



AFRICA CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

National Security Strategy Development Workshop *The NSSD Case Studies Discussion Group Exercise*

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Participants' Guide

1. Purpose: Applying Key Concepts, Principles and Processes

This exercise is designed to highlight the importance of conceptualizing the concepts of security and strategy, the rationale for national security strategy and the processes for drafting and consultation during the process of national security strategy development. Participants should review the content from prior sessions before starting this exercise. The exercise will be conducted in the various discussion groups, with the brief-back being in plenary.

Part One provides an interactive overview of key concepts and processes. Participants are encouraged to be innovative and draw on a wide variety of data sources to complete this part. In **Part Two**, participants will be applying the concepts and processes analyzed in Part One to real-world problem solving. Each group will work on a different case study.

2. Part One: Concepts and Processes

- Assess the security threats facing your country/region and describe whether such security threats are simple, complicated or complex and implications for addressing them.
- In the light of the emerging security threats facing your country/region, how would you define national security in your country/region and why?
- Do you see any rationale for crafting national security strategy in your country/region and why?
- In your context, who should initiate the NSSD process, and why is this important? Who should be involved in the NSSD process and why?
- Which institution would be appropriate to approve the national security strategy and why?
- Summary of Findings and Recommendations (10 minutes).

3. Part Two: Applied Concepts and Processes to your case study.

In Part Two participants are to organize themselves by electing a rapporteur, who would present detailed responses of the Group to the following questions during the plenary session. The responses of the Group should reflect the wealth of knowledge and

experience each participant brings, as well as all of the concepts and processes discussed in Part One.

General Questions: All Discussion Groups

1. Discuss and define national security for your case study.
2. Discuss the rationale for crafting national security strategy for your case study and why.

Discussion Group 1: Initiation of NSSD, Botswana

- Discuss the possible institutions to initiate the NSSD and which institutions would be appropriate in your case study to initiate the NSSD process and why.

Discussion Group 2: Inclusivity and Consultation, Madagascar

- Identify and assess the profile (strengths and weaknesses) of the stakeholders to be consulted and included during NSSD process and why?

Discussion Group 3: Adoption and Approval, Burkina Faso

- Identify and assess the profile of the possible institutions that would adopt and approve the national security strategy and which institution would be appropriate in your case study and why.

Discussion Group 4: Dissemination and Communication, Cote D'Ivoire

- Discuss and develop dissemination and communication plan for crafting and implementation of national security strategy

4. Brief-Back Session:

Each discussion group will nominate one group member to make a 12-15 minute presentation during the brief-back session. This oral presentation (no PowerPoint) should synthesize the findings and recommendations of the group, and should provide detailed and 'actionable' responses to the exercise questions.