



## International Stabilization and Peacebuilding Initiative

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## The International Stabilization and Peacebuilding Initiative

### **ISPI is:**

An informal, working-level network of government, multilateral, and international partners aimed at improving peacebuilding outcomes by:

- Enhancing civilian capacity globally
- Increasing interoperability among these international actors

### **ISPI Aims to Achieve these Goals by:**

Developing informal/virtual international environments to facilitate activities of cooperation; and the exchange of information, experiences and best practices on civilian capabilities for stabilization and peacebuilding.

### **ISPI Does NOT:**

- Make policy or policy recommendations.
- Seek to compete with any other international networks or initiatives.



## Origins of ISPI

Canada, UK, and US co-hosted the October 2009

### **Washington Workshop on Reconstruction, Stabilization, and Peacebuilding.**

Meeting participants highlighted the need for sharing experiences and deepening practical, field oriented international cooperation in developing civilian capabilities for stabilization and peacebuilding within the following common work streams:

- a) Knowledge Management and Lessons Learned
- b) Deployable Civilian Capabilities
- c) Policy, Strategy, and Resources



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### **Knowledge Management and Lessons Learned Needs:**

- Need to develop common terminology, norms, and standards for capturing and sharing various kinds of stabilization and peacebuilding lessons.
- Need for a user-friendly, on-line capability to pull together, synthesize, forge consensus around, and disseminate key lessons learned that reinforce the benefits of field-based cooperation.”
- Need for common standards and operating procedures on evaluations, questions for assessment, determinations of lessons already adopted, and agreement on how to utilize new lessons learned.
- Need for developing lessons learned in an environment of political independence to avoid politicization.



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### Deployable Civilian Capabilities Needs:

- Need for common standards for training and recruitment.
- Need for joint training and exchanges of trainers, and trainees.
- Need to connect experiences in the field to work in capitals and headquarters for the purpose of revealing gaps in training and information resources.
- Need for training to improve international collaborative and coordination efforts and to allow for greater interoperability and planning across governments.
- Need to share capacity-building resources.

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### Policy, Strategy, and Resources:

- Need for contacts between multilateral and bilateral organizations, as well as international implementing partners.”
- Need for enhanced coordination and coherence of policies and practices.
- Need to make better use of development cooperation funds by sharing the risk.
- Need for common tools for setting goals, establishing metrics, engaging in follow-up, and division of labor.
- Need to improve international coordination by first providing opportunities to work together and establish common understandings, then move to build common goals, policies, and strategies.
- Need to link strategies to planning and resources.

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## 15 governments and 6 international organizations have joined ISPI:

### Governments

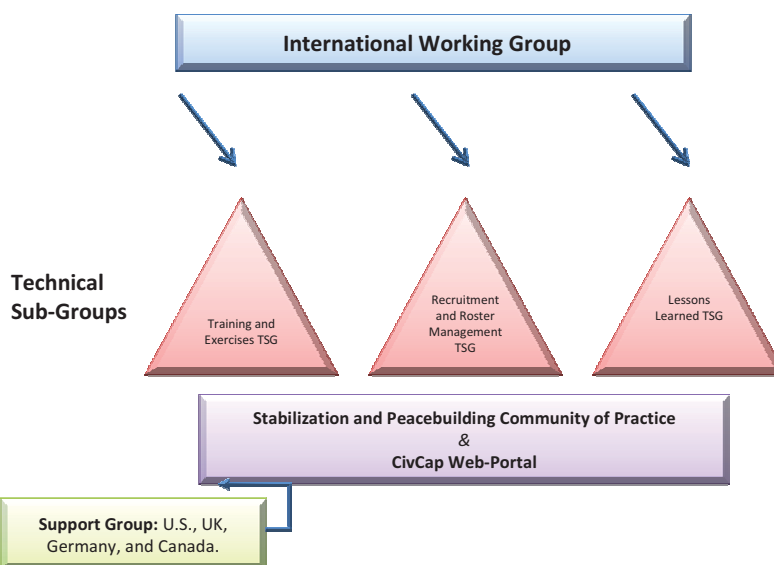
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### International Organizations

- ▶ African Union
- ▶ European Union
- ▶ Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
- ▶ Organization of American States
- ▶ United Nations
- ▶ World Bank

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## Structure of ISPI



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## Technical Sub-Groups (TSGs)

TSGs are working groups made up of specialists supplied by ISPI member governments and international organizations. They share and develop sector-specific best practices for enhancing civilian capabilities and achieving interoperability in their individual technical areas.

- **TSG on Recruitment and Roster Management:** Brings together roster and recruitment managers for the purpose of exchanging best practices, and looking at the possibility of promoting the development of common standards and tools for the deployment of civilian experts in stabilization operations.
- **TSG on Training and Exercises:** Brings together training specialists for the purpose of exchanging training standards, training curricula, exchanges of trainers, and/or shared training.
- **TSG on Lessons Learned:** Brings together policy and program analysts to exchange best practices and lessons learned about international cooperation within the civilian dimension of peace and stability operations, including through the sharing of research methodologies and measurement tools.

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## CivCap Portal [www.civcap.info](http://www.civcap.info)

The member area of the CivCap portal is designed to facilitate the activities and interactions of the first three Technical Sub Groups (TSGs) of ISPI.

Using the functions contained in the member area, TSGs can:

- Share events, workshops, trainings, or conferences
- Upload published reports, briefing papers, and articles on peacebuilding and stabilization
- Communicate with other members
- Share TSG working documents
- Update the ISPI community

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## The Stabilization and Peacebuilding Community of Practice

A global network of roughly 600 international peacebuilding actors and individual practitioners, such as think tanks, NGOS, academic centers, and the private sector who interact virtually to share their practical experiences on peace and stability operations.

Activities Include:

- **e-Discussions:** Share recommendations and insights by responding to thematic questions on recent reports/events
  - November 2010 e-Discussion: UN Review of International Civilian Capacities
  - Upcoming e-Discussion: International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF) report *Supporting Statebuilding in Situations of Fragility and Conflict: Policy Guidance*
- **e-Queries:** Mission-related questions sent to a facilitator who mobilizes the community and compiles, in real-time, a consolidated response that incorporates member feedback and relevant research
  - March 2011 e-Query: Police Training Programs
- **e-Newsletter:** A bi-monthly online newsletter for members to periodically share relevant peacebuilding and stabilization.



## How to Participate

ISPI is open to all actors who have expressed a serious commitment to developing an operational peacebuilding and stabilization capacity.

For more information on how to join, please email the ISPI Support Staff at **[ispi@civcap.info](mailto:ispi@civcap.info)**

