



Business and Security



Overview

DCAF's Business and Security Division works with companies, governments and communities to promote security, sustainable development, and respect for human rights. We play a leading role globally in improving regulation oversight and accountability of the private security industry. We actively engage to promote responsible business conduct in contexts of fragility such as communities affected by armed conflict, violence and chronic crisis.

What we do:

- » Develop norms, standards, and good practices in the field of business and security;
- » Reinforce international initiatives that promote responsible business conduct;
- » Strengthen national capacities to address security and human rights challenges;
- » Promote multi-stakeholder cooperation in fragile contexts.

DCAF's Business and Security Division is the Secretariat of the Montreux Document Forum, works together with the International Code of Conduct Association, and is the preferred implementation partner of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights.

Through a partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) we address security and human rights challenges with companies operating in complex environments.



Highlights

› **STRENGTHENING REGULATION OF THE PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY**

We support national stakeholders to strengthen private security regulation with advisory services that are tailored to the challenges of each context. DCAF's approach encompasses a gap analysis of regulatory and policy frameworks, building consensus for reform through multi-stakeholder dialogue, providing technical inputs on legal and regulatory reform, and strengthening oversight of the private security industry. Recent DCAF regulatory support processes include Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Liberia, Madagascar, and Peru.

› **CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKING THROUGH THE AFRICAN PRIVATE SECURITY GOVERNANCE OBSERVATORY**

The African Private Security Governance Observatory is a pan-African network of civil society organisations supported by DCAF to reinforce civil society's role in promoting oversight and accountability of the private security industry. The Observatory fosters networking, capacity building, and experience sharing. It promotes national action while creating a bridge to international initiatives such as the Montreux Document and the International Code of Conduct.

› **HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING FOR PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES ASSIGNED TO EXTRACTIVES INDUSTRIES**

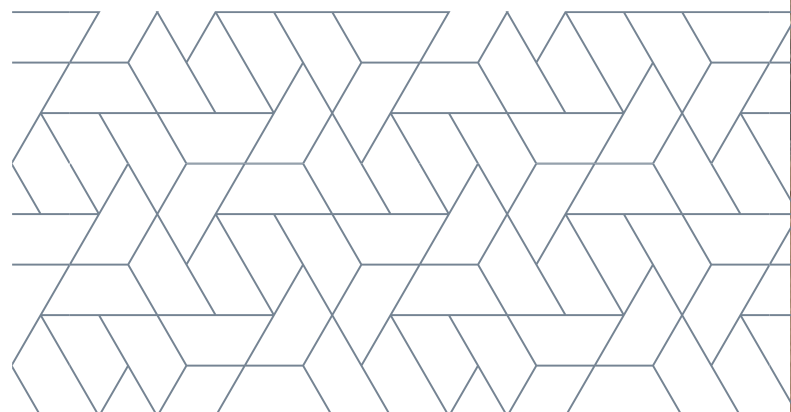
DCAF supports human rights training for public security forces working around extractives operations such as mines and oil wells. In the DRC and Kenya, improved training practices that reduce human rights risks are being delivered through the development of training curricula and the implementation of 'train the trainer' approaches to create sustainable national capacities.

› **MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT TO PROMOTE SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, and Peru, DCAF supports multi-stakeholder groups within which representatives of government, the private sector, security institutions, and civil society generate locally driven solutions to security and human rights challenges. Through working together, trust is built which enables powerful collective action. The working groups seek to 'join the dots' and create synergies through linking implementation efforts under international initiatives including the Voluntary Principles, UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the OECD Responsible Business Conduct workstream.

› **PROMOTING SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS GOOD PRACTICE WITH CHINESE STAKEHOLDERS**

The DCAF-ICRC partnership works together with the China Chamber of Commerce on Mining, Minerals and Chemicals (CCCMC) to promote security and human rights good practice by Chinese companies operating in fragile contexts. The DCAF-ICRC Security and Human Rights Toolkit is available in Mandarin and new training tools are being jointly developed. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, workshops with Chinese companies are promoting responsible engagement with host states, public and private security as well as with local communities.



Security and Human Rights Implementation Mechanism

DCAF's Security and Human Rights Implementation Mechanism (SHRIM) is a multi-donor trust fund that promotes responsible business conduct on the ground. The SHRIM seeks to be a force multiplier for international initiatives including the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights, the OECD Responsible Business Conduct workstream, and the International Code of Conduct.

SHRIM activities support multi-stakeholder partnerships that link business, governments and communities in fragile contexts to address security and human rights challenges. Since 2016, with the support of committed donors and local partner organisations, the SHRIM has supported the implementation of more than 16 projects with an impact in 23 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. SHRIM contributions are ODA-eligible.



The SHRIM is strongly committed to the practical application of donor coherence and aid effectiveness. DCAF is keen to engage with governments, inter-governmental entities, NGOs, and private actors interested in working together to promote effective and coherent security and human rights programming.

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DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance is committed to making people more secure through accountable and effective security and justice. We help national and international entities to deliver security that respects human rights, upholds the rule of law, and is democratically controlled by:



Helping to improve the way national security sectors are governed



Guiding the development of sound, sustainable security governance policy



Promoting locally owned reforms that are inclusive, participatory, and gender responsive

DCAF pursues five main activities:



Providing technical expertise to nationally led SSG/R processes



Capacity building for state and non-state actors



Publishing research and knowledge products



Promoting internationally recommended good governance practices



Advising on security sector-related legal and policy questions

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