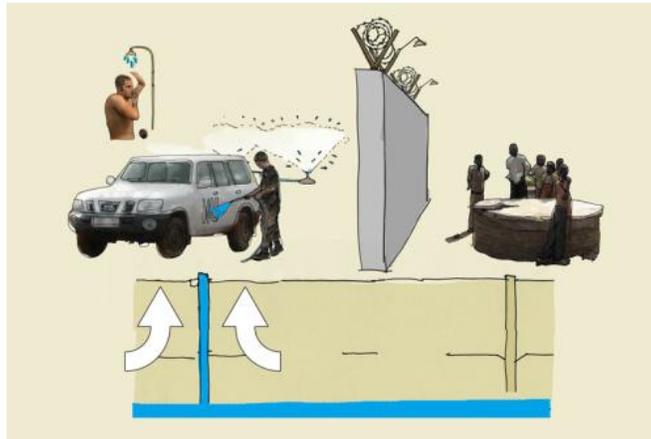


Improving the environmental and social performance of military and civilian actors operating in the same area



A participatory workshop on improving best practices in crises and conflict contexts

When

October 15-16, 2014

Where

Stockholm (Kista), Sweden

Who should attend?

Military, peacekeeping or humanitarian organizations
Businesses investing in crises and post-conflict areas
Academics and research institutions, focusing on humanitarian and military operations.

More details at <http://www.foi.se/en/Our-Services/Camp-solutions/> or email:
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The event is organized by the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) in partnership with the Swedish Armed Forces (SwAF) and the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) as an activity (SWE-2933.1) within Sweden's individual partnership plan with NATO, funded by the Swedish Ministry of Defence (Cycle 2013-2014)

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Wednesday October 15

13.00-13.10	Welcome address FOI Deputy Director General , Anna-Lena Österborg
13.10-13.20	Introduction to the workshop: Annica Waleij FOI,
13.20-13.30	Co-Organizers expectations Naznoush Habashian SwAF and Katarina Runeberg MSB
13.30-14.00	GreenHumanitarian- Defining Better Practices in Greening Field Operations. Activities so far Charles Kelly, Proact Network
14.00-14.30	Environmental lessons identified from South Sudan, Haiti, DRC, Afghanistan and Mali Annica Waleij/Birgitta Liljedahl
14.30-15.00	A military perspective of environment in peacekeeping and crises management operations Major General A N M Muniruzzaman (Retd) President Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) and Chairman Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change (GMACCC)
15.00-15.30	Coffee/tea
15.30-16.00	Environment in Humanitarian Action Mr. Rene Nijenhuis, Humanitarian Affairs Officer Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
16.00-17.30	Introduction to the table top exercise (TTE)
17.30	Ica breaker

Thursday October 16

9.00-9.15	Recap day 1
9.15 - 10.45	TTX Part 1
10.45-11.00	Coffee/tea
11.00-12.30	TTX Part 2
12.30-1400	Brown bag lunch
14.00-15.30	TTX Part 2
15.30-15.45	Coffee/tea
15.45-16.45	Summing up, results session
16.45-17.00	Closing remarks, way ahead

NATO Partnership plan with Sweden (Cycle 2013-2014, SWE-2933.1)

Background Peace-support and crises management operations play a fundamental role in stabilizing conflict-affected regions as well as bringing relief to affected populations. It is further predicted that military and security forces may be asked to more frequently address the challenges of humanitarian disasters.¹ However, such operations have inevitable environmental and social impacts on the surrounding communities^{2,3} In addition environmental issues are more frequently acknowledged as contributors to conflict and crises.⁴

As Sweden like many PfP and NATO nations are determined to more closely link foreign, development, security and defence policies, the prospects of peace, security, democracy and development in the world, are assumed to consequently improve. “*Comprehensive approach*” and “*Civilian and military cooperation*” are “buzz words” that are promoted. Reality is that too little effective coordination takes place and information tends only to be shared sparsely and, even less often, systematically. In addition, there is often an aggregate social and environmental footprint caused, when refugees, local population, humanitarian agencies and peacekeepers are situated with base camps and activities at the same place, placing an unsustainable strain on an often fragile environment (e.g. water scarce region). This impact needs to be addressed effectively and better coordinated in order to enable the missions, support the affected populations and support the desired mission end state.

Expected outcome: This workshop builds upon the *GreenHumanitarian Network Initiative*, see <http://greenhumanitarians.com/>. It intends to further develop the action framework proposed by the Green Humanitarian Network for improving military and civilian information sharing/best practices for addressing the environmental and social impact of military and civilian operations in conflict and crises affected regions.

Activity type: A 1,5 day workshop with scenario play/ table top exercises (TTE)

Remarks: The objective is improve information exchange and joint best practices of *Military* (e.g. Swedish Armed Forces, NATO, EU etc), *Peacekeeping* (e.g. UN DPKO/DFS) and *Civilian actors* (UNOCHA; UNDP, UNEP, MSB, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sida, ICRC/Red Crescent, USAID, DFID, ECHO, etc) and business operating in conflict/crises areas.

Requirements on participants: Active participation required (Chatham house rules apply). Participants should preferably have personal experience with planning or executing military or civilian crises management operations. Language requirements: English

¹ UK Ministry of Defence (2014) Global strategic trends out to 2045

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/global-strategic-trends-out-to-2045>

² Liljedahl et al (2012): What Swedish support to international crises management can learn from the cholera outbreak in Haiti. In; Strategic Outlook 2012, pp. 93-101. FOI-R—3449—SE, http://www.foi.se/ReportFiles/foir_3449.pdf

³ Hull et al (2009): Managing Unintended Consequences of Peace Operations. FOI-R--2916—SE., http://foi.se/ReportFiles/foir_2916.pdf

⁴ NATO Strategic Concept (2010), para 15, http://www.nato.int/strategic-concept/pdf/Strat_Concept_web_en.pdf

Registration form

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Name*	
Date of birth*	
Passport number*	
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Phone (direct line, international format)	
Mobile phone (for contact while in Sweden, if needed)	
Fax	
Alternative e-mail	
Special dietary requirements (leave blank if none)	

*Information needed for the admission to FOI premises

Accommodation:

We have reserved a set of rooms from 14-16 October at two different hotels.

- (1) Scandic Victoria Tower(1810 SEK) close to FOI, Kista (see http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Sweden/Stockholm/Victoria-Tower/#.VAQeX_mSzO4) and
- (2) Drottning Victorias Örlogshem (700 SEK) in central Stockholm (see <http://www.orlogshemmet.com/english.html>).

Logistic information

Will be provided upon completed registration

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