



DCAF **25**
YEARS

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



OUR VISION

We envision a world where democratic security sector governance advances sustainable peace and development and human dignity for all.

A human rights-based approach

with gender equality at its core and the rule of law as a compass.

Democratic governance

underpinned by accountability, effectiveness, and inclusiveness.

Impartiality in assessing needs, in implementing projects, and in engaging with partners and parties.

National ownership at all stages of DCAF's engagement and work with partners, to address the needs of affected populations.

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 country offices in*: Addis Ababa, Bamako, Banjul, Beirut, Belgrade, Brussels, Chişinău, Kyiv, Ljubljana, Niamey, Ouagadougou, Ramallah, Skopje, 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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