



**The Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance
in Southeast Asia
(IPF-SSG)**

Background

The Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance (IPF-SSG) in Southeast Asia aims to promote ongoing dialogue between Southeast Asian parliamentarians, with the intention of increasing civilian oversight, public accountability and national parliamentary involvement in security sector governance. The Forum features dialogue, publications and workshops which elaborate on general and current issues related to parliamentary oversight of the security sector in Southeast Asia. Participants include members of parliament, parliamentary staffers, government and security sector officials, academic experts and civil society representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam as well as representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat and international experts. Supported by the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung's (FES) Singapore-based Office for Regional Cooperation in Southeast and East Asia, the Forum is led by a Steering Committee, consisting of members of parliament of the aforementioned countries.

Objectives

The goals of the IPF-SSG in Southeast Asia are:

- To promote the parliamentary dimension of security sector governance in Southeast Asia;
- To promote an improved understanding of the role that parliaments can play in security sector governance
- To foster a regional dialogue on the role of parliaments in security sector governance and to encourage regional confidence building through greater parliamentary involvement in SSG.

Regional Events

Title of Event	Date	Place
1 st Workshop on Parliamentary Accountability and Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia	7-10 Feb 2006	Siem Reap, Cambodia
2 nd Workshop on Strengthening the Role of ASEAN Parliaments in Security Policy Review	10-11 Mar 2007	Manila, Philippines
3 rd Workshop on National Security Policy Reviews in ASEAN member States: A Parliamentary Perspective	23-25 Nov 2007	Denpasar/Bali, Indonesia
4 th Workshop Defence Budgeting in ASEAN Member States: Parliamentary Perspectives	23-24 May 2008	Phuket, Thailand
5 th Workshop on Defence Procurement in Southeast Asia: Parliamentary Perspectives	12-13 Oct 2008	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
6 th Workshop on Police Governance in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments?	29-30 May 2009	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
7 th Workshop on Reforming the Police in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments?	13-14 Nov 2009	Davao City, Philippines
8 th Workshop on Towards a Political-Security Community in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments?	19-20 June 2010	Jakarta, Indonesia

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee consists of representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand. Secretary is Mario Mayong Joyo Aguja, former Member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines.

Supporting organizations

The IPF-SSG in Southeast Asia receives support from the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's (FES) Singapore-based Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia.

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