



# Global Center for Security Cooperation

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The Global Center for Security Cooperation (GCSC) is a subordinate organization of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA). It was established by the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy to build cohesion amongst the Department of Defense (DoD) international education programs. Specifically, it is a vehicle to enhance mission support of the Regional Centers for Strategic Studies (RCSS).

As noted in the February 2007 *Defense Institute of Security Assistance Journal*, Volume 29, No. 1, the Deputy Secretary of Defense established a new vision for the RCSS's. The Regional Centers are now "the principal strategic communications tools for creating a regional international dialogue on U.S. security policy for the Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD)." Primary objectives include harmonizing views on common security challenges and educating on the role of civil societies.

To facilitate and reinforce the Regional Centers' objectives, during the Regional Centers Roundtable in November 2005, the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (PDUSD) communicated an enduring vision that would unify the programs of key international education providers in support of the Regional Centers under a Global Center for Security Cooperation. The new vision, endorsed by the Regional Center Directors, recognized the need to:

- Build a federation under the School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS) at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)
- Create a collaborative relationship with each RCSS
- Harmonize efforts in accordance with Defense Security Cooperation Guidance, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Combatant Command (COCOM) direction

In an October 6, 2006, memo to the President of the Naval Postgraduate School, the PDUSD gave direction to formalize and implement the GCSC as an OSD Policy entity located at the NPS and under the Executive Agency of the (DSCA). The Dean of SIGS at the NPS was appointed to be dual-hatted as the director of the newly envisioned GCSC because the PDUSD for Policy and DSCA recognized the relevant and unique advanced education roles and missions provided by SIGS. SIGS' organization complements the Regional Centers and is consistent with the Secretary's vision for the DoD international education. The GCSC opened on 1 October 2007. A formal ceremony was held on 16 November 2007.

The GCSC is not an academic or educational institution, does not conduct research, or develop curricula. Instead the Center's role is to serve as the primary conduit for the following:

- Educational and subject matter expertise
- Faculty sharing
- Mobile education teams (METs)
- Distance learning
- Program and curricula synchronization

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- Support through faculty and student research

This allows the Regional Centers to draw on SIGS for support. Specifically, the goals of the USD for Policy and DSCA are to accomplish the following:

- Provide a greater awareness of DoD international education and training resources available to specialized education and training providers
- Coordinate, integrate and de-conflict selected international military education providers' capabilities and programs to minimize duplication in accordance with OSD priorities in support of the *Security Cooperation Guidance*
- Expand target audiences to approved recipients to build trust and influence

As mentioned, one of the roles of the GCSC is to align the programs of key international education providers in a GCSC consortium. Currently being evaluated for inclusion in the GCSC consortium in a coordinating relationship, are the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies (DIILS), the Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO) and the Defense Language Institute English Language Center (DLIELC). The resulting additional capacity in the RCSSs, achieved through the integration of other providers into the GCSC, will generate:

- Increased coordination among the centers
- Worldwide awareness and maximization of international training and education capabilities and capacities
- Maximum collaboration with OSD to ensure that policy makers are informed by the Center's wealth of expertise
- A collaborative set of centers with a coherent message which exceeds the sum of their individual contributions
- A common information technology network to improve alumni outreach efforts and strengthen collaboration among centers, other DoD education institutions, and OSD policy

The GCSC is a small unique operation supporting the international education needs described in DoD's *Security Cooperation Guidance*. The GCSC consortium is an exclusive affiliation of world class providers, enhancing security assistance efforts throughout DoD.