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Centre of Excellence for Civil-Military Coordination

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Vision

A Pioneering Model for Excellence in Coordinating Civil-Military Assistance in response to natural disasters



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Mission

- Enhancing regional and sub-regional Civil-Military Coordination in cooperation with existing mechanisms and procedures to promote humanitarian-military dialogue and to enhance the effectiveness of the use of Military and Civil Defence Assets (MCDA)
- Promoting and contributing to the establishment of a global network of humanitarian and military practitioners, in cooperation with UN OCHA and existing regional platforms.



Mission

- Contribute to and support the efforts of the multilateral humanitarian system, notably UN OCHA, to further strengthen civil-military coordination and the use of MCDA in international disaster relief operations.
- Benchmarking with International Experiences for Centers of Excellence in Civil Military Coordination
 - Asia Pacific Centre of Excellence
 - NATO Center of Excellence
 - Centre for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, based in Hawaii, USA. Others.



The Centre Identity

- An International Platform for many civil-military coordination initiatives in support of natural disaster response.
- Regional hub for civil-military coordination, in close cooperation with existing mechanisms and procedures.
- Point of Contact between Civil and Military Expertise and professionals throughout the region.



The Centre Identity

- Active Centre in response support efforts
- Source of Information
- Model to be replicated for other regions and sub-regions to establish similar centers in order to create a global network.



The Centre Identity

- The Center of Excellence is of an international legal personality, that has cooperative relationships with UN OCHA, Governments, And Humanitarian Organizations.
- The Center of Excellence enjoys the rights of entering agreements with Governments, UN OCHA. And Humanitarian Organizations.



Mandate and Services

- Provide training courses for both military forces and humanitarian actors on best practices in natural disasters response operations.
- Serve as a resource and provide subject matter expertise in developing regional and national policies on the effective use of military assets
- Contribute in formulating regional and semi-regional agreements among civil military



Mandate and Services

- Setting standard operational procedures and networks to enhance capacities within the region or area,
- Maintaining a database for Civil Military Coordination officers at regional levels, who would be able to deploy in support of regional and national response operations . (This database can be used in support of OCHA's Civil –Military coordination section at the global level, when appropriate).



Mandate and Services

- Collect ,share best practices and lessons learned among regional stakeholders and provide research capacity to analyse the effective use of MCDA in disaster relief operations for the propose of making recommendations for future improvements.
- provide linkage for early warning systems and preparedness activities in the region.



Mandate and Services

- Achieving better understanding between both cultures (military and civil)
- Information Coordination
- Joint training courses
- Improving Logistical Cooperation in the field
- Contributing in reviewing and upgrading the existing doctrine and programs



Frame of Reference

- Bylaws, Policies and Systems of the CoE
- Agreements and international and regional declarations in the field of MDCA
- Human Rights Agreements and International Humanitarian Law
- Relevant UN policies, guidelines, standards and procedures.



Budget

- Contributions from the State of Qatar.
- Qatar will host the center and provide a premises with necessary facilities.
- Donations and Contributions from Organizations and Governments



Next Steps

- Workshop to develop the strategy of the center and its 5 year plan
- An appropriate premises to be identified
- Further arrangements.





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