

## Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence

The Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence is located in Queanbeyan, New South Wales, and was officially opened by the Prime Minister of Australia on 27 November 2008.

The Australian Government has established the Centre to support the development of national civil-military capabilities to prevent, prepare for and respond more effectively to conflicts and disasters overseas.

The Centre is a whole-of-government initiative with staff drawn from relevant departments, agencies, and non-government organisations, and is managed within the Australian Defence Organisation.

Key partners for the Centre include United Nations agencies, regional organisations, bilateral partners, Non-Government Organisations, and academic and training institutions.

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## Australian Government Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence

### Civil-Military Interaction Seminar 2009 (CMIS 2009)

29 November to 04 December  
Sydney, Australia

#### Keynote speakers include:

**The Hon. Dr Mike Kelly AM MP**  
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**Air Chief Marshall Angus Houston AC AFC**  
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## Overview

The Civil Military Interaction Seminar 2009 is the second component of core civil-military training and education, provided by the Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence.

CMIS will involve presenters and participants from Military, Police, United Nations, Non-government organisations, and relevant civilian agencies, primarily within Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

## Aim

The aim of CMIS is to enhance understanding of the role of civil-military relationships in conflicts and disasters.

Four themes will be developed on: conflict prevention and the protection of civilians; governance and the rule of law; disaster management and humanitarian action; and peace and stabilisation operations.

The program will include presentations, case studies, panel discussions, and working group activities.

## Learning outcomes

- Acquire a critical understanding of emerging civil-military issues;
- Enhance the understanding of contemporary civil-military issues relevant to United Nations missions and peacekeeping operations;
- Identify, assess and evaluate interagency opportunities for civil-military integration;
- Analyse the civil-military factors relevant to planning for the conduct of civil-military strategies or actions;
- Apply lessons learnt to the development of outline plans or models for civil-military strategies and actions;
- Develop approaches for partnering, cooperation and collaboration; and
- Build relationship with relevant practitioners from military and civilian agencies.

## Curriculum

The curriculum explores emerging issues and applies lessons learnt to developing new models and strategies

The curriculum will be delivered through:

- Presentations - Presentations provide professional insights from high-level

policy makers and subject matter experts to enhance knowledge and stimulate discussions;

- Case Studies - Experienced practitioners provide in depth analysis on actual missions and events;
- Panel Discussion – Experienced practitioners explore topics relevant to the four themes;
- Working Groups – Participants identify lesson and determine strategies to specific issues; and
- Reflections – Participants have the opportunity to reflect on each day's learning.

**Further information on CMIS can be found on the Centre's website at:**

<http://www.civmilcoe.gov.au>

