



Governance and Security in Sub-Saharan Africa (MASL# P170036 & P319080)

The Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) offers a custom-designed, Expanded International Military Education and Training (E-IMET) certified program entitled “Governance and Security in Sub-Saharan Africa” for all IMET recipient countries, to be conducted in Monterey, California (P170036) or as a MET (P319080) in a host country. The intended audience is mid-to senior level civilian officials (typically from Ministries of Defense, Interior, Justice, or Foreign Affairs) and military officers (O-5/O-6). The main theme of this program is to examine the interfaces between security and governance common to developing countries in the region. An important aspect of this discussion will be to distinguish between traditional security (the state level) and human security (the individual level), and to discuss how (or if) governments should use armed forces to do both. The intended audience for this course goes far beyond the military, reaching into every institution and requiring the participation of civilian officials from across the spectrum of government. Human security is everyone’s business; some governments choose to avoid using armed forces directly, but other institutions often need the capacity that resides in the defense establishment. The key question to be debated here will be “How should the military support human security goals without sacrificing its crucial national defense role?” The default answer (which manifests differently in every society) is to build a balanced set of high-capacity and inclusive institutions willing to work together in the pursuit of a government that is politically stable for long enough to produce reliable governance and security.

The key objectives of the course are to provide instruction, discussion, classroom exercises, participant country presentations, as well as a workshop focused on African futures. Specific milestones will include:

- 1) Survey the challenges of governance and security common to Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 2) Think deeply and collectively about how governments in the region can use military forces – and all security forces – to complement civilian efforts to reduce insecurity in the areas of health, food, education, environmental, and other aspects of human security.
- 3) Conduct “all hazards” risk assessment of threats to traditional and human security in the region.
- 4) Examine the related issues of extremism and social cohesion in the context of good governance.
- 5) Discuss the crucial role of civil-military relations and human rights performance within developing democracies, and how the mechanisms of civilian control help governments attain the larger goals of human security.
- 6) Conduct a workshop for looking into the future of Sub-Saharan Africa as a collection of states whose potential for political development and economic growth rests heavily on security issues.

The In Resident version of this course is offered at the Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. It is scheduled consecutively with other CCMR Monterey courses that could be of interest to the same individuals, allowing security assistance officers to save travel costs.

Faculty Teams

CCMR provides world-class subject matter experts from academic, military, or private sector backgrounds. It is our intention to include at least one guest faculty member for each course iteration, either from The Africa Center for Security Studies (ACSS) or from a selected African government. Each delegation will be asked to provide a classroom presentation regarding his/her own government’s governance and security issues for discussion by the group.

Cost: \$6K plus travel and living allowances (for In Resident version of this offering).

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