

# sadsem news

Southern African Defence and Security Management Network

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.

## Parliamentary programme under way

SADSEM's parliamentary programme has got off the ground, with the first courses held in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Malawi and South Africa. The programme aims to enhance the skills of parliamentarians throughout SADC to oversee national defence and security functions and to contribute to regional security co-operation. In future it is intended that the programme will be run in conjunction with the SADC Parliamentary Forum, and a workshop for parliamentarians from throughout SADC is being organised to plan future national and multinational courses.

SADSEM's parliamentary courses include modules on principles of parliamentary oversight and budgeting in relation to defence and security, the security architecture of the African Union and SADC, key issues in defence policy making, the role of parliament in security policy processes and international law and the international security environment.

Parliamentarians active on defence and other committees, senior officials in departments of defence and related departments responsible for policy and interaction with parliament are invited, as well as parliamentary research officers and officials.

The DRC course, held in November 2005, was particularly ground-breaking as it was the first time politicians, senior military commanders and senior government officials were able to come together to discuss key challenges facing parliamentary oversight.

As part of this initiative the SADC Parliamentary Forum held a 5 day workshop from 20 to 24 February in Manzini for Swazi parliamentarians, where SADSEM presented aspects related to parliamentary oversight of defence and security. Similar workshops will be run in other SADC countries.



*The Centre for Defence and Security Management (CDSM) presented its annual certificate course in defence and security management in Johannesburg in October 2005. It was attended by 40 members of the security sectors of 13 of the 14 SADC member states. Addressing participants at the graduation ceremony were, from left, Mr E Hauanga, then Chairperson of the Advisory Board of the SADSEM network; His Excellency Mr Brylle, Ambassador of Denmark; and Mrs Tressa Senzani, Senior Principal Secretary for Defence from Malawi and representative of the participants.*



Ssg programme course participants.

## Security sector governance programme launched

SADSEM activities have been organised into four programmes (see diagram). The newest of these is the Security Sector Governance (SSG) programme, which covers the security sector as a whole, including policing, intelligence, justice, correctional services, home affairs, customs and immigration, border security and defence. It aims to enhance management of national and regional security in an integrated way, taking human security as its point of departure and seeking also to involve civil society.

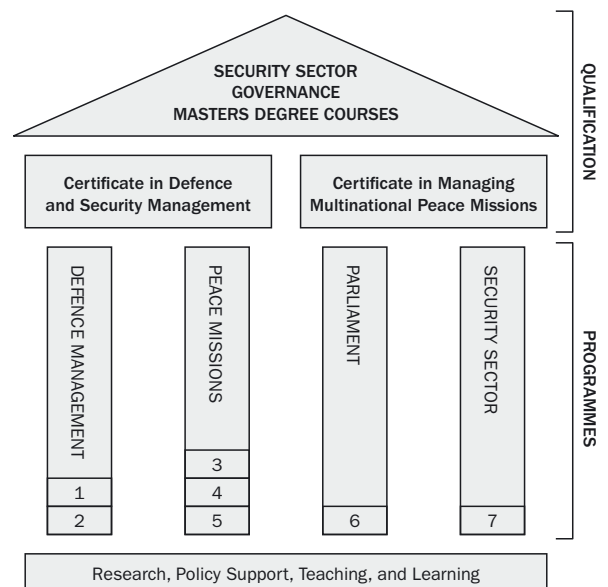
A pilot SSG project was run by the Centre for Defence and Security Management at the Graduate School of Public and Development Management at Wits University (P&DM) in the second half of 2005. This entailed research, the development of a curriculum and the running of a five-day pilot course at P&DM.

The pilot course was attended by 25 participants from eight SADC countries, including representatives from NGOs, militaries, intelligence agencies, police services and a variety of government departments. The programme included

- Security concepts and security threats in the SADC region
- Security sector and its governance
- Policy processes in the security sector
- Financial management and budget oversight in the security sector.
- Political transitions, peacebuilding and reconstruction - implications for the governance of security
- Case studies from South Africa, Namibia, Nigeria, DR Congo, and Mozambique covering governance of intelligence, policing and defence.

The programme was very positively evaluated and there is clearly a huge demand for capacity-building in the integrated management of security functions. SADSEM now intends to roll out the programme, and also to develop masters-level courses on SSG, with a R6 million grant recently provided by the British government.

### SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEFENCE & SECURITY MANAGEMENT (SADSEM) NETWORK PROGRAMMES



#### EXECUTIVE COURSES

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 Defence and Security Management            | 5 Post-Conflict Peace-Building |
| 2 Civil-Military Relations                   | 6 Parliamentary Oversight      |
| 3 Preparing for Multinational Peace Missions | 7 Security Sector Governance   |
| 4 Managing Multinational Peace Missions      |                                |

## Sadsem advisory board meets

The SADSEM Advisory Board, made up of representatives of all SADC member states as well as the SADC secretariat and some key NGOs, held its annual meeting in Windhoek on 10 March. The Board, along with the SADSEM Steering Committee, was welcomed by the Speaker of the National Assembly, Dr Theo-Ben Gurirab and the Minister of Defence, Maj-Gen Namoloh, at a reception held at the Windhoek Country Club.

The Speaker expressed his appreciation for the work of the SADSEM network as his country currently chairs the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation. The Advisory Board heard reports from all participating partners and made a number of recommendations, including the need to translate SADSEM materials and meetings into French and Portuguese.

## The impact of HIV and AIDS within the security sector

The Defence Management Project in Mozambique, a SADSEM partner, is conducting a research project on the impact of HIV and AIDS in the security sector. The initial phase of the project has been sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES). The first stage of development of this project was based on drafting a concept paper by Dr Tereza Cruz e Silva. Dr Amelia Souto undertook a literature survey on the topic and produced an initial data base.

The two documents were presented in a workshop held in Maputo with the participation of academics and practitioners from the selected targeted institutions. A detailed research project is being designed for research papers to be developed on the topic. The outcome is to inform training to be conduct-

ed on HIV and AIDS in the SADSEM programmes. The project is intended to extend the scope of the research to link up with other initiatives underway in the region on the HIV and AIDS domain under the generic framework derived from the SADC Secretariat plan of action.

The SADSEM partner in Namibia, the University of Namibia, has also been working on this issue, through co-hosting in Windhoek two high-level seminars on HIV and the military organised by the Cape Town-based Centre for Conflict Resolution. These were attended by Namibian government ministers and senior officials as part of Namibia's role as current Chair of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Co-operation.

## Professor Dan Chimwenge

Professor Dan Chimwenge, director of the Centre for Security Studies at Mzuzu University in Malawi, the SADSEM partner organisation, passed away on 31 March in a Johannesburg clinic, after suffering a cardiac arrest while on a visit to Zimbabwe.

Professor Abillah Omari, director of the Centre for Foreign Relations in Tanzania writes:

Dan was the only Vice Chancellor among the Network guys. And yet he did not see himself that way. He never looked like he was presiding over us all: deans, directors, professors, lecturers, administrators, generals and colonels. He always wanted to appear just like any colleague in the Network. I realized all this when he decided to attend a Certificate Course in Johannesburg, if by so doing he would know the Network more and what it stands for, as well as the style of doing things. Others have not done this, fearing to do exams along with their own students.

Professor Dan Chimwenje was an accomplished academic. As a curriculum developer, he exercised care and dexterity whenever we were discussing curriculum issues. All the rest pretended to know, but Dan knew best. And for the short time we were with him we had our logic sharpened.



## Recent SADSEM courses

Kinshasa, DR Congo, 1-5 November 2005 (Parliamentary Oversight)  
 Mangochi, Malawi, 28-30 November 2005 (Parliamentary Oversight)  
 Gobabis, Namibia, 28 November – 1 December 2005 (Defence & Security Policy)  
 Johannesburg, South Africa, 1-5 December 2005 (Security Sector Governance)  
 Kinshasa, DR Congo, 27 February – 3 March 2006 (Managing Peace Missions)  
 Morogoro, Tanzania, 27–31 March 2006 (Managing Peace Missions)  
 Lusaka, Zambia, 3-7 April 2006 (Defence and Security Management)  
 Gaborone, Botswana, 3 – 7 April 2006 (Civil-Military Relations)  
 Katima Mulilo, Namibia, 24-28 April 2006 (Preparing for Peace Missions)  
 Harare, Zimbabwe, 8–12 May 2006 (Managing Peace Missions)

## Other activities

**Curriculum Review Workshop**, Gaborone, Botswana, 11-12 November 2005  
**International Roundtable on African Perspectives on Global Security Agendas**, Johannesburg, South Africa, 21-22 November 2005 (With Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Germany)  
**Mozambique Curriculum Development Workshop**, Maputo, Mozambique, 3 March 2006  
**Advisory Board and Steering Committee meetings**, Windhoek, 9-10 May 2006  
**Seminar on African Security Governance**, Windhoek, 11 May 2006 (With the Danish Institute for International Studies)

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