

**Security Sector Reform Practitioners' course – Programme
GFN-SSR, 10-12 March 2008**

***Training venue: Professional Development Centre, University of Birmingham
School of Medicine***

Sunday 9 March

1930 Participants meet for dinner at Copthorne Hotel, Birmingham

Monday 10 March

0830 Coach departure from outside the Copthorne Hotel

0900-0945 Course Aims and Expectations Piet Biesheuvel

- Welcome and introductions
- Course aims, learning outcomes, evaluation
- Ice-breaker session
- Participants expectations

0945-1115 Overview of SSR Paul Jackson

- How participants define SSR
- Origins and objectives
- SSR terminology and “jargon”
- Key players
- Successes and failures
- Lessons learned and guidelines

1115-1130 Break

1130-1245 The Gender and SSR Toolkit: practical guidance for mainstreaming gender issues in SSR programmes Kristin Valasek

1245-1345 Lunch

1345-1515 Case study on Liberia: The realities of SSR Bruce Baker

- Identifying post-conflict security challenges
- How to implement SSR policy and who to involve
- Aims achieved and mistakes made

1515-1545 Break

1545-1715	Case study – Developing SSR in Nepal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges to SSR from poverty and lack of development • Lack of public security and mistrust in the police forces • Communal tension and impacts of historic marginalisation of groups • Donor engagements and local expectations • Lack of capacity within government institutions 	Shiam Vidurupola
1730	Coach departure from outside training venue to return to hotel	
1900	Group dinner at hotel	

Tuesday 11 March

0830	Coach departure from outside the Copthorne Hotel	
0900-1030	SSR in a post-conflict context: Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration	Jeremy Brickhill
1030-1045	Break	
1045-1200	SSR from a Whitehall perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Security and Small Arms Control Strategy • Resources to support SSR 	Mark White
1200-1315	The role of the private sector in SSR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The spectrum of different roles • Benefits and pitfalls in private sector engagement 	James Cameron
1315-1415	Lunch	
1415-1530	Defence reform – Uganda case study	John Parr
1530-1545	Break	

1545 1715	Rule of Law and Reform of the Justice Sector	Piet Biesheuvel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying key institutional partners and ensuring a cohesive approach to programming The centrality of oversight and accountability The role of non-state justice and policing Prisons and penal reform 	
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Wednesday 12 March		
0830	Coach departure from outside the Copthorne Hotel	
0900- 0930	Revisiting course expectations	Piet Biesheuvel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding questions and areas still to be covered 	
0930- 1100	Intelligence reform	Peter Wilson
1100- 1115	Break	
1115- 1245	Bolivia case study Group work session on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building strategies for practical SSR policy development assistance Developing SSR advice to UK government policymakers Creating strategies for engaging with the Government of Bolivia 	Catherine Weiss
1245- 1345	Lunch	
1345- 1430	Bolivia case study (part 2) Plenary session to report back and de-brief	Catherine Weiss

1430-1530	SSR: The stabilisation perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is stabilisation?• What is the relationship between SSR and Stabilisation?• Doing SSR in Stabilisation Environments?• Trade offs, compromises and dilemmas	Louise Perrotta
1530-1600	Wrap up and conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What has been learned• Practical application• Follow up	Piet Biesheuvel
1615	Coach departure from outside training venue to return to hotel (taxis can also be ordered for those not needing to return to the city centre)	
