

Stability Operations: Afghanistan

**September 28-29, 2016**

**Tampa, FL**

Course Description.

**Day One: Wednesday, September 28**

**[Focus of the Day]**

**7:30 – 8:00 AM Program Registration and Breakfast**

**8:00 – 8:15 AM Welcome and Introduction to the Program**

**8:15 – 9:30 AM Why is Development Important to Stability Operations and CT?**

* Defining stability operations and CT within the Afghanistan context
* The interconnected pillars of stability operations
* The role of international community
* Significance of Afghanistan’s sustainable development to CT

**9:30 – 9:40 AM Break**

**9:40 – 10:40 AM The State of Economy**

* What is economic development?
* What is reconstruction?
* What is stabilization?
* Current status of Afghanistan’s economy
* Dependence on foreign aid and inability to achieve financial sustainability

**10:40 – 10:50 AM Break**

**10:50 – 11:30 AM Interdependent Challenges to Economic Development**

* Three challenges to sustainable development
* How development and the insurgent network compete with one another for popular support
* The connection between insurgency and drugs and crime
* How corruption undermines any success

**11:30 – 12:20 PM Lunch**

**12:20 – 1:30 PM Major Players and Challenges to Implementation**

* The International Donor Community

NATO/ISAF

United Nations

World Bank

Asian Development Bank

* How Funds are Allocated
* Donor-centric Goals
* Shortfalls in Implementation
* The Afghan Government

**1:30 – 1:40 PM Break**

**1:40 – 2:40 PM USG Policies, Implementing Agencies and Funding**

* Overview of USG Policy and Strategy

President Bush’s Approach

President Obama’s Approach

* Overview of USG Policy documents and current mission
* Major USG implementation agencies

Department of State

Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan

USAID

Department of Defense

ISAF

Central Command

Special Operation Forces

**2:40 – 2:50 PM Break**

**2:50 – 3:50 PM USG Policies, Implementing Agencies and Funding (cont.)**

* Congress appropriated funds for Afghanistan
* Challenges, threats and opportunities to CT, reconstruction, stabilization and development

**3:50 – 4:00 PM Break**

**4:00 – 4:30 PM Review and Reflection**

**4:30 – 5:30 PM Post-Program Networking with Colleagues and Faculty** *(optional)*

**Day Two: Thursday, September 29**

**[Focus of the Day]**

**7:30 – 8:00 AM Program Registration and Breakfast**

**8:00 – 8:15 AM Review of Learning Outcomes from Day One 1**

**8:15 – 9:30 AM Provincial Reconstruction Teams and Its Role in Stability Operations**

* PRT Mission and Structure
* PRT’s Role in Stability Operations and CT Support
* PRT Implementation Process
* “Winning Hearts and Minds”
* Internal PRT Challenges
* External PRT Challenges

**9:30 – 9:40 AM Break**

**9:40 – 10:40 AM Lessons Learned from Kandahar PRT**

* Quick Impact Projects Achieve Short-Term Stability
* Success and Failures
* (short movie)

**10:40 – 10:50 AM Break**

**10:50 – 11:30 AM Case Study 1: Village Stability Operations - Guest Speaker**

**11:30 – 12:20 PM Lunch**

**12:20 – 1:30 PM Case Study 1: Village Stability Operations - Guest Speaker (cont.)**

**1:30 – 1:40 PM Break**

**1:40 – 2:40 PM Case Study 2: Afghanistan Regional Cooperation – Guest Speaker**

**2:40 – 2:50 PM Break**

**2:50 – 3:50 PM Case Study 2: Afghanistan Regional Cooperation – Guest Speaker (cont.)**

**3:50 – 4:00 PM Break**

**4:00 – 4:30 PM Course Overview and Wrap-Up**

**4:30 – 5:30 PM Post-Program Networking with Colleagues and Guest Speakers**