



PfPC Security Sector Reform (SSR) Working Group

The PfPC Security Sector Reform Working Group was formally established in 2001. The objectives of the SSR Working Group are to enhance the process of security sector reform and good governance through cooperation in joint research, outreach and expert training initiatives. The SSR WG aims to encourage cooperation between international information networks as well as to enhance the exchange of ideas, insights, expertise, knowledge and best practices of security sector reform processes between consolidating and consolidated democracies in the Euro-Atlantic area. This group is strongly supported by the Swiss Federal Department of Defense, Civil Protection and Sport. The SSR WG strives to cover many topics and provide subject matter expertise on security sector reform. Over the past two years, agenda items have included:

- Developing operational tools for and building capacity to integrate gender in military education and training in a manner that is coherent with NATO policies and initiatives (recommendations on best practices in teaching gender to the military, a checklist for curriculum review, sample lesson plans)
- Providing subject matter expertise for the development of a new ADL course on gender by NATO Allied Command Transformation
- Providing expert support to the development of the NATO/PfPC reference curriculum for professional military education of non-commissioned officers (NCOs)

In the future, the working group will continue to highlight the need to address military education and training as a key entry point for the integration of gender in national defense structures by exchanging information across complementary fields of expertise in collaboration between PfPC working groups and will work to broaden the focus from gender, as a stand-alone topic, to its integration across curricula.

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