

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

Within the framework of the European Union Civilian Training Initiative (EUCTI) programme, the [Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution \(ASPR\)](#) will organize a hybrid course on Security Sector Reform with specific focus on the Somalia country context.

### **Course Title:**

**Security Sector Reform - A Training Course for Staff working in Civilian Crisis Management (CCM) Missions in Somalia**

### **Course Objective & Approach**

The course concept, which was developed in coordination with EUCAP Somalia and is tailored to the specificities of the Somali context and that of civilian crisis management, aims to enhance participants' capacity to deliver their mandates within the security sector context in Somalia upon completing this training. The approach it takes is from general and broad to specific and contextualized to do justice to the complexity of the subject matter (SSR). A strong focus on cross-cutting issues, in particular gender and inclusivity, will enable participants to provide a visible and substantive assistance in a fragile environment beyond the training.

The training aims at providing both theoretical and practical knowledge of SSR related aspects. It is grounded in an understanding that participants to the training are themselves experts in their own professional areas and bring great value to this training course. Therefore, the contributions by participants are equally important to the success of the training as the inputs of trainers and speakers.

### **Learning Objectives**

After this training participants will

- be able to explain the major purposes of security sector reform, its objectives, principles and processes.
- understand the political dimension of SSR and its impact on democratic development.
- be able to conduct analyses on a number of components of security sector reform, including identifying actors, cross-cutting issues, justice and reform issues.
- be able to understand the importance of gender in aspects of reform and have identified ways how to mainstream/stress gender and other cross-cutting issues in their SSR programmes.
- be able to assemble their own SSR toolbox, a list of best practices in SSR, and a variety of reference materials relevant to their own work.

### **Course Concept/Content**

The course will be divided into three main training parts as follows:

**Part 1** (online) will be devoted to the introduction to and understanding of the complex nature of SSR. It will impart knowledge of SSR concepts, actors, challenges and looks at the various contexts in which SSR is taking place. Issues cutting across and fundamental to all SSR contexts and programmes will be introduced.

**Part 2** (residential) will introduce a number of new aspects, in particular as they are relevant in the specific Somalia country context and delve more deeply into subjects already broadly outlined in Part 1 – always with a view to “how does this fit within the Somalia context”. Subjects covered in the residential segment fall under the broader headlines of associated processes enabling SSR, as well as policy approaches & management tools. Case studies and lessons-learned will enrich the sessions.

**Part 3** (online) will look to the future of SSR in Somalia. In the light of having two groups in Part 2 consecutively, Part 3 will also offer the space to reflect jointly on major findings and learnings gained by both groups, allowing for one or the other new insight.

**Target audience & number of participants:**

The course targets staff working in the European Union’s civilian CSDP mission in Somalia (EUCAP SOM) and is also open to staff from other CCM missions and organizations working in Somalia and the region.

Maximum number of participants: 30 (15 per group)

**Course Format, Dates & Venue:**

Hybrid – online & residential<sup>1</sup>, in three Parts.

Part 1	online segment	2 days	17 & 18 November	All participants (max. 30) Dates tentative (tbc)
Part 2	Residential segment – Nairobi/Kenya	3 days	22-24 November	Group 1 (max. 15 persons)
			26-28 November	Group 2 (max. 15 persons)
Part 3	Online segment	1/2 day	2 December	Date tentative (tbc)

The course will be hosted on ASPR’s eLearning platform Moodle and will include self-paced elements and some preparatory work for Part 1.

Live sessions during the online segments (Part 1, Part 3) will be conducted on Zoom. We will run a technical test session with all participants prior to the start of Part 1 (date will be communicated in due time).

<sup>1</sup> The residential segment may be switched to the online classroom under certain Covid-19 related conditions including the imposition of quarantine on incoming travellers by the Kenyan government.

The duration of online synchronous sessions in Part 1 will not exceed a max 5 of hours per day.

The residential portion of the course (Part 2) will offer additional ‘informal’ sessions next to our regular sessions. Such informal sessions may be used to address further topics on interest in SSR, as well as issues that participants have raised in our regular sessions. These additional sessions will be offered at the end of the day or early evenings, depending on the desires of the participants.

All relevant course information and materials for all three Parts will be stored on ASPR moodle and accessible to course participants throughout the course duration.

To receive the Course Certificate participants are expected to do all preparatory work and attend all mandatory sessions in Part 1 – 3.

