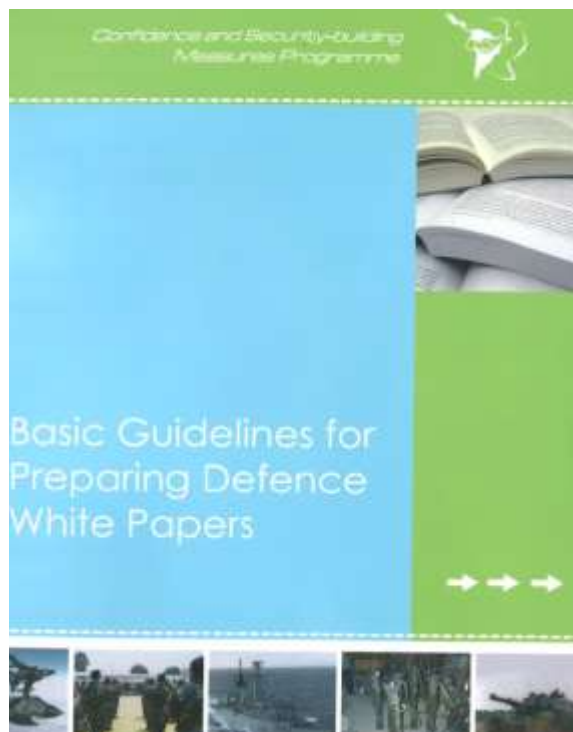


UNLIREC's Approach

- Enhance transparency and consolidation of democracy throughout the process of updating or elaborating a new Defence White Paper.
- Expand the participation and contributions from both within the government (ministries, legislators, parliamentarians) and outside the government (civil society, academia, universities, media).
- Stimulate social and political interest for informed discussion, analysis and debate on defence policies through a series of nation-wide public roundtables.

Achievements

- Created one of the first go-to resources to guide both Member States and regional organizations in the thematic and methodological aspects to be considered when elaborating Defence White Papers.



UNLIREC, as a UN agency in the field, can serve as a 'convening power' and liaison between the government and civil society in this civil-military exercise

Target States

Latin America and Caribbean countries

Facts and Figures

- Several countries in the region have published or are currently in the process of updating their Defence White Paper.
- The transparent process of elaborating and disseminating a Defence White Paper sends a clear message - both internally and abroad - of States' commitment to safeguarding the values and interests of citizens through an articulated and sound defence policy and to building confidence and transparency in a traditionally 'closed' field.
- Defence White Papers provide an opportunity to re-assess potential internal and external threats that could affect domestic interests and require a newly strategized military response.