

The first ADF Operational Gender Advisor Course delivered in 2017

A recent ADF contribution to WPS training frameworks was the delivery of the region's first Operational Gender Advisor course, which was developed to provide an enhanced regional capability in the gender advising function and meet the growing need for higher numbers of trained Gender Advisors on regional/international operations and exercises. The course is the first of its kind in this region and one of the first Operational Gender Advisor courses in the world.

The course aligns with ADF (and regional partner) planning processes, uses regionally relevant scenarios and enhances understanding between Defence, government, non-government and humanitarian actors within our primary operating region. The week-long course succinctly teaches skills such as: gender analysis; incorporating gender into military planning processes; advocating on gender issues; developing a reporting and evaluation framework; and understanding and engaging with other key local and international actors within in an area of operation.

Feedback from both internal and external evaluation processes have been overwhelmingly positive, however the greatest validation was the successful incorporation of gender considerations into TS17 through the network of skilled Gender Advisors and their Commanders. Joint Operational Command will be handing over the ongoing delivery of the course to the ADF Peacekeeping Operations Training Centre in 2018.



Ms Jenny Lee Assistant Director Concepts, -in the Concepts and Capability Directorate at the Australian Civil Military Centre, introduces the guest speakers to the participants of the ADF Operational Gender Advisor Course, at the Australian Defence Force Academy from June 5-9.