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CIVILIAN HARM MITIGATION

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The Civilian Harm Mitigation course assists those responsible for promoting security and addressing threats to civilians in armed conflict environments. In addition to promoting legal and humanitarian imperatives, civilian harm mitigation supports security goals and strengthens military effectiveness. Mitigating civilian harm is also an expectation and norm for a modern, professional military. Participants will learn how mitigating civilian harm can and should be integrated into many facets of military operations, with the opportunity to develop and practice strategies and techniques in breakout sessions and in response to historical case studies.

OBJECTIVES

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

- ◆ Identify the many imperatives for mitigating civilian harm
- ◆ Understand the contributing factors that tend to cause civilian harm, including those that also reduce mission effectiveness
- ◆ Discuss the different components of a comprehensive approach to mitigating civilian harm
- ◆ Develop a tailored action plan for mitigating civilian harm by applying skills to case studies
- ◆ More effectively take on leadership roles in operational and institutional mitigation efforts

TOPICS

This course examines cause and effect in civilian harm through plenary lectures, historical case studies, exercises, and individual and group work. The course integrates conceptual frameworks and practical steps for mitigating civilian harm before, during, and after military operations. Course topics may include:

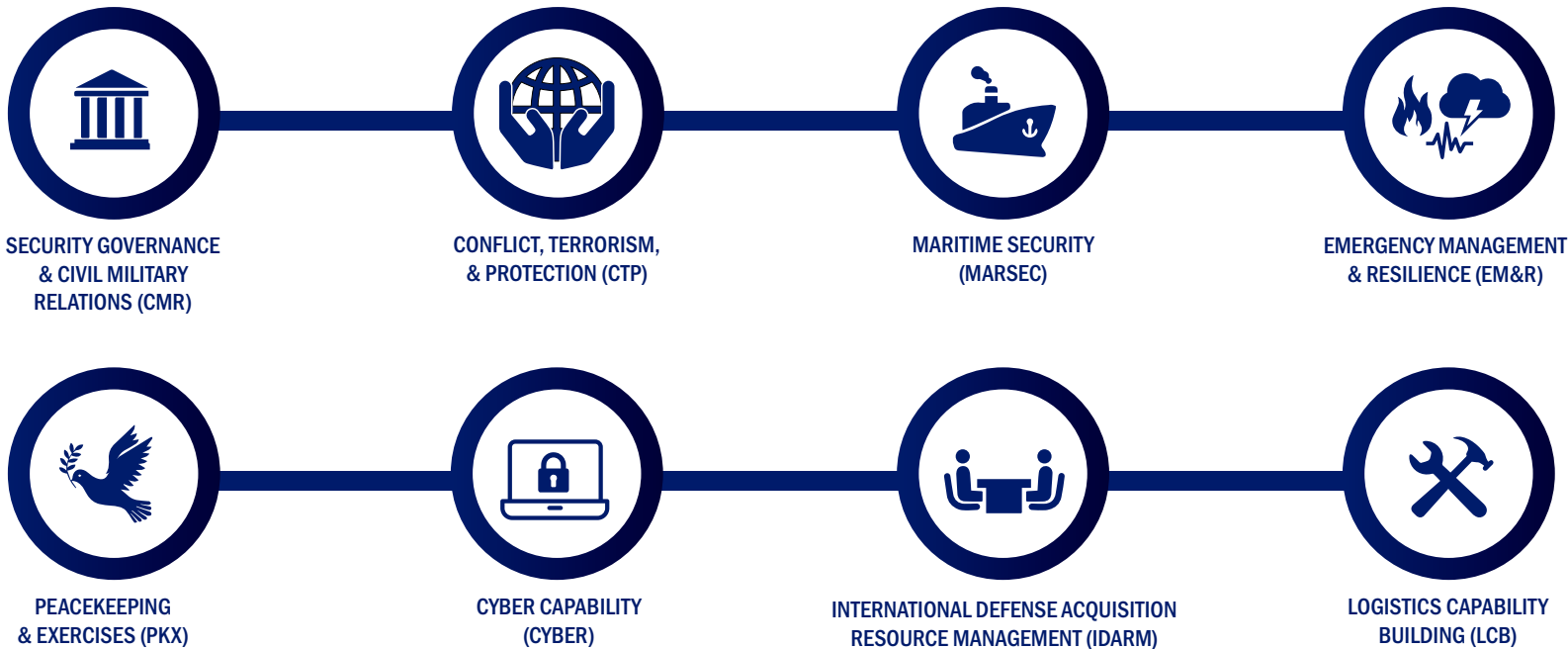
- ◆ Imperatives for civilian harm mitigation
- ◆ Planning and shaping operations to better protect civilians
- ◆ Targeting and intelligence best practices
- ◆ Identifying and assessing civilian harm and determining whether or not it occurred
- ◆ Responding when civilian harm has occurred, via investigations, public affairs, and amends
- ◆ Working with civil society and international organizations

PARTICIPANTS

The mobile format of this course can be taught to audiences of 30 - 40 participants. Host governments in consultation with US Embassies are asked to draw participation from a wide spectrum of military and civilian officials in mid- to senior-level positions. Women and men who shape and implement solutions to prevent, mitigate, and respond to civilian harm are ideal participants. Members of civil society and multilateral organizations may also participate.

ISG PROGRAM AREAS

ISG's tailored education and professional development programs support the sustainment of a comprehensive knowledge base and strengthen partner capacities to confront complex security and defense challenges. Engagements are designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues, foster peer-to-peer learning, and build international communities of interest.



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 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/military cooperation office 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 (International Military Education and Training, Foreign Military Sales, Peacekeeping Operations) and various Title 10 authorized programs such as the Maritime Security Initiative (MSI) and Regional Defense Fellowship Program (RDFP).

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.