Civil-Military Approaches to Elections Security

This course explores how a nation can coordinate its military, civilian security institutions, and civil society organizations to ensure safe and secure elections. Participants will gain a greater level of knowledge and respect for the roles, missions, and responsibilities that various organizations play in providing security during the electoral process in their country. The capstone exercise requires the participants to prepare a code of conduct for how their organization will support security on elections day.

Objectives

Upon completion 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 utilizes 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.

Sample course topics include:

♦ Threat assessments
♦ Roles and missions of institutions
♦ Briefing from the National Independent Elections Commission
♦ Codes of conduct to enhance elections security

Participants

Participants should be both military and civilian, drawn from the police, elections commission, media, religious organizations, and civil society organizations. Participation is more dependent on responsibility than rank. Members of international organizations can also be invited to participate. Female participants are strongly encouraged to attend.
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
Courses are conducted for partner countries as part of the United States government’s security assistance and security cooperation efforts. As such, participation in ISG courses is managed through the security cooperation office of the US Embassies in partner countries. Interested, non-US persons should contact the international cooperation section of their own government or the relevant US Embassy for selection processes and enrollment. ISG reserves limited space in courses for US citizens. Interested US citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

FUNDING
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ABOUT ISG
The Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is a global security cooperation organization established to build partner capability and grow the field and practice of institutional capacity building (ICB). Located in Monterey, California, ISG serves as the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)’s primary resource for ICB integration and implementation, project scoping and design, and education and advising expertise.

This course is a key component of ISG’s 25-year-long effort to provide military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues and foster peer-to-peer learning, this custom-tailored course offering brings theoretical and applied learning practices into an exciting and rich classroom environment.