**Background**

The NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of Excellence (NATO SFA COE) contributes to improving the effectiveness of the Alliance in promoting stability and reconstruction efforts in conflict and post-conflict scenarios through the analysis of lessons learned, training, and the development of thematic concepts and doctrine-related activities. The Centre provides the Alliance, NATO countries and NATO partners with unique expertise in the field of SFA.

**Call**

In the framework of its core mission, NATO SFA COE is currently working on a new specialised publication in collaboration with SHAPE ACO Office of Legal Affairs (ACO OLA) and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (Sanremo, Italy). The project, entitled "Stabilization and Reconstruction in a Post-Conflict Environment", responds to the emerging need to mitigate the instability factors in post-conflict areas, in order to collect and study the best possible practices potentially applicable to various crisis-affected regions and guarantee their resilience post-intervention.

The Call for Papers aims to collect, map and report on the expert perspectives of an international pool of authors, whose analysis of the chosen topics will allow a comprehensive view of the stabilisation and reconstruction process.

Following a quality assessment led by the partner organisations/institutions, the best contributions received will be finally published as part of the thematic volume mentioning the respective authors.

**Topics**

The key topics related to the overarching theme of "Stabilization and Reconstruction in a Post–Conflict Environment" and to be addressed by the papers are the following:

- Operational challenges of disarmament and reconstruction in post–conflict areas
- Corruption as a statecraft and the impact on peace and security
- Strengthening NATO cooperation with other international organizations including the EU, UN, AU
• Lessons learned from the international community in strengthening stabilization and reconstruction efforts in post-conflict environment
• Cooperation with NGOs in reconstruction efforts
• Impact of internal displacement and transnational movements of people on reconstruction
• Interreligious dialogue in conflict resolution and peace-building
• Direct threats to Human Security in post-conflict scenarios:
  ○ Protection of civilians and most vulnerable categories of people in the peace building process
  ○ Protection of cultural heritage during reconstruction
  ○ Trafficking and smuggling of human beings resulting from armed conflict
  ○ Sexual violence and gender-based violence in post-conflict societies

Guidelines for authors

Before approval: Authors must submit an Abstract of their chapter by email, clearly identifying the title of the contribution and referring to the exact thematic area from the list of topics reported above. Authors will be notified only if their proposal is selected by the Centre. After notification of acceptance, authors will be requested to submit the full chapter by the deadlines specified below.

After approval: A biography for each author is required (135 words max). The chapter should not exceed 15 pages or 5,000 words, including abstract, key words and bibliography. Line spacing must be set at 1.5. The font required is Times New Roman in size 12. A division of the chapter in sections and/or paragraphs is requested. Bibliography and footnotes both must follow the Chicago style.


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