



AUSTRALIAN CIVIL-MILITARY CENTRE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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UN Civil-Military Coordination Training



ACMC supported the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) to deliver UN Civil-Military

Coordination (UN CMCOORD) training in Brisbane in June. The course involved participants from 17 Indo-Pacific countries.

The Indo-Pacific is the world's most disaster-prone region. When disasters strike, the affected population will rely on a well-coordinated response which considers the needs of diverse communities. UNOCHA is the custodian of international principles on how to best coordinate crisis response between civilian and military actors. This course teaches and practices these principles and puts participants in the shoes of actors responding to complex situations. ACMC was pleased to facilitate this world class course, tailored to an Indo-Pacific audience.

For more information on ACMC's work, visit:

<https://acmc.gov.au/why-were-here/civil-military-police-coordination>

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South Pacific Future Defence Leaders' Summit

ACMC hosted emerging leaders in Brisbane for the fourth South Pacific Defence Future Leaders' Summit – an initiative of the South Pacific Defence Ministers' Meeting. Emerging military and civilian defence delegates from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Australia, Chile, France, New Zealand and the Pacific Fusion Centre explored how military and civilian partnerships promote regional resilience.

The Summit built upon an impressive, decades long record of collective action by Pacific militaries in response to disasters and security incidents. It was an important opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience from across the Pacific. The next generation of Pacific leaders will face various challenges, including increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters as a result of climate change. The Summit considered how we can prepare and respond more effectively together. It was also an important opportunity to build enduring relationships.



Support to Exercise Croix De Sud

ACMC played a key role in Exercise Croix du Sud, a biennial multinational exercise led by French Armed Forces in New Caledonia to prepare for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief across the Pacific.

ACMC embedded in the Combined Joint Task Force's Crisis Management Cell and supported workshops on search and rescue operations, managing infrastructure damage, responding to disease outbreaks, addressing population displacement, and mitigating environmental damage. ACMC also delivered pre-deployment briefings to Land teams deploying to Wallis and Futuna.

A significant outcome from Exercise Croix du Sud was ACMC's contribution to the development of a new guidebook for the French Armed Forces in New Caledonia, designed to enhance their future disaster response efforts.



Exercise LONGREACH – Tuvalu & Kiribati

ACMC supported Exercise Longreach activities in Kiribati and Tuvalu.

In Kiribati, ACMC's Tim Anderson participated in a disaster response table-top exercise to support civil-military-police coordination in response to a large scale storm surge. As joint facilitators, ACMC worked with the Kiribati National Disaster Management Office to share lessons and identify gaps and needs.

In Tuvalu, the National Disaster Management Office and other key agencies rehearsed disaster management processes and procedures in response to a cyclone and flooding event. ACMC's Damian Eaton supported the field training exercise, which included an evacuation drill using the Pacific Support Vessel (Australian Defence Vessel Reliant) and its embarked landing craft.



AHA Centre Training

ACMC supported the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance's Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management Programme in Jakarta. The course focused on operational challenges, complexities and dilemmas when leading responses to complex emergencies.



Indo-Pacific Health Security Alliance conference



'Health security is National Security' was the theme of the Indo-Pacific security alliance conference and exercise in Port Moresby in May. Dr Emily Chapman joined delegates from 15 countries in considering ways to enhance civil-military collaboration against health threats. She

presented findings of ACMC's research on the use of militaries in public health emergencies.

ACMC training courses

ACMC delivers civil-military-police engagement training to meet our partners' needs. In the past month, we delivered training for ADF personnel who engage with civilian agencies, including Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) officers. We delivered pre-departure briefings for AFP personnel deploying to the Pacific. We also delivered liaison officer training for federal agencies.

For further details on ACMC training courses, contact:

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Staff news

We welcomed two new advisers recently: Foreign Affairs Adviser [Linda Gellard](#) and Civil Society Engagement Adviser [Tim Anderson](#) bring decades of experience in international engagement, crisis management and program leadership.