

About the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia (IPF-SSG)

Supported by DCAF and FES (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung), the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia (IPF-SSG) was an initiative running from 2006 to 2017 with the goal of supporting the role of parliaments in security sector governance by promoting peer-review and dialogue among parliamentarians and interested stakeholders of the region. IPF-SSG has counted 300 participants, including members of parliament, parliamentary staffers, government and security officials, academic experts and civil society representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The Forum featured, among others, regional workshops which address specific issues of parliamentary oversight of the security sector, such as national security policy development, defence budgeting and procurement, police governance and police reform, and judicial reform.



After a decade of lessons learned, DCAF decided to expand a similar approach of knowledge sharing to other actors and to the greater Asia-Pacific region. In 2018, we launched a new project on regional Security Sector Governance Forums. That project is at the core of this website at large.

About the IPF-SSG Secretary-General

Dr. Mario “Mayong” J. Aguja served as the IPF-SSG Secretary-General and is currently a Professor at the Department of Sociology of the Mindanao State University, General Santos City (MSU-GenSan), in the Philippines. He studied AB Sociology at the MSU-GenSan and earned his master’s degree in Sociology at the University of the Philippines, Diliman. He earned a doctorate degree in International Cooperation Studies at the Graduate School of International Development at Nagoya University, Japan. Professor Aguja is one of the founding members of the Akbayan Citizen’s Action Party and was a member of the House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress from 2002-2004 and 2004-2007, which is how he became initially involved in the IPF-SSG. He is additionally actively involved as a short-term consultant on security sector governance in Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar, and serves as the Vice-Chairperson of the Security Reform Initiative (SRI), Philippines.



Special issues

- **"Good Governance of the Security Sector in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments?"**, A Compilation of Contributions Submitted at the 10th Anniversary Workshop of the IPF-SSG, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 15-16 September 2016.
- Special issue on **"Parliamentary Accountability and Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia, Dialogue and Cooperation, No. 3, 2006"**.

Briefing Case Studies

Security Sector Reform and Peace Processes

These Country Briefing Notes were written by participants of the 12th IPF-SSG workshop on "Security Sector Reform and Peace Processes in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments" on 22-23 November 2014 in Manila, Philippines.

- **Country Briefing Note: Cambodia** (2014)
- **Country Briefing Note: Indonesia** (2014)
- **Country Briefing Note: Malaysia** (2014)
- **Country Briefing Note: Philippines** (2014)
- **Country Briefing Note: Thailand** (2014)

Role of Parliament and Defence Procurement

These Explanatory Background Notes were written in the context of the 5th IPF-SSG workshop on "Defence Procurement in Southeast Asia: Parliamentary Perspectives" on 12-13 October 2008 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

- **Defence Procurement in Southeast Asia** (2008)
- **Parliaments and Defence Procurement** (2008)
- **Explanatory Background Note: Cambodia** (2008)
- **Explanatory Background Note: Indonesia** (2008)
- **Explanatory Background Note: Malaysia** (2008)
- **Explanatory Background Note: Philippines** (2008)
- **Explanatory Background Note: Singapore** (2008)

Role of Parliament and Defence Budgeting

These papers were written in the context of the 4th IPF-SSG workshop on "Defence Budgeting in ASEAN Member States: Parliamentary Perspectives" on 23-24 May 2008 in Phuket, Thailand.

- **Defence Budgeting in ASEAN Member States: Parliamentary Perspectives**
- **Role of Parliament in Defence Budgeting in Cambodia** (2008)
- **Role of Parliament in Defence Budgeting in Indonesia** (2008)
- **Role of Parliament in Defence Budgeting in Malaysia** (2008)
- **Role of Parliament in Defence Budgeting in the Philippines** (2008)
- **Role of Parliament in Defence Budgeting in Thailand** (2008)