

**CAPACITY BUILDING IN DEFENSE AND SECURITY: HAS IT EVER WORKED?
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Lisbon, December 15th, 2015 (09h30 - 13h00)

PROGRAMME

Capacity building in defense and security is arguably the buzzword of the hour. It is seen as the best way to: avoid intervention in places like Libya and Syria; get out of protracted campaigns overseas like in Afghanistan; deal with security challenges in places like Mali; prevent security crisis from taking place through NATO cooperative security initiatives. But what do we mean by capacity building and when did it start? Even if we think primarily in terms of security and defense can it be separated from a more holistic State Building effort? And what does the historical experience tell us about the ability to deal effectively with the challenge of capacity building overseas?

09h30 – Opening Remarks

Vítor Viana, Director of the National Defense Institute (IDN)

09h45-10:45 – The cases of Great-Britain and the United States

David Ucko, Associate Professor of the Dep. War and Conflict Studies, National Defense University –Washington DC.

10h45 – *Coffee Break*

11h00-12:00 – The case of France in Mali - myths and realities

Tony Chafer, Director of Center for European & International Studies, Univ. Portsmouth

12:00-13:00 – The case of NATO

Carlos Branco, former Director of Regional Cooperation and Security Division at NATO HQ.