

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

<u>Value</u>

Ability to focus a part of the Department of Defense—a state's National Guard—with a single country or region in support of U.S. and partner country objectives.

<u>Focus</u>

- Provide forces to the Combatant Commands that encourage:
- International cooperation & understanding
- Develop enduring relationships
- Build mutual capacity to tackle the World's toughest challenges

Optimum Partnership

- The partner nation professes genuine interest in the relationship
- U.S. national and regional security cooperation goals and objectives are satisfied
- The force protection risk is acceptable
- A minimum of additional resources is required to execute engagement activities
- National Guard core competencies, particularly homeland defense and support to civil authority are fully incorporated

Benefits to the individual

- Mission essential task training
- Enhanced readiness in fullspectrum operations
- Cultivating international diplomatic and cultural awareness

Directly Supporting DOD Objectives and Theater Campaign Plans by Building Relationships that Enhance Global Security, Understanding & Cooperation

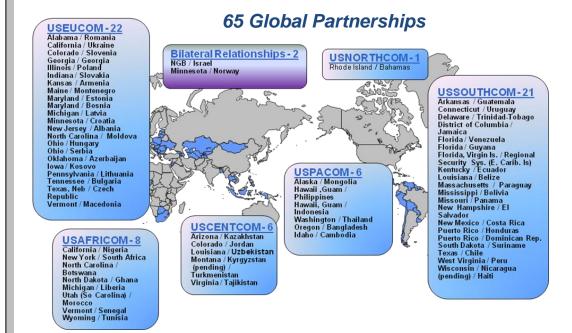




Vision: To establish and sustain enduring relationships with partner nations of strategic value in conjunction with the National Security Strategy, National Military Strategy, Department of State and Combatant Command Theater Security Cooperation guidance to promote national objectives, stability, partner capacity, better understanding and trust.

Overview: The program's goals reflect an evolving international affairs mission for the National Guard to interact with both the active and reserve forces of foreign nations, interagency partners, and international non-governmental organizations, emphasizing the National Guard's unique state and federal characteristics.

Program partners engage in a broad range of security cooperation activities to include homeland defense/security, disaster response/mitigation, consequence/crisis management, interagency cooperation, border/port/aviation security, combat medical, fellowship-style internships, and bilateral familiarization events that lead to training and exercise opportunities. Activities are coordinated through the Combatant Commanders, U.S. Ambassadors' country teams, and other agencies as appropriate to ensure National Guard cooperation is tailored to meet U.S. and international partners' objectives.



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