



INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY

EXECUTIVE PROGRAM IN DEFENSE DECISION-MAKING

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Senior civilian and military officials throughout international defense, intelligence, and law enforcement communities make strategic decisions daily in defense of their nations. The goal of this course is to empower senior leaders with key knowledge and skills to be effective decision-makers, become agents of change, and to transform their institutions to address ever-evolving national security challenges.

OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- ◆ Apply informed decision-making principles as a means of building security institutions to address emerging national security threats.
- ◆ Employ specific skill sets to enhance senior leader effectiveness in an evolving threat environment.
- ◆ Implement changes to build institutional capacity through strategic alignment of planning, resourcing, coordination, and communications.
- ◆ Identify Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) goals and principles and their relevance to defense institutions.
- ◆ Facilitate an exchange of ideas and experiences among defense leaders around issues of institutional management and capacity building.

TOPICS

This course uses the Institute for Security Governance (ISG) Civil-Military Approaches to National Security Challenges methodology to equip participants with the skills needed to identify threats, weigh risks, assign roles and missions to security institutions, develop ministry-level strategies, enhance interagency coordination, and create strategic communication campaigns that ensure whole-of-government responses to national security challenges. It also addresses defense decision making and best practices for defense and security sector governance. Course topics may include:

- ◆ Global security trends
- ◆ The informed decision-making process
- ◆ Personalizing change management/executive action items
- ◆ Roles and missions of security forces and government institutions
- ◆ Strategic communications and public information
- ◆ Crisis coordination in a simulation exercise

PARTICIPANTS

This course targets senior-level military and civilian officials who lead and shape national defense institutions. Participants from academia, political parties, and other civil society organizations are also eligible and welcome to attend.

INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE (ISG) EDUCATION PORTFOLIOS

ISG's tailored education and professional development courses help build a comprehensive knowledge base and strengthen partner capacities to confront complex security and defense challenges. Courses are designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues; foster peer-to-peer learning; and build international communities of practice.



FACULTY

ISG's faculty team is grounded in professional experience from academic, military, government, and civil sectors. The core faculty are augmented by experts drawn from other parts of government, and U.S. and international subject matter experts drawn from universities, industry, think tanks, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

ENROLLMENT

Courses are conducted as part of the U.S. Government's Security Cooperation efforts. Interested partner nation personnel should contact their government's international cooperation section, or the relevant U.S. Embassy's Security Cooperation organization for selection processes and enrollment. Interested U.S. citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

FUNDING

Educational programs are primarily implemented through Title 22 authorized programs, including International Military Education and Training (IMET), Foreign Military Sales (FMS), Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), and various Title 10 authorized programs, including the Maritime Security Initiative (MSI) and Regional Defense Fellowship Program (RDFP).

ABOUT ISG



The Defense Security Cooperation University's (DSCU) Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is the Department of Defense's leading implementer for Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) and one of its primary international schoolhouses. As a component of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), ISG is charged with building partner institutional capacity and capability through tailored advising, education, and professional development programs grounded in American values and approaches.