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10th Anniversary Workshop

Good Governance of the Security Sector in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments?

**15-16 September 2016
Siem Reap, Cambodia**

(by invitation only)

10TH ANNIVERSARY WORKSHOP

The Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia (IPF-SSG) promotes ongoing dialogue and exchange of good practices among members of parliament in Southeast Asian countries. The Forum aims to enhance civilian oversight and national parliamentary involvement in security sector governance and features regular workshops, publications and its own website, as well as activities of national initiatives in participating countries. Participants in the Forum include parliamentarians and staffers, as well as government officials and members of security forces, academic experts and civil society representatives from several ASEAN member states. The IPF-SSG is supported by the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES). Since the first IPF-SSG workshop took place in Siem Reap in 2006, the IPF-SSG has been hosted every year in another Southeast Asian state and, in 2016, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, the IPF-SSG will return to Siem Reap, Cambodia.

The 10th Anniversary Workshop of the IPF-SSG will examine the role of parliaments in the good governance of the security sector in Southeast Asia. The objectives of the workshop are to contribute to the following:

- To promote experience-sharing on good governance of the security sector among members of parliament in Southeast Asia;
- To increase awareness and expertise of members of parliament and other relevant stakeholders in the region about their functions and powers and the tools and mechanisms at their disposition to effectively oversee the security sector;
- To inspire and facilitate national security sector governance activities in the region.

While there is no “one size fits all” approach, good security sector governance is based on the idea that the security sector should be held to the same high standards of public service delivery as any other public sector. If the security sector is well governed, it can be characterised as an effective and accountable sector capable of fulfilling its mandate to protect society against internal and external threats while respecting the rule of law and human rights. On the other hand, a poorly governed security sector is characterised by multiple security and accountability deficits, including over-inflated security establishments that are difficult to support financially, but frequently constitute a major political and economic force; lack of transparency and accountability; inadequate defence planning, poor management and budgeting capacity in both civilian and military institutions; a long history of human-rights abuses by security forces and a tendency for security forces to act with impunity; corruption; an insufficient number of civilians able to manage security matters and provide oversight; and inadequate professional development. Furthermore, political interference by the security forces and politicization of security forces by civilian actors are two sides of the same coin, which reflects major deficiencies in a security sector.

Since effective governance and civilian oversight of the security sector are essential for peace, democracy and development, as representatives of the people, members of parliament play an important role in the good governance of the security sector through its five generic functions of parliament: legislative, oversight, budgetary control, representative and elective functions. In this workshop, the focus will be on how parliaments fulfil these functions applied to the security sector and how they have found solutions for various obstacles ranging from a lack of legal powers, lack of expertise, and incomplete access to information to a lack of resources and staff.

The workshop will draw on experiences made in and lessons to be learned from Southeast Asian countries. In particular, it will serve as a platform to exchange experiences and foster a dialogue about strengthening the role of parliaments in security sector governance. It will also focus on how lessons learned at the regional level can be implemented at the national level through national activities. Against this backdrop, special attention will be given to the current status and future developments within ASEAN as the prime framework for intra- and interregional dialogue for security in Southeast Asia.

As a result of its unique focus and membership, since 2006, the IPF-SSG provides a platform for dialogue and exchange that is unlike any other in the region. Building on this contribution to regional dialogue, the IPF-SSG has also served as an important source of inspiration for supporting the development of national multi-stakeholder dialogue processes on SSG and security sector reform (SSR) in a number of countries, namely the Philippines (since 2008), Thailand (2009) and more recently in Cambodia (2011).

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Wednesday, 14 September 2016

Arrival of Participants

19:00 – 21:00 Welcome Dinner

Thursday, 15 September 2016

08:30 – 09:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and Introduction
09:30 – 10:15 Keynote Speeches
10:15 – 10:45 Group Photo and Coffee/Tea
10:45 – 12:30 Current Status of Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 – 13:45 Introduction to Challenges and Opportunities of Overseeing Security Institutions
13:45 – 14:45 Challenges and Opportunities of Overseeing Security Institutions (Break-out Groups)
14:45 – 15:15 Reporting Back from Break-out Groups and Plenary Discussion
15:15 – 15:45 Coffee/Tea
15:45 – 16:00 Introduction to Tools and Practices of Parliamentary Oversight
16:00 – 17:00 Tools and Practices of Parliamentary Oversight (World Café Style)
17:00 – 17:30 Reporting Back from Break-out Groups and Plenary Discussion
18:30 – 21:00 10th Anniversary Reception and Dinner

Friday, 16 September 2016

09:00 – 09:15 Brief Review of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2
09:15 – 10:30 Update on ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC)
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea
11:00 – 12:30 Security Sector Governance Initiatives in Southeast Asia: Country Updates
12:30 – 13:00 Closing Session: Wrap-up and Way Ahead
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
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19:00 – 21:00 Farewell Dinner

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FULL PROGRAMME

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Welcome remarks by Ambassador Pou Sothirak, Executive Director, CICP, Cambodia

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Speakers H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sirivudh, Supreme Privy Counselor to His Majesty the King of Cambodia; Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors, CICP

Professor Dr. Mario Aguja, Secretary-General, IPF-SSG; Professor of Sociology, Mindanao State University, former Member of House of Representatives, Philippines

Mr. Simon Junker, Deputy Director of Cooperation, SDC Cambodia

Dr. Heiner Hänggi, Assistant Director and Head of Research, DCAF, Switzerland

Mr. Augustus E. Cerdeña, Programme Coordinator, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Philippines

Chair Ambassador Pou Sothirak, Executive Director, CICP, Cambodia

09:30 – 10:15 Keynote Speeches

Speakers H.E. Mr. Sous Yara, Member of Parliament of Cambodia

Dr. Periowsamy Otharam, Secretary-General, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

Chair Ambassador Pou Sothirak, Executive Director, CICP, Cambodia

10:15 – 10:45 Group Photo and Coffee/Tea

10:45 – 12:30 Current Status of Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia

In this plenary session, experts will give brief presentations on the current status of the governance of the security sector in Southeast Asia, with a special emphasis on the role of parliament in holding the security actors accountable. The brief presentations will be followed by Q&A.

Points of discussion:

- What are the main strengths and weaknesses of security sector governance in your country?
- What are the role and limitations of parliament in assuring an effective and accountable security sector in your respective country?
- How could security sector governance be improved in your country, with an emphasis on strengthening the role of parliament?

Speakers *Cambodia*, Ambassador Pou Sothirak, Executive Director, CICP

Indonesia, Mr. Iis Gindarsah, Researcher, CSIS

Malaysia, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Chairman and Chief Executive, ISIS

Myanmar, Mr. Edward Ziwa Naing, Research Coordinator, MISIS (TBC)

Philippines, Dr. Aries Arugay, Executive Director, ISDS

Thailand, Dr. Chalidaporn Songsamphan, Assoc. Prof. Political Sciences, Thammasat University

Chair Dr. Hans Born, Deputy Head of Research, DCAF, Switzerland

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 13:45 Introduction to Challenges and Opportunities of Overseeing Security Institutions

Speaker Professor Dr. Mario Aguja, Secretary-General, IPF-SSG

13:45 – 14:45 Challenges and Opportunities of Overseeing Security Institutions (Break-out Groups)

In small break-out groups, the participants will discuss the challenges and opportunities of security sector governance, with an emphasis on the armed forces, police services and security services.

Break-out Group 1: Armed Forces

Co-chairs Lt.-Gen. (Ret.) Agus Widjojo, Governor, *Lemhannas RI* (National Resilience Institute of Republic of Indonesia)

Hon. U Khin Maung Thi, Member of the *Pyithu Hluttaw* (House of Representatives), Myanmar

Break-out Group 2: Police Services

Co-chairs Commissioner Zenonida F. Brosas, NAPOLCOM, Philippines

Pol. Col. Myint Zeya, Head, International Relations Department of the Division against Transnational Crime, Myanmar Police Force

Break-out Group 3: Security Services

Co-chairs Lt.-Gen. Surasit Thanadtang, Deputy Commanding General, NDSI, Thailand

Mr. Roger S. Rigor, Secretary, Committee on Defense and National Security, House of Representatives, Philippines

14:45 – 15:15 Reporting Back from Break-out Groups and Plenary Discussion

Chair Professor Dr. Mario Aguja, Secretary-General, IPF-SSG

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee/Tea

15:45 – 16:00 Introduction to Tools and Practices of Parliamentary Oversight of the Security Sector

Speaker Dr. Hans Born, Deputy Head Research, DCAF, Switzerland

16:00 – 17:00 Tools and Practices of Parliamentary Oversight of the Security Sector (World Café Style)

In an interactive format, participants will discuss the challenges and possibilities of parliament to hold the security sector accountable in their country.

Cambodia

Co-chairs Hon. Keo Phirum, Member of the National Assembly

Maj.-Gen. Lay Chenda, Director, Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of National Defence, Cambodia

Indonesia

Co-chairs Hon. Hanafi Rais, Member of the *Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat* (People's Representative Council), Member of Committee I

Mr. Begi Hersutanto, Chief of Parliamentary Staff Democratic Party, *Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat* (People's Representative Council)

Malaysia

Co-chairs Hon. Julian Tan Kok Pin, Member of *Dewan Rakyat* (House of Representatives)
Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Chairman and Chief Executive, ISIS

Myanmar

Co-chairs Hon. Dr. Aung Tun Khine, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, *Pyithu Hluttaw* (House of Representatives)
Col. Kyaw Thet Naing, National Defense College

Philippines

Co-chairs Hon. Tomasito Villarin, Member of the House of Representatives
H.E. Jose Luis Martin C. Gascon, Chair, Human Rights Commission

Thailand

Co-chairs Dr. Rachada Dhnadirek, former Member of Parliament of Thailand
Lt.-Gen. Perapong Manakit, Commissioner NBTC (TBC)

17:00 – 17:30 Reporting back from Breakout Groups and Plenary Discussion

Chair Dr. Hans Born, Deputy Head Research, DCAF, Switzerland

18:30 – 19:00 Reception *IPF-SSG The First Decade* video, introduced by Professor Dr. Mario Aguja, Secretary-General, IPF-SSG

19:00 – 21:00 10th Anniversary Dinner

Dinner Speech H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sirivudh, Supreme Privy Counselor to His Majesty the King of Cambodia; Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors, CICP

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09:00 – 09:15 Brief Review of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2

Speaker Dr. Albrecht Schnabel, Senior Fellow, DCAF, Switzerland

09:15 – 10:30 Update on ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC)

In this plenary session, ASEAN practitioners and experts will provide briefings on ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC), with an emphasis on ASEAN and AIPA's actual and desired role in APSC.

Points of Discussion:

- Is there a need for ASEAN security sector governance?
- What is the current status of APSC and what is the impact of APSC on security sector governance in Southeast Asia?
- Is it desirable and necessary that the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) plays a role in the further strengthening of security sector governance?

Speakers Dr. Mely Caballero-Anthony, Head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies RSIS, Nanyang Technological University
Mr. Iis Gindarsah, Researcher, CSIS

	Chair	Dr. Pranee Thiparat, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea	
11:00 – 12:30	Security Sector Governance Initiatives in Southeast Asia: Country Updates	
		The aim of this session is to take stock of recent activities and developments in the area of security sector governance and reform in Southeast Asia. The panellists will compare notes on the achievements of SSG/SSR and the effectiveness of multi-stakeholder approaches in their own countries, since the previous IPF-SSG in 2014.
		Points of discussion:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which activities have taken place in the context of SSR and SSG in your country? • What are the challenges of starting and maintaining SSR and SSG initiatives in your country? • What are the lessons learned of your experiences in organising successful SSR and SSG initiatives for participants of countries?
	Speakers	<p><i>Cambodia:</i> Professor Pou Sovachana, Deputy Director, CICIP</p> <p><i>Malaysia:</i> Hon. Sivarasa Rasiah, Member of Dewan Rakyat</p> <p><i>Myanmar:</i> Edward Ziwa Naing, Senior Fellow, MISIS (TBC)</p> <p><i>Indonesia:</i> Mr. Rafendi Djamin, Director, Regional Office Amnesty International South East Asia and the Pacific (TBC)</p> <p><i>Philippines:</i> Dr. Jennifer Santiago Oreta, Chairman, Board of Trustees of Security Reform Initiative; Assoc. Prof., Ateneo de Manila</p> <p><i>Thailand:</i> Lt.-Gen. Perapong Manakit, Commissioner, NBTC</p>
	Chair	Ms. Teresita Quintos Deles, former Presidential Advisor on the Peace Process, Philippines
12:30 – 13:00	Closing Session: Wrap-up, Delegations Take-away and Way Ahead	
		In this session, the co-hosts of IPF-SSG will take stock of the workshop and ask each of the national delegations what they can take home for future strengthening of SSR and SSG.
	Speakers	<p>Ambassador Pou Sothirak, Executive Director, CICIP</p> <p>Professor Dr. Mario Aguja, Secretary-General, IPF-SSG</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
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