



Course description

Security and Justice Governance and Reform

Virtual course

15 September - 13 October 2021

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The Finnish Defence Forces International Centre (FINCENT), in partnership with the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) and DCAF-ISSAT, will organise a five-day course on “Security and Justice Governance and Reform” delivered virtually, over the period of five weeks from 15 September to 13 October 2021.

The course aims to provide participants with the knowledge and practical tools on security sector governance and reform (SSG/R) and justice. It touches upon the holistic nature of SSG/R and covers dimensions related to human security, access to justice and good governance with a focus on both people-centered and state-centered security and justice in various development contexts.

This virtual program will present the contemporary theories and debates concerning SSG/R in order to provide participants with an opportunity to critically discuss and evaluate 'when, where and why?' to use different approaches and thinking. Alongside the presentation of theory, course participants will have the opportunity to apply a range of specialized analytical and problem-solving tools in order to build their 'muscle memory'. In addition, participants will engage in a series of exercises aimed at increasing their individual awareness in order to contribute to changes in their attitudes and practices in line with the principles of good governance - most notably the distinction between supporting and engendering a locally owned process in contrast to promoting a practitioner identified solution and trying to obtain local buy-in.

In order to focus on engagement and practical application rather than transfer of knowledge, the course will include practical exercises, self-reflection and group work including with tools related to SSG/R programme cycles.



Learning objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of SSG/R as a developmental approach including characteristics, objectives, considerations and tools. (knowledge/understanding);
- Use theory and knowledge to advance critical thinking and problem-solving skills, in the context of SSG/R and justice (skills/capacity);
- Apply tools and processes to assess, monitor and mitigate challenges associated with SSG/R programming (skills/capacity); and
- Demonstrate changes in their attitudes and values consistent with the principles of democratic governance in the context of SSG/R programming (attitudes/values)

Target audience

The course targets practitioners and professionals – including civilian, military and police personnel, as well as civil society representatives and professionals from the private sector – who are working on the provision, management and oversight of security and justice governance in both policy and practice. This includes state and non-state actors with knowledge of security and justice development who are in a position to influence policy and/or practice in this area. The course also targets those involved in programme design, management and implementation, mission planning and delivery and/or in political/policy dialogues.

The course organisers are committed to selecting diverse participants in terms of professional and organisational background, age and nationality, as well as gender balance.

Learning methodology

The focus of the course is on problem-solving and translating SSG/R concepts into practice. The programme uses a broad range of interactive and peer-learning methods, building on the participants' experiences and knowledge. The methodology differs from face to face trainings but is equally engaging and intense.

The course will be extending over five weeks, requiring participants to allocate **one full day per week of their time**; virtual plenary sessions not exceeding 3,5 hours at a time will be delivered once a week, and self-paced asynchronous learning will take place throughout the week. This optimises knowledge retention and exploits the full potential of virtual course delivery.



Throughout the course, written feedback will be provided on self-paced assignments, to support participants on their individual learning journey. Participants will be requested to fill in a pre-course questionnaire and assess their own learning progress. A certificate of attendance will be provided at the end of the course.

Description of the curriculum

The course notably covers the following components of SSG/R

- Security and Justice for the State and the People
- The Principles of Democratic Security and Justice Sector Governance
- National Security and Justice to Local Security and Justice
- State-Centered Security and Justice Providers
- People-Centered Security and Justice

It includes a case study as well as practical sessions on assessment, program design, design review and monitoring.

Technical requirements and course structure / dates

The virtual SJGR course includes five half days of virtual sessions on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, 15 September**
- **Wednesday, 22 September**
- **Wednesday, 29 September**
- **Wednesday, 6 October**
- **Wednesday, 13 October**

All virtual sessions will be delivered **from 8am UK/9am CH/10am FI time**. Participants need to be able to **attend all sessions and allocate an additional 4 hrs per week** to the self-paced sessions and group work between the virtual sessions, meaning they need to be able to dedicate **five full working days** to the course. The first self-paced session will take place ahead of 15 September.

Participation requires a stable internet connection in a quiet environment, where the participant can speak freely and participate actively without interfering with others at the course times mentioned. It is important to log on through a laptop/desktop computer (not phone/tablet) to experience the full benefits of the course. The use of a camera is obligatory, and a headset is encouraged.



Applications

The course is free of cost for the participants. If you are affiliated with Finnish institutions, you can apply through FINCENT link <https://www.lyyti.in/2021-ESDC-SSR>

If this option is not available to you, please send your applications by email (from your official email address) to training@issat.dcaf.ch and include the following documents:

1. An up-to-date CV or link to your (public) LinkedIn profile
2. A short paragraph describing what motivates you to apply and how this course would help in your daily work and for your future plans
3. Confirmation that you commit to participating in the entire course, that you are **available for the virtual course dates** mentioned and acknowledge that the course includes **five additional half-days** of self-paced learning (both individual and in small groups) during the course period, with one half day ahead of its start
4. If you use working hours for participating in this course, please confirm that your organisation has approved it
5. Please make sure to mention your nationality and gender in your application (diversity)

The **deadline for applications to the course is 20 June 2021**. The selection results will be communicated by 14 July 2021.