



CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND DEFENCE STUDIES
INSTITUTE OF RISK MANAGEMENT



ABOUT CSDS

The Centre for Strategic and Defense Studies (CSDS) was established at the Institute of Risk Management (Ghana) in 2006 as a security research and training organization.

CSDS operates in three distinct but overlapping domains: academic, public policy, and consultancy, and draws upon a staff of academic policy researchers, former practitioners, associates, and visiting fellows.

The Center's mission is to promote interdisciplinary approaches to regional security and contribute to research and expertise development through academia and on-going interaction with the security, intelligence and defense fraternity.

IRM CENTERS

The Institute of Risk Management consists of three distinct centers.



CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND DEFENSE STUDIES (CSDS)

The Center for Strategic and Defense Studies is a security research and training institution. Established for the study of security issues relating to Africa, CSDS has an unrivaled network of experts in security, intelligence, defense and education, research and consultancy. Our expertise is trusted by the government and international organizations. CSDS offers training, research and consultancy services



CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH

The Center for Professional Studies and Research is mandated to carry out continuing professional education and pure research. CPSR strives to be a leader in continuing and professional education by providing innovative learning opportunities that serve lifelong learning needs.



CENTER FOR COUNSELING AND LEGAL AID

The Center for Counseling and Legal Aid is an interdisciplinary counseling service, staffed by experienced business advisors, psychologists, and legal attorneys. CENCLA provides both short term training and research programs. Please take a look at our training and research focus for the last quarter. Remember we can customize in-house training, research and consultancy work to suit your organizational needs.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The Institute has over a decade of experience in providing bespoke professional development courses and executive education solutions in the fields of defense, security, intelligence and public policy.

CSDS currently runs course on national security; terrorism; counter-terrorism; intelligence; defense policy; and public policy. These include executive programs running over a few days to several weeks, as well as shorter, more intensive ASIS courses.

RECENT PARTICIPANTS HAVE INCLUDED:

Staff of the:

- Ministry of Defense
- Ministry of National Security
- Ministry of Interior
- Ghana Police Service, CEPS, GNFS, GIS etc
- Private Security Organizations
- For further information on the training and education programs that CSDS can provide please contact us on 0241 022 964

EXECUTIVE COURSES

- Certificate in National Security Law
- Advanced Certificate in Maritime Security Law
- Advanced Certificate in Security Law and Defense Management
- Certificate in Intellectual Property Law and Anti-Counterfeiting Enforcement
- Certificate in Fire Safety and Risk Management
- Certificate in Cyber-Security and Intelligence
- Certificate in Corporate Security and Safety Management
- Certificate in Forensic Investigations and Fraud Control
- Certificate in Integrated Border Management
- Certificate in Computer Forensics
- Certificate in Defense Law and Management
- Certificate in Private Investigations

ANNUAL EVENTS

- IRM Intellectual Property and Anti-Counterfeiting Seminar
- The Africa Security Report
- CSDS Cyber Security Awareness Program
- Year in Review – CSDS Annual Security Round-Table

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

- Ministry of National Security
- ECOWAS Secretariat
- Halo Family International
- D7 Security Ltd (D7S)
- Maddison Pine (UK)

MANAGEMENT



Esther Appiah
Chair and Executive Director

Esther was Director of the Women and Juvenile Unit of the Ghana Police Service, and previous to that Head of the Special Investigations Unit, Fraud Unit and Homicide Unit of the Ghana Police Service, among several others. She served as UN Lead Investigator in Eritrea, Bosnia, East Timor, Sudan and Ethiopia. She is author of the book the “Healing Balm” (2006). In March 2017 Esther was appointed by H.E. the President of Ghana as a member of the National Security Council.



Ravi Darayanani
Director, Africa Operations

Ravi is Director of regional operations at IRM. He oversees regional events, curricular and business development in the area of defense industry, IPR enforcement, regional trade and African security challenges



Dr. Ebenezer Appiah-Denkyira
Director, Global Projects

Dr. Ebenezer A. Denkyira has served as Director-General of the Ghana Health Service and Fellow of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. He has also served as board member of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Advisory Member for the Global Alliance on Migration. He is a leading authority on public health security matters.

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