



# INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY

## STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING & SUSTAINING ACCOUNTABILITY IN DEFENSE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

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This International Defense Acquisition Resource Management (IDARM) course examines the characteristics and conditions for successful defense acquisition resource management and decision-making. Fundamental to good governance is a defense acquisition system that ensures public funds are spent in a manner consistent with the highest standards of conduct expected from public servants who are entrusted with responsibilities for defense acquisition resource management and decision-making. The importance of accountability and transparency is emphasized as central to all public resource management and decision-making systems. Participants explore opportunities for improving accountability and transparency in existing national-level systems.

### OBJECTIVES

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

- ◆ Demonstrate an understanding of accountability as the means to establish clear lines of responsibility in resource management and decision-making processes.
- ◆ Critically examine the idea of transparency in principle and in practice.
- ◆ Collectively identify innovative ways to overcome the challenges associated with accountability in national defense acquisition decision-making.

### TOPICS

IDARM courses use lecture, discussion, reading assignments, case studies, and working group exercises to maximize the objectives of each program offering. We have found the practical application of concepts through small working groups helps enforce the hands-on experience of working through real-world scenarios. Course topics may include:

- ◆ Defense acquisition: policy and accountability
- ◆ Characteristics of transparent resource management systems
- ◆ Accountability and defense budgeting
- ◆ Transparency, fraud, and ethics
- ◆ Accountability: the role of defense industry
- ◆ Transparency and accountability: global trends and implications

### PARTICIPANTS

This course is designed for international military officers of grades O-4 to O-6 and civilian equivalents who are involved in defense acquisition/resource management decision-making. The course is tailored to the context and requirements of the partner nation. Mobile courses are designed for approximately thirty (30) participants to facilitate effective classroom learning and discussion.

## 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.