



AFRICA CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

Writing Assignment

Introduction

African countries face a diverse range of complex security challenges. Addressing these challenges requires strategies that are well-conceived, attainable and adequately resourced.

This program highlights the role of Africa's emerging security sector leaders, both uniformed and civilian, in formulating and implementing security strategies that are effective and sustainable.

Assignment

Having explored the linkages among security, development and justice, could you 1) discuss ways in which a national security strategy should address these intertwined issues, and 2) define the role, if any, that emerging security sector leaders such as yourself, could play in advancing a common security vision.

Your paper should reflect the concepts and principles contained in the following publications:

Syllabus reference: Moderan, O. (2015). Political Leadership and National Ownership of Security Sector Reform Processes. Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), pp 17-24. Retrieved from <https://www.dcaf.ch/sites/default/files/publications/documents/SSRG-West-Africa-Toolkit-Tool-1-EN.pdf>

Syllabus reference: Harborne, B., Dorotinsky, W., and Bisca, P., Eds. (2017). Securing Development: Public Finance and the Security Sector. World Bank Group, pp 3-4. Retrieved from <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25138/210766ov.pdf>

Syllabus reference: Backgrounder (2015). Security Sector Reform. Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), pp 8. Retrieved from <http://ssrbackgrounders.org/fall.php>

Paper Format & Guidelines

- Use your home country as an example for this assignment. Other countries can be cited as case studies to illustrate your conclusions and recommendations.
- Use relevant readings and sections of syllabus to answer each question.
- The paper must be your original work. Facilitators will guide you as you conceptualize and draft your paper.
- The paper must be ready for submission and discussion on 24th June 2019.
- Participants should place their name, country, and discussion group # on the paper.
- Your final paper should be 4 to 6 pages long, double-spaced using Times New Roman font size 12.

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