

CSSS EXECUTIVE NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMMES

“Strategic Knowledge for Effective Leadership, Governance and National Security”

About the Programmes

1. The **Centre for Strategic Studies and Security (CSSS)** at the **National Defence University–Kenya (NDU-K)** offers a portfolio of executive training programmes designed to strengthen **strategic leadership, policy capacity, institutional resilience and national security awareness** across Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), the private sector, security and defence institutions, development partners and other strategic organizations.
2. The programmes provide participants with **practical knowledge, strategic insights and contemporary tools** to navigate emerging national, regional and global challenges. They are delivered through a combination of expert presentations, facilitated discussions, case studies, scenario-based exercises and practical applications.
3. CSSS programmes may be offered as **open executive programmes** or **customized institutional programmes** based on the specific requirements of an organisation.
4. **Executive National Security Training Portfolio**

Ser	Executive Programme	Programme Focus	Duration	Target Participants	Period
1	National Security Awareness	National security concepts, threats, institutions, human security and the role of citizens and MDAs in national security.	3 Days	Senior and middle-level managers, policy officers, institutional leaders and professionals in MDAs, private sector and strategic organisations.	January
2	Ethics and Leadership for National Security	Ethical leadership, integrity, accountability, values-based decision-making and leadership responsibilities in national security.	5 Days	Senior managers, directors, heads of departments, ethics officers and emerging institutional leaders.	February
3	National Security and Strategic Leadership	Strategic leadership, national interests, policy formulation, strategic decision-making and leadership in complex	3 Days	Senior executives, directors, heads of institutions, policy leaders and strategic-level managers.	March

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		security environments.			
4	AI and Cybersecurity for Executive Governance	Artificial intelligence, cyber threats, data protection, digital risks and responsible technology governance for senior leaders.	3 Days	CEOs, directors, senior managers, ICT leaders, risk managers, policy makers and governance professionals.	April
5	Strategic Leadership, Governance and Policy	Governance, strategic policy development, institutional leadership, public-sector transformation and policy implementation.	3 Days	Senior managers, risk and compliance officers, crisis-management teams and institutional decision-makers.	May
6	Emerging Security Challenges and National Resilience	Emerging and non-traditional security threats, vulnerability assessment, preparedness, resilience and adaptive institutional responses.	3 Days	Senior government officials, diplomats, security professionals, policy makers, researchers and strategic managers.	June
7	Crisis Management and Strategic Decision-Making	Crisis preparedness, risk assessment, crisis communication, coordination and strategic decision-making under pressure.	3 Days	Policy makers, senior public servants, directors, managers and professionals involved in governance and strategic planning.	July
8	Inter-Agency Coordination and National Security	Whole-of-government approaches, inter-agency cooperation, information sharing, coordination mechanisms and joint responses.	5 Days	Senior executives, ICT professionals, policy makers, security practitioners and technology leaders.	August
9	National Security, Technology and Emerging Threats	Technology-enabled threats, digital transformation, disruptive technologies, technological	3 Days	Senior and middle-level officers from MDAs, security agencies and other strategic institutions.	September

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		dependencies and national security implications.			
10	Strategic Risk Management and Institutional Resilience	Identification and analysis of strategic risks, risk mitigation, business continuity and institutional resilience.	3 Days	Sector leaders, institutional managers, regulators, technical experts and strategic stakeholders.	October
11	National Security Policy, Analysis and Foresight	Strategic analysis, policy research, foresight methodologies, scenario planning and anticipation of future security challenges.	5 Days		November
12	Leadership, Ethics and Integrity in Public Service	Public-sector leadership, ethical conduct, integrity systems, accountability and responsible decision-making.	3 Days		December

Who Should Attend?

5. The programmes are designed for **senior and middle-level leaders, managers and professionals** from Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), the private sector, security and defence institutions, development partners and other strategic organisations whose responsibilities involve **leadership, governance, policy, risk management, national security or institutional resilience**.

6. Participants may include **Chief Executive Officers, Directors, Heads of Departments, senior public servants, policy and planning officers, security practitioners, ICT and risk professionals, regulators, researchers and other strategic decision-makers**.

How to Register

7. Interested organisations and participants may register through the **CSSS Training Office**.

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8. Organizations may also contact CSSS to discuss customized programmes, preferred dates, group participation and sector-specific training requirements.

Why CSSS Executive Programmes?

9. CSSS executive programmes provide a platform for leaders and professionals to:
- a. Strengthen strategic leadership and decision-making
 - b. Understand emerging national, regional and global security challenges
 - c. Enhance policy and governance capacity
 - d. Build institutional resilience and strategic risk-management capabilities
 - e. Understand the implications of AI, cybersecurity and emerging technologies
 - f. Promote ethical leadership, accountability and responsible governance
 - g. Strengthen inter-agency coordination and strategic collaboration
 - h. Apply strategic knowledge to real-world institutional and national challenges.

Delivery Approach

10. Programmes are delivered using a combination of:
- a. Expert Presentations
 - b. Executive Discussions
 - c. Case Studies
 - d. Scenario-Based Exercises
 - e. Group Work | Strategic Simulations | Practical Applications

Certificate

11. Participants who complete a CSSS executive programme will receive a **Certificate of Participation/Completion** issued by the **National Defence University–Kenya (NDU-K)**, subject to the requirements of the respective programme.