



# **International Security Sector Advisory**



# Overview

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DCAF brings together bilateral and multilateral organizations to help reinforce and improve the ways in which they individually and collectively support security and justice sector reform and good governance around the world. Through our International Security Sector Advisory Team we provide support to:

- » Improve coordination through joint donor and multilateral engagements;
- » Ensure that reform policies and approaches are consistent and integrated across the whole of a government or institution;
- » Enhance strategic approaches through the development of theories of change, identifying areas of added value, ensuring programmatic coherence and the incorporation of good practices into programme design and delivery;
- » Develop scoping studies, assessments, risk and mitigation strategies, monitoring and evaluation, and lessons identification;
- » Build the business case for supporting security and justice sector reform by providing key indicators and evidence-based links to institutional priorities;
- » Enhance capacity through high quality training and strengthening internal systems for recruitment and deployment of advisors to the field.

We also offer a comprehensive toolbox that includes an interactive web platform, a prevention indices database, a help desk, a wide range of knowledge products, and sharing of robust methodologies on incorporating key principles, undertaking different types of assessments, doing evaluations, etc.



# Highlights

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## › PROVIDING A PLATFORM FOR DISCUSSION AND LEARNING

We routinely convene representatives from bilateral and multilateral organizations to share lessons and experience, review trends and challenges, and identify and explore areas of joint engagement. In addition to our biannual meetings, we frequently facilitate ad hoc requests for bilateral discussions on a wide range of topics such as lesson on international coordination, engaging politically, police reform and public financial management.

## › BETTER LESSONS LEARNING IN THE TRANSITION FROM PEACEKEEPING TO PEACEBUILDING

DCAF is collecting and analyzing the lessons from the United Nations' innovative whole-of-system approach for the transition from peacekeeping to peacebuilding. We are working with a broad range of UN and local stakeholders in the areas of rule of law and human rights to look at the handover of the work of the United Nations - African Union Hybrid Operation In Darfur (UNAMID) to national counterparts. The lessons we share will contribute to refining the model for future transitions.

## › BETTER DATA FOR BETTER PROGRAMMING

DCAF is providing methodological advice to the United Nations on an innovative new model for the transition from peacekeeping to peacebuilding. We are working with a broad range of local stakeholders in the areas of rule of law and human rights to assess the handover of the work of the United Nations - African Union Hybrid Operation In Darfur (UNAMID) to other UN and international agencies. The lessons we share will contribute to refining the model for future transitions.

## › SUPPORTING THE GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON RULE OF LAW

We are assisting the United Nations Development Programme to improve strategic monitoring across its Global Programme of Rule of Law, with an aim to improve measurement of the impact achieved on country-level provision of justice. DCAF support involves a series of up to nine country programme evaluations, which provide guidance to both country programmes and the Global Programme.

## › FACILITATING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NETHERLANDS' NEW STRATEGY ON SECURITY SECTOR REFORM

We are supporting the Government of the Netherlands to implement its new strategy for security sector reform using an integrated approach across its ministries and departments. This is underpinned by a change management theory and a comprehensive analysis of the policies, processes, and perspectives of several governmental departments.

## › SAHEL COUNTRY AND REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Based on full sector assessments in Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, and the Sahel region as a whole, we provided comprehensive evidence-based recommendations to support the European Union and its member states' in the creation of more effective design and monitoring of their programmes and other engagements in the region.

## › TRAINING

We provide a range of training courses on topics such as advanced security and justice sector reform, SSR and preventing violent extremism, effective advising skills, and results-based management. Our hands-on training develops practical knowledge and skills through problem-solving approaches, guidance, tools, and examples from the field.



# How to benefit

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Our International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT) operates under a membership model with an International Partners' Group (IPG). Core members contribute to an ODA-eligible pooled funding mechanism that provides them with rapid, flexible, on demand assistance, and allows them to support multilateral engagement. Additional assistance can be provided to all Members through project funding. Where possible, we bring together multiple Members for joint projects in order to increase coordination of international support, and enhance value for money.

In 2020 the IPG membership included 16 bilateral donors and a range of multilateral and regional actors including the United Nations (UN), the African Union (AU), European Union (EU), the World Bank, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF).

Details about how to become a member of the IPG and benefit from ISSAT's services are available online at [issat.dcaf.ch](https://issat.dcaf.ch).

DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance is committed to making people more secure through accountable and effective security and justice. We help national and international entities to deliver security that respects human rights, upholds the rule of law, and is democratically controlled by:



**Helping to improve the way national security sectors are governed**



**Guiding the development of sound, sustainable security governance policy**



**Promoting locally owned reforms that are inclusive, participatory, and gender responsive**

DCAF pursues five main activities:



**Providing technical expertise to nationally led SSG/R processes**



**Capacity building for state and non-state actors**



**Publishing research and knowledge products**



**Promoting internationally recommended good governance practices**



**Advising on security sector-related legal and policy questions**

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