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 that public funds are spent in manner consistent with the highest standards of conduct expected from the public servants entrusted with the responsibilities for defense acquisition resource management and decision making. Emphasis is placed on the importance of both accountability and transparency as central characteristics of all public resource management and decision making systems, and participants explore opportunities for improving accountability and transparency in existing national level systems. Learning methodologies include lecture, open discussion, in-class exercises, and case studies.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Provide an understanding of accountability as the means to establish clear lines of responsibility in resource management and decision making processes
- 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**

- Defense Acquisition: Policy & Accountability
- Characteristics of Transparent Resource Management Systems
- Accountability & Defense Budgeting
- Transparency, Fraud, and Ethics
- Accountability: The Role of Defense Industry
- Transparency and Accountability: Global Trends & Implications

**PARTICIPANTS**

This course is designed for international military officers and civilian equivalents of grades O4-O6 who are involved in defense acquisition/resource management decision making. The course is tailored to the context and requirements of the partner nation. Course size is limited to no more than 30 participants to facilitate effective classroom discussions.
FACULTY
ISG employs a diverse faculty with strong professional, academic, military, and government backgrounds. This faculty core is augmented by other government experts (both civilian and military) and subject matter experts (SMEs) drawn from universities, think tanks, international organizations, and industry.

ENROLLMENT
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