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

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**CERTIFICATION: PME, (E-IMET PENDING)**

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 manner consistent with the highest standards of conduct expected from the 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. Course methodologies include lecture, open discussion, in-class exercises, and case studies.

### OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- ◆ Gain 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

Course topics may include:

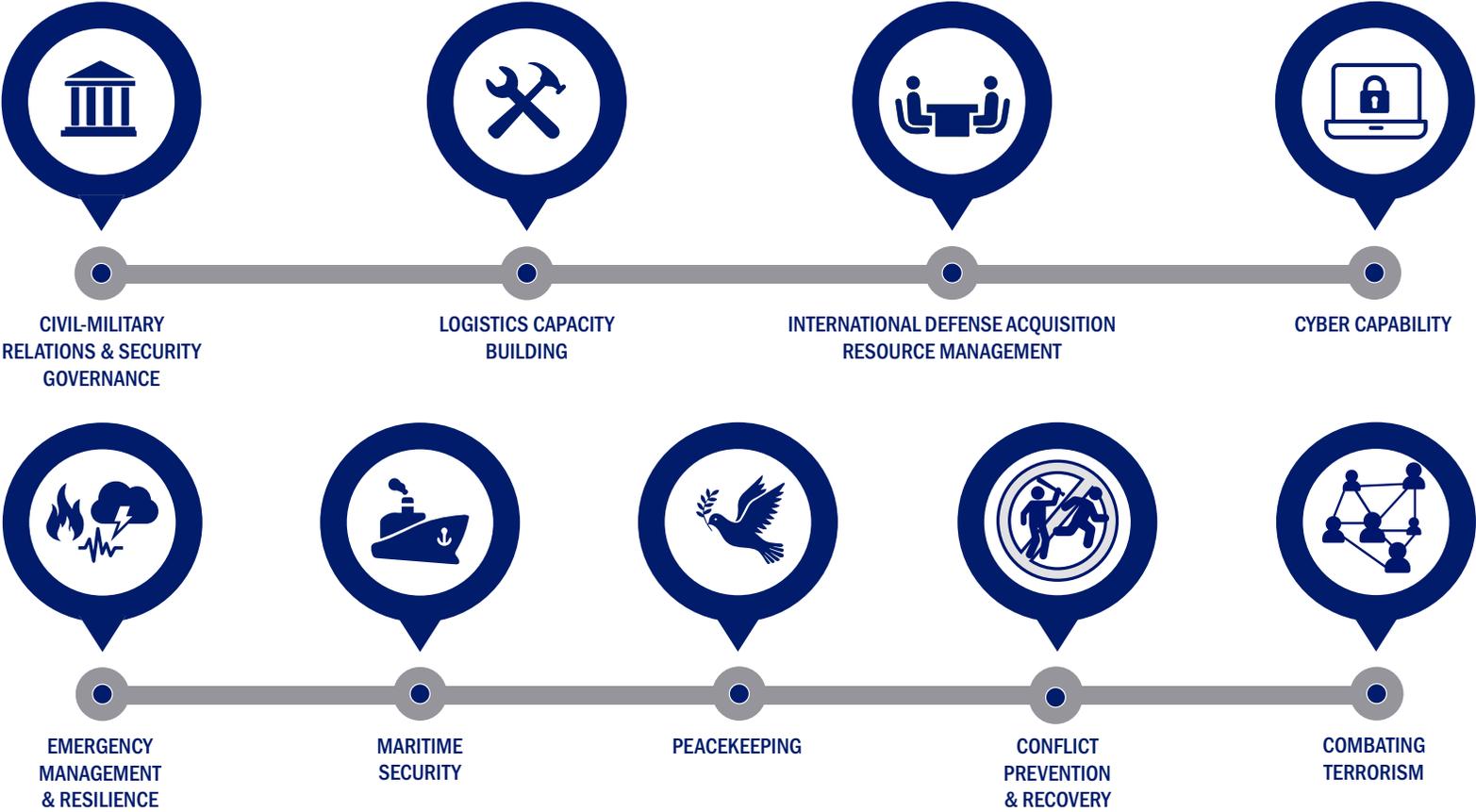
- ◆ Defense acquisition: policy and accountability
- ◆ Characteristics of transparent resource management systems
- ◆ Accountability and defense budgeting
- ◆ Transparency, fraud, and ethics
- ◆ Accountability: the role of defense industry
- ◆ Transparency and accountability: global trends and implications

### 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. Course size is limited to no more than 30 participants in order to facilitate effective classroom discussions.

# ISG PROGRAM AREAS

ISG programming has been developed over 25 years by providing military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Courses are designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues, foster peer-to-peer learning, and build connected networks of international peers through a professional learning environment.



## FACULTY

ISG has a diverse faculty team 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 American and international subject matter experts drawn from universities, industry, think tanks, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

## ENROLLMENT

Courses are conducted with partner nations as part of the US Government security cooperation effort. Participation in ISG courses is managed through the Security Cooperation Office of the US Embassy in-country. Interested partner nation personnel should work through their government’s international cooperation section, or the relevant US Embassy’s security/military cooperation section for selection processes and enrollment. Where appropriate, ISG reserves limited space in courses for US citizens. Interested US citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

## FUNDING

ISG can accept most types of US Government funding. Courses are typically funded by IMET, FMF, FMS, CTIWWP/RDFP, PKO, and other DoD-wide O&M funds (333, 332, MSI, etc.). Cost estimates can be obtained by contacting ISG or the applicable NETSAFA Country Program Manager.

## ABOUT ISG



The Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is a Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) schoolhouse, and leading Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) implementer, focused on helping partners build effective and accountable security institutions. ISG’s tailored ICB approach supports partners in developing, resourcing, and sustaining the institutional capabilities and professionalization necessary to pursue common security cooperation objectives.