org
RCSS	Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, Sri Lanka	http://www.rcss.org
SADSEM	Southern African Defence and Security Management Network, South Africa	http://www.sadsem.org
SNDC	Swedish National Defence College, Sweden	http://www.fhs.se
UNDPKO (observer)	United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, New York	http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/dpko

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