

Supporting the Elaboration of Defence White Papers



“Defence White Papers

represent a Government’s firm commitment to their people to keep the nation safe and protect the way of life for future generations.”

Our Approach

Enhance transparency and consolidation of democracy throughout the process of updating and elaborating Defence White Paper (DWP).

Expand the participation and contributions from both within the government (ministries, legislators, parliamentarians) and outside the government (civil society, academia, universities, media).

Stimulate social and political interest for informed discussion, analysis and debate on defence policies and doctrines through a series of nation-wide public roundtables.

Beneficiaries



Our Contribution

The majority of countries in **Latin America and the Caribbean** have published or are currently in the process of **updating their DWP**



DWPs create an opportunity for States to re-assess potential internal and external threats that could affect domestic interests and require a **newly strategized military response.**

The transparent process of elaborating and disseminating a DWP sends a clear message of a States’ commitment to safeguarding the values and interests of citizens through an articulated and sound defence policy and to **building confidence and transparency** in a traditionally “closed” field.



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