




DCAF Geneva Centre  
for Security Sector  
Governance

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Dedicated to making **people** safer  
through more effective and accountable  
**security** and **justice**.



# OUR PRINCIPLES

DCAF believes that people-centred security, where the needs of the people are considered as important as the needs of the state, is essential to the realization of peace and sustainable development.

## Democratic control

We believe that the rule of law is a cornerstone of good governance.

## Local ownership

We support inclusive, locally-owned reforms that are driven by the needs of affected populations.

## Human rights

We take a human rights-based approach with gender equality at its core.

## Impartiality

We provide expert advice and do not take sides politically.

## OUR EXPERTISE

**Advise** on security sector law and policy

**Support** the design, implementation, and evaluation of SSG/R programmes

**Build** the capacity of national and international actors

**Produce** evidence-based tools and knowledge products

**Influence** national and international policy discussions

**Facilitate** the exchange of best international practices



# OUR PARTNERS



Police



Ministries



Multilateral organizations



Parliaments



Civil society



Armed forces



Ombuds institutions



Judiciary



Intelligence services



Private sector



Development agencies



Border police



Media



Academia

At its heart, security sector reform is about ensuring safety and enabling women, men, and children to live their lives free from fear, go to school, go to market, and walk on the street at any time without having to worry about attacks, criminal assault, or other forms of violence.

**Amina J. Mohammed**

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

# OUR FOOTPRINT

Since our founding in 2000, DCAF has supported projects and provided advice and expertise to national and international partners in more than 70 countries. We have field offices in\*: Addis Ababa, Bamako, Banjul, Beirut, Belgrade, Brussels, Chişinău, Kyiv, Ljubljana, Niamey, Ramallah, Skopje, Tegucigalpa, Tripoli, and Tunis.



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# OUR GOVERNANCE

DCAF is a Swiss-based foundation governed by a Foundation Council with representatives from around 50 countries and the Canton of Geneva. We are headquartered in the Maison de la Paix in Geneva, Switzerland, an internationally-recognized centre of expertise in foreign, security, and peace policy.

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