



SADSEM News highlights the activities of the Southern African Defence and Security Management Network (SADSEM). The SADSEM Network offers common programmes at tertiary education institutions in southern Africa to contribute to democratic management of defence and security and to strengthen peace and cooperative security.

SADSEM delivers executive course in Northern Mozambique

Since its inception in 1999, the Defence Management Programme Mozambique (DMPM), a SADSEM network partner has been conducting its activities from the city of Maputo. For the first time the project held an executive course on defence and security management at the recently established Samora Machel Military Academy in Nampula. The week-long executive course, held in October 2006, was attended by 20 senior officers selected from the Military Academy, and various military units based in the northern province of Mozambique. It addressed current issues in defence and security management. The course also provided an opportunity for the DMPM to obtain insights for the ongoing research project on the impact of HIV and AIDS in the security sector of Mozambique and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

Security in the SADC Indian Ocean Region

Through SADSEM's research programme, members of the network and a representative of the Madagascar naval forces participated in October 2006 in a three-day retreat on Ilha de Mozambique. The team examined research priorities for security challenges facing the island states of Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles, and the littoral states of Mozambique, South Africa and Tanzania (all members of the Southern African Development Community).

Workshop members concluded that these six SADC members shared a range of maritime-related security threats and risks, which in their view warranted the further development of a research project. Of particular concern were the risks associated with the oil tanker routes through the Mozambique Channel and the East Coast of South Africa, trade in illegal substances, environmental degradation, and political transitions. The coordinators finalised a project proposal which will be submitted to an appropriate donor for support. The workshop was funded by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Mozambique).

Participants on the executive course in defence and security management, Samora Machel Military Academy, Nampula.

Photo: Amélia Souto.



SADSEM Network activities

Cooperation with Malawi deepens

SADSEM's ongoing engagement with SADC governments and civil society includes close collaboration with Malawi.

The Centre for Security Studies at Mzuzu University was formally launched in Lilongwe in November. With the support of the Malawi department of defence, the Centre intends to develop a range of teaching and research programmes.

In May 2006, staff from the Centre for Defence and Security Management (CDSM) at Wits University participated in a

Malawi defence policy drafting process. The seminar was a continuation of the Malawi government's efforts to design a defence policy for the country. Members from the Malawi Defence Force, the Office of the President and Cabinet, and the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development participated. CDSM made technical inputs on the process, and offered an analysis of the structure and content of the draft policy document.

Top South African officials and generals on SADSEM course

At the request of the South African Secretary for Defence, in October 2006 and January 2007 SADSEM delivered a Senior Executive Course in Defence and Security Management for members of the South African Department of Defence. The course was attended by a majority of the most senior military officers, officials and ministerial staff.

The purpose of the high-level course was to deepen participants' understanding of the issues associated with the governance, policy frameworks and management of defence in South Africa and to strengthen the senior leadership team

through interactive learning. International speakers and facilitators made strong inputs into the programme, which was very positively evaluated by all participants.

The themes covered during the first block included leadership, international and regional security, public and defence policy, civil-military relations and comparative perspectives on Ministries of Defence. The second block focused on the management of defence resources and strategic implementation.

PhD programme

As part of its efforts to build capacity for the management of defence and security, SADSEM supports senior officers, officials and NGO leaders studying for higher degrees relevant to security management and policy. These have mostly been at masters level, but the Network now has sufficient numbers of PhD students (and supervisors) to constitute a programme in its own right.

The first SADSEM PhD graduate was Anthoni van Nieuwkerk who achieved his PhD at Wits University in 2006 with the title of *South Africa's Post-Apartheid Foreign Policy Decision-Making on African Crises*. Two further PhDs were submitted for examination in early 2007.

In July 2006 a 13-strong team of PhD students and supervisors visited Denmark for a series of seminars at the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), to further develop their understanding of approaches to security and research. Sessions were held on approaches to security, research methodology, global security agendas, and security and development amongst others.



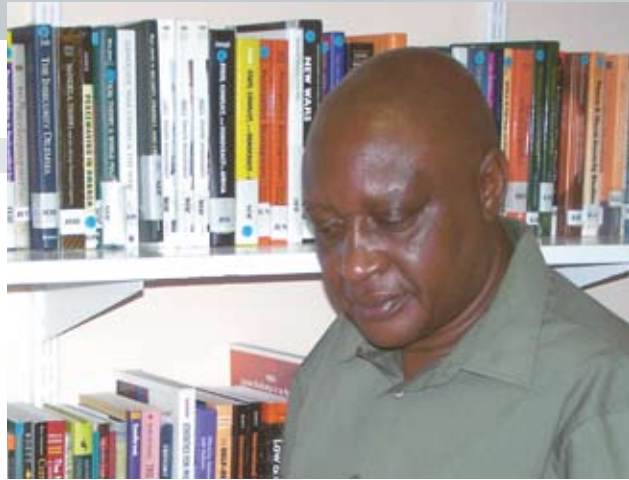
The SADSEM 'PhD team' with colleagues from the Danish Institute for International Studies, after a visit to the Danish Foreign Ministry, Copenhagen.

SADSEM people

Lt Gen Louis Fisher (right), on his retirement as Commander of the Botswana Defence Force, has joined the CDSM at Wits University in late 2006 for a period of study and research. This follows his active involvement in managing the Botswana defence and security sector for over 28 years. During his illustrious career he was also involved in a range of Southern African defence activities, as well as participating in peacekeeping on the continent. He heads a SADSEM project on security sector governance, funded by DFID. He has also enrolled for a PhD at Wits' Graduate School of Public and Development Management.

Shirley Magano, centre manager at CDSM, has graduated with a Masters of Management in Public and Development Management, Wits University. Her thesis is *The role of civil society in defence policy making in post-apartheid South Africa*.

Martha Robinson, project coordinator at CDSM, has been awarded a certificate in project management from the Gradu-



ate School of Public and Development Management at Wits University.

Edward Hauanga, chair of the SADSEM Advisory Board in 2005-6, completed his masters degree on *Civil-military relations in the Namibian ministry of defence*.

The Centre for Security Studies at Mzuzu University has appointed a full team: **Professor Bill Mvalo**, **Joel Luhanga** (project manager) and **Brig (rtd) Collins Chirwa**.

Partner Profile

The Centre for Strategic Studies, Botswana

The Centre for Strategic Studies (CSS) came into being when on June 6th 2001, then University of Botswana Vice chancellor, Prof. Sharon Siverts, signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Witwatersrand for the Department of Political and Administrative Studies (PAS) to become the sixth member of the Southern African Defence and Security Management (SADSEM) Network.

CSS shares a common curriculum with its partners in the SADSEM network and engages in joint projects with security sector practitioners to assist in their capacity building efforts.

The core mandate of the centre is the enhancement of the democratic control and management of defence and security in Botswana. It mounts at least three short executive courses a year including Civil–Military Relations, Security Sector Governance, Defence and Security Management, Managing Multi-national Peace Missions, Parliamentary Oversight of Defence and Security, and Elections and Democracy.

In 2006, the Centre embarked on two book projects. The first book is titled *Security Challenges Facing Contemporary Botswana* and explores a range of questions including: how is security conceptualised by both state and non-state actors? What is the security situation in Southern Africa and what is Botswana's response? How do the governance structures in

Botswana advance or retard security, broadly defined? Is there a national understanding of security? Who makes security policy in Botswana? What are the human security implications of the HIV/AIDS pandemic?

The second book is titled *Security Sector Governance in Botswana*, and seeks to provide a detailed appraisal of how security, governance and democracy interplay in Botswana, particularly how democracy and governance impact on the security of the average citizen. It also seeks to locate Botswana's security concerns in the regional and global context.

From inception, the centre ran on a briefcase arrangement, with its Director Prof. Molomo coordinating all its activities by himself. Now fully institutionalized, it has dedicated office space at the Gaborone campus, and a staff component of three, which includes the Director, Administrative / Research officer and Secretary. It has mounted training courses for various branches of the Government of Botswana, as well as the Independent Electoral Commission. CSS is in regular consultation with government departments regarding training needs.

In efforts to grow the centre, its major stakeholders came together in December 2006 to make their contributions to the centre's strategic plan.

Recent SADSEM courses

Executive courses

Magaliesberg, South Africa, 29 January – 2 February 2007
(Senior Defence and Security Management – Block Two)

Gaborone, Botswana, 13–17 November 2006 (Managing Multinational Peace Missions)

Nampula, Mozambique, 16–20 October 2006 (Defence and Security Management)

Mogale City, South Africa, 10–14 October 2006 (Senior Defence and Security Management – Block One)

Harare, Zimbabwe, 25–29 September 2006 (Security Sector Governance)

Kinshasa, DR Congo, 18–22 September 2006 (Civil-Military Relations)

Okahandja, Namibia, 18–22 September 2006 (Managing Multinational Peace Missions)

Harare, Zimbabwe, 21–25 August 2006 (Defence and Security Management)

Gaborone, Botswana 6–8 June 2006 (Parliamentary Oversight of Defence and Security)

Certificate course

Johannesburg, 04–22 September 2006 (Defence and Security Management)

Other activities

Presentations by SADSEM researchers at the annual Formative Process Research on Integration in Southern Africa (FOPRISA) conference, December 2006, Maputo

A CDSM visit to the Centro de Estudos Estratégicos de Angola (Angolan Centre for Strategic Studies) (CEEA) in November 2006

Workshop on Transnational Organised Crime and Terrorism, Maseru, Lesotho, 02 November 2006 (With Lesotho Ministry of Defence and National Security)

Workshop on Indian Ocean Regional Security, Ilha de Mozambique, Mozambique, 21–23 October 2006 (Funded by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Germany)

Symposium on International Peacekeeping, Johannesburg, South Africa, 20 September 2006 (With South African National Defence College)

Steering Committee meetings, Lusaka, Zambia, 29 June 2006 and Lilongwe, Malawi, 3 November 2006

Curriculum Development Workshop, Lusaka, Zambia, 30 June 2006

A six-member research team from the Tanzanian Centre for Foreign Relations attended an intensive two-week orientation and training course in research methodology and proposal writing at CDSM, South Africa, June 2006

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