



INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

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CIVIL-MILITARY APPROACHES TO ELECTIONS SECURITY

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This course explores how a nation coordinates its military and civilian security institutions and its civil society organizations to ensure safe and secure elections. Participants will gain a greater understanding of and deeper respect for the roles organizations play, and for organizational missions and security responsibilities in the context of national electoral processes. The capstone exercise requires participants to prepare a code of conduct for how their organization will support security on election day.

OBJECTIVES

Upon conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Identify common security threats during a national election
- ◆ Understand how to assign roles to civilian and military institutions to address identified threats
- ◆ Identify lessons learned and best practices to ensure a secure election
- ◆ Develop professional networks among elections security practitioners

TOPICS

This course uses expert presentations, facilitated discussions, and small-group exercises to help participants understand how to coordinate military and civilian organizations to address security challenges during the elections process. Course topics may include:

- ◆ Threat assessment
- ◆ Roles and missions of institutions
- ◆ Briefing from the National Independent Elections Commission (NIEC)
- ◆ Codes of conduct to enhance elections security

PARTICIPANTS

Members of armed forces, civilian officials drawn from police and elections commission, and representatives of civil society organizations, including religious organizations are encouraged to attend. Participation is dependent more on responsibility than rank. Members of international organizations can also be invited to participate.

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 (RDFFP).

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.