



**NATO SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
(NATO SFA COE)**



“Insights on Strategic Advising for Security Force Assistance”

Rome, 11th July 2022

The NATO SFA COE is a multinational entity with Italy, Albania and Slovenia as the Sponsoring Nations. The project started in 2016 with the aim of promoting Stability and Reconstruction efforts for any crisis scenario and to become a SFA focal point for the Alliance. The Centre was formally created on the 13th of December 2017 with the signature of the MOUs between the Sponsoring Nations and the Allied Command Transformation and officially obtained the NATO accreditation from the North Atlantic Council on the 3rd of December 2018.

On the 26th of March 2019, **Albania, Italy** and **Slovenia** celebrated the Opening Ceremony, that marked the introduction of the SFA COE to the community of NATO COEs.

The Centre’s mission is to improve the effectiveness of the Alliance in promoting stability and reconstruction efforts for conflict and post-conflict scenarios through education, training and doctrine activities and also to provide a unique capability to the Alliance, NATO Nations, NATO Partners and International Organizations in the field of SFA.

The Conference has the aim of bringing together an international group of experts to talk about the challenges and the opportunities around SFA advising activities and goals as described in the book “Insights on Strategic Advising for Security Force Assistance”. The authors will highlight the SFA related capacity building activities in fragile states, describing tools, behaviours, best practices and training methods for SFA advisors engaging in complex contexts while maintaining a comprehensive approach. The audience will have the opportunity to acquire lesson learned from multiple experiences and to engage in a productive discussion aimed at identifying important features through which the advisors can attain their objectives, ensuring sustainable and long-term stability.

AGENDA

| Serial | Time | Conference | Location | Remarks |
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| 11th July 2022 | | | | |
| 1. | 08.30 09.00 | Conference Registration | Armed Forces Officers Club Rome, Italy (Via XX Settembre n. 2) | Jacket and Tie or Service Uniform (no combat uniform) |
| 2. | 09.00 09.15 | Opening Remarks A vision of the International Community Col. Massimo DI PIETRO, NATO SFA COE Director Gen. C.A Carlo LAMANNA His Excellency Ambassador Stefano PONTECORVO | | |
| 3. | 09.15 09.30 | Insights on Strategic Advising for Security Force Assistance Maj Ludovica GLORIOSO (NATO SFA COE Legal Adviser - Project Officer) Nadia GERSPACHER (Senior Expert- co-editor) | | |
| 4. | 09.30 10.00 | Tools for promoting rule of law and good governance in crisis zones Susan POND (Former NATO HQ Senior Officer) | | |
| 5. | 10.00 10.40 | Coffee Break | | |
| 6. | 10.40 11.10 | Understanding the local context on a Mission as a key enabler to providing advisory and capacity building support Bettina KIRCHER (Consultant Conflict and Development Management) | | |
| 7. | 11.10 11.50 | Insights on Training Advisors: Good Practices and Key Principles Nadia GERSPACHER (Senior Expert) | | |
| 8. | 11.50 13.10 | Group Photo/Hosted Lunch | | |
| 9. | 13.10 13.40 | A U.S. Government Approach to Building Institutional Capacity through Strategic Advising Julie CHALFIN (Political-Military affairs Bureau US Department of State) | | |
| 10. | 13.40 14.10 | Tracking Success and Failure: Monitoring and Evaluating Security Force Assistance James CUNNINGHAM (Project Lead SIGAR, Resident Expert in Security Sector Assistance) | | |
| 11. | 14.10 14.30 | Coffee Break | | |
| 12. | 14.30 15.00 | Planning capacity building initiatives: How to implement sustainability through a Phased Iterative Planning Process Gen David SAN CLEMENTE (United States Air Force (Ret.)) Video Teleconferencing (VTC) | | |
| 13. | 15.00 15.30 | Going further: Challenges not yet addressed from the field Will BENNETT (Rethinking Stability Programme Manager, Interpeace Advisor Team) | | |
| 14. | 15.30 15.40 | Coffee Break | | |
| Panel Discussion and Final Thoughts | | | | |
| 1. | 15.40 16.30 | I Session: Key challenges to address with policy/project design Moderated by Maj Ludovica Glorioso II Session: Reflections on how to integrate training, the planning and the monitoring and evaluation process in current deployment programs Moderated by Dr. Nadia Gerspacher | Rome, Italy | Jacket and Tie or Service Uniform (no combat uniform) |
| 2. | 16.30 17.00 | Closing Remarks + Senior Fellow Awards Director Col. Massimo DI PIETRO | | |