



## **RESDAL – Activities Report 2012**

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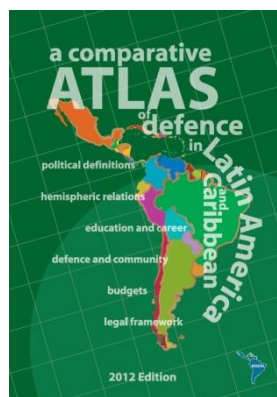
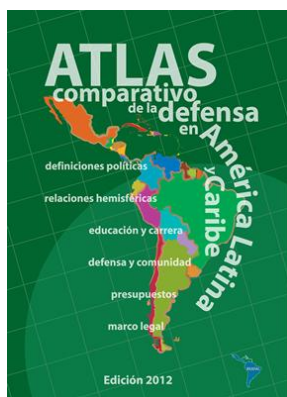
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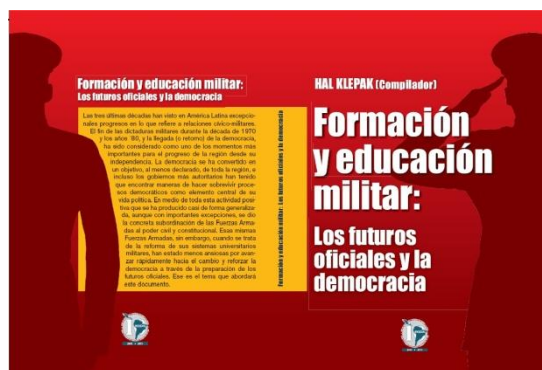
#### **a) Cooperation mechanisms, information exchange and transparency in defense**

- **Publication of the 5th edition of the Comparative Atlas of Defense in Latin America and Caribbean**, primary regional source for information in the field.
  - In September the 5th edition of the Comparative Atlas of Defense in Latin America and Caribbean was published in Spanish, and in October the corresponding English version.
  - With the release of the latest edition, the qualitative jump experienced in the previous edition has been further reinforced as a result of the inclusion of Cuba and the incorporation of a Caribbean dossier and a special section dedicated to Haiti.

- A more extensive development of the importance of the Latin American contribution to peace operations in Haiti (MINUSTAH), adding to this the case of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).
- In the special section on the Caribbean, which is unique in terms of the information which it provides, Suriname was also incorporated due to its regional importance as a member of UNASUR's South American Defence Council.



- **Publication of “Formación y Educación Militar: Los futuros oficiales y la democracia”** (Military Education: The future officers and democracy), edited by Hal Klepak (Professor Emeritus of the Royal Military College of Canada and member of RESDAL's Board of Directors).
  - Between April and May 2012, Hal Klepak worked from the Executive Secretariat revising the reports and results produced during the investigation of 8 national case studies (carried out in 2011) which focused on military schools dedicated to the initial education of Army Officers from the region. This led to the digital publication of “Formación y educación militar: los futuros oficiales y la democracia”, which allows for reflection on the theme and the diffusion of a practical tool which can be used to address future case studies.



- **Participation in the X Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas (CDMA)** with observer status and through the distribution of copies of the Comparative Atlas of Defense in Latin America and Caribbean, Edition 2012 amongst the different delegations.
  - RESDAL once again supported one of the principal hemispheric processes of cooperation and confidence building, held in Punta del Este, Uruguay between October 8th and 10th, contributing civil society's perspective through its participation as an observer in the CDMA and as a guest to the "Workshop for the exchange of opinions regarding the content of the thematic agenda" held in August.



Distribution of the Comparative Atlas of Defense in Latin America and Caribbean, 2012 Edition amongst the delegations of member states of the CDMA (October 8th 2012)

b) Gender perspective in the context of peace operations

In 2008 RESDAL began the gender in peace operations program, which commenced with an investigation into the incorporation of women into the armed forces of 11 Latin American countries, achieving the placement of the theme on the regional agenda. The existing interest in the theme led RESDAL to initiate studies on the Latin American contribution to peace operations and the incorporation of women, and their role in the area. Whilst various national investigations were carried out in relation to the incorporation of women and the possibility of applying the National Action Plans, the program addressed the development of a first piece of fieldwork to MINUSTAH (Haiti), in June 2011.

- **Case study of the Democratic Republic of the Congo**, visiting MONUSCO's various units (February - March) and those of the local government. The lessons and experiences gathered (principally Latin American, but also from other peacekeepers and actors) of contingents deployed to the interior of the mission have contributed to raise awareness of the importance of contributions to peace operations.



Street View in Kinshasa (DRC)



Bangladeshi FPU in Bunia (DRC)

- **Implementation of the second stage of the MINUSTAH case study** (August) reinforcing the links established during the first stage, in order to collect data which reflects the raising of awareness regarding gender issues.
  - Studies of this nature are unpublished and are a first step in understanding the context in which peace operations are developed, and how their presence promotes the incorporation of a gender perspective and, therefore, involve the entire population in the post-conflict reconstruction process.



A Brazilian U.N. peacekeeper walks with Haitian children during a patrol in Cite Soleil (DRC)

- **Elaboration of a methodology for the investigation of both cases.**
- **Permanent contact with official institutions and units of the Mission as well as of local governments.**
- **29 interviews with actors from MINUSTAH and 72 from MONUSCO linked to the process of establishing peace.**

- **Elaboration of partial reports** that systematize the information and provide details about the situation of the Missions.
- **Organization and participation in the International Conference "Promoting Gender for Peace: reflections on the Latin American experience"**.
  - First and the only of its kind, it was attended by the Executive Director of UN Women, Michelle Bachelet, who was responsible for the keynote address.
  - Participation of more than 50 officials and representatives of the UN system, officials from Ministries of Defence, Foreign Affairs and Women, congressmen and academics from 13 Latin American countries, as well as about 300 people who were accredited at the moment of admission.
  - It was presented as a continuation in the series of studies on MINUSTAH and MONUSCO. Its uniqueness was having first hand testimonies of international speakers who work in the field which used specific cases to promote reflection on the practical challenges posed today to multidimensional peacekeeping operations and the promotion of a gender perspective as a way of building peace. It also placed in the center of the debate the characteristics and perspectives of the Latin American contribution to international security.
  - It was organized by RESDAL in the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Argentina, under the auspices of the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Open Society Institute and UN Women.



**International Conference "Promoting Gender for Peace: reflections on the Latin American experience", organized by RESDAL, Buenos Aires, 25th and 26th of April 2012.**

Opening panel (from left to right): Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women; Arturo Puricelli, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Argentina; Alicia Kirchner, Minister of Social Development of the Republic of Argentina and Marcela Donadio, Executive Secretary of RESDAL.





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International Conference "Promoting Gender for Peace: reflections on the Latin American experience".

- **Contribution** to the elaboration and design of the 3 training modules for the implementation of the DPKO/DFS Guidelines on Integrating a Gender Perspective.
- **Distribution of the results** of the first stage of the study on MINUSTAH and the fieldwork on MONUSCO at the International Conference "Promoting Gender for Peace: reflections on the Latin American experience".
- **Elaboration of a joint final report between RESDAL and the MINUSTAH and MONSUCO Gender Units** that will be published in 2013, analysing the situations and constituting a practical element for reflection.
  - The publication includes the reports and will be published in early 2013, providing an account of the necessity for the agents involved in the restoration of peace, making the situation known, showing successes and failures, strengths and weaknesses, as well as opening up a new space for reflection.

- **Creation of a blog** that systematizes the information produced and the experiences and testimonies of the more than 50 people interviewed in MONUSCO during the advancement of the project.
- **Continuity and updating of the ‘Observatory of Women in Peace Operations’**, a project which began in 2010 and that constituted a new interactive platform for dialogue, facilitating the exchange and diffusion of experiences at the regional and international level.
- **Strengthening of a direct relationship between the Ministry of Gender of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Latin American countries.**
- Practical impact
  - **Naming of gender focal points in all contingents** (the outcome of reflection within MINUSTAH’s military component).
  - **Elaboration and design of the 3 training modules for the implementation of the DPKO/DFS Guidelines on Integrating a Gender Perspective.**
  - **The gradual opening up of female access to combat weapons in the Brazilian Army.** RESDAL’s initiative, embodied first in the study of women's access to combat weapons in the region and their participation in peace operations; and the overall impact that reached the International Conference "Promoting Gender for Peace : Reflections on the Latin American Experience", helped (along with other sectors) to make the enactment of the law approved by the President of Brazil possible, which established a 5 year period to adapt and prepare for the admission of women into military schools.

c) Reform of the security sector

Continuing with the project initiated in 2010, whose final product was the publication of the “Índice de Seguridad Pública y Ciudadana en América Latina: El Salvador Guatemala y Honduras” (Index of Public and Citizen Security in Latin America: El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras), the Network continues to place a focus on the institutional capabilities of the Central American countries to combat the current challenges and proposes that by mid-2013 a second volume of this analytical tool will be completed, serving as a foundation for the provision of public and comparative information on security institutions.

- **Diffusion of the publication “Índice de Seguridad Pública y Ciudadana en Centroamérica: El Salvador, Guatemala y Honduras” (Index of Public and Citizen Security in Latin America: El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras) amongst the countries of the region.**

- **Elaboration of an appropriate methodology to study the new cases** (Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama) and for the updating of the cases previously studied (El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras).
- **Gathering and analysis of information** which is strong, simple and necessary in order to address the new cases which are studied as part of the program, encompassing the structural level of security policies, the impact of regional organizations and of other public institutions.
- **First visit to the cities of San Jose, Costa Rica and Panama** (November), which included interviews with various actors involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of security policies and plans, such as the Ministries of Security, Government, Presidencies, National Police, other law enforcement agencies, international organizations and academic institutions.
- **Conducting interviews with 24 actors involved in the process of security sector reform in Panama (10) and Costa Rica (14).**
- **Beginning of the systematization and analysis of the information obtained.**
- As a result, it is foreseen that by mid-2013 a new edition of the Index of Public and Citizen Security will be published, incorporating the new cases (Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama) and updating the previous ones.

d) Links with the region

- **Participation in events and conferences, for example:**
  - Instructor Training Program. Workshop on the DPKO/DFS Guidelines on Integrating a Gender Perspective, 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> of March, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
  - Strategic Thinking about South America Workshops, 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> of May, Quito, Ecuador.
  - International Seminar "Debates about collective, state/national, public and citizen security", 14<sup>th</sup> of May, Santiago, Chile.
  - Validation Workshop for Training Modules in UNHQ, 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of June, New York, United States.
  - International Training & Rostering Technical Experts Consultation, June, New York, United States.
  - Workshop of Experts on the Inter-american Defense System, 31<sup>st</sup> of July – 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, Washington DC, United States.
  - V National Meeting of the Brazilian Association of Defense Studies (ABED), 7<sup>h</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of August, San Pablo, Brazil.
  - X Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas, 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of October, Punta del Este, Uruguay.



- 7th Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of October, Lima, Peru.
- Seminar Women in Public Security Institutions, 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of November, Mexico City
- **Permanent contact with official institutions**
  - Since the beginning of the year formal contact was established with the Ministries of Defense and the Armed Forces, sending the required information for the elaboration of the Comparative Atlas.
  - The visits to countries in the region within the framework of the Network's projects or participation in events or international conferences provided an opportunity to strengthen links with official institutions and gather information.
- **Information exchange and transparency.** The Network's products, particularly the Comparative Atlas of Defense in Latin America and Caribbean, express a strengthened relationship with official institutions.
- **Presentation of Comparative Atlas of Defense in Latin America and Caribbean in the *Centro de Altos Estudios Nacionales* (Centre of High National Studies) (CALEN) of Uruguay.**
- **Official launch of the publication “Formación y educación militar: Los futuros oficiales y la democracia” (Military Education: The future officers and democracy) on the occasion of the first SINpOCIUM (*Simposio Interamericano para Observar las Ciencias que Uniforman el Medio Militar* -Inter-American Symposium to Observe the Sciences that Standardise the Military Sphere-), developed as a result of the initiative of the Institute of Military Sciences of the Military Cadet School “General José María Córdova” in the city of Bogota, Colombia (November).**
- **Diffusion of the Comparative Atlas** amongst different state institutions, for example in Peru and in Mexico.
- **Distribution of this publication** at international and regional events and in official organisms.

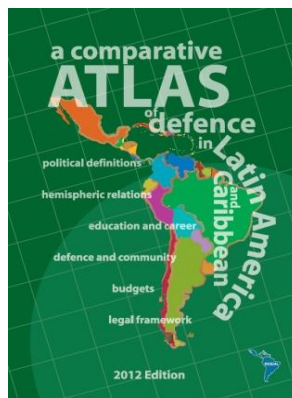
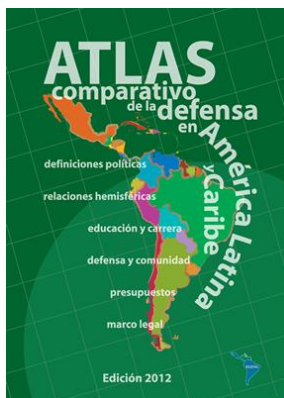
e) New generations in defense

- **Internship program**  
The policy of including new generations in RESDAL's activities aims to provide practical training in the field, giving them the tools which will enable them to attain positions in their home country.
  - Young people from Brazil, Colombia and El Salvador incorporated themselves into the Network's multidisciplinary team.

f) Links with other regions in the world

- **Permanent contact with MONUSCO Units.**
- **Participation in events and conferences in other regions, for example:**
  - Encuentro Ditchley Foundation “Can international intervention work?”, 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of May, United Kingdom.
  - Atlantic Dialogues, 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> of September, Morocco.
  - Skhirat International Forum, 29<sup>th</sup> of November, Morocco.
- **In addition to the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and agreements signed, for example with the Centro para Asuntos Internacionales de Barcelona CIDOB (*Center for Intenational Affairs* of Barcelona), Silverkrieg Consultants or the Ministry of Defense of Ecuador, is added the start of the process for the signing of a new MOU with the *Centre Marocain des Etudes Strategiques* (Morocco).**

## 2. Publications



## 3. Executive Secretariat

For the development and operation of its programs, RESDAL has at its availability the advice and cooperation of its members, in addition to the efforts of the permanent team which works from the Executive Secretariat in Buenos Aires.

- **Presence in the Executive Secretariat of expert members of the Network.**
  - Hal Klepak was present during April and March and part of July.

- Also, Maria Inés Ruz, ex advisor to the Ministry of Defence of Chile, was incorporated into the team working on the Comparative Atlas in June.
- **Maintaining and updating the website.**
  - 600,000 visits (2012), in addition to the inquiries of users and followers on social networks, display the necessity and capacity of the Network to be a centralized and reliable resource of information on the subject.
  - 7,000 people related to the theme in the region, are members of the social networks and the distribution lists.
- **Elaboration of a weekly summary of the news stories related to defense and security in the region, which reaches 7,000 recipients.**
- **Elaboration of summaries which are diffused when extraordinary events relevant to the area occur.**
- **Transfer of the Executive Secretariat** to a new office, also located in Buenos Aires.

#### 4. Financing

For the development of its programs, during 2012 RESDAL received financial support from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the Open Society Institute (OSI), the Global Peace and Security Fund and the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (GPSF - DFAIT). RESDAL also received a contribution from the Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) for the publication of the English edition of the Comparative Atlas.

- Global Peace and Security Fund – DFAIT/Canadá, Gender and Peace Operations for Latin America: Resolutions 1325 and 1820, from theory to practice, CAD\$ 52.262 (Total GRANT CAD\$ 209.049 / september 2010- march 2012)
- Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Improving and sharing Latin American gender approach to peacekeeping within the framework of UNSCR 1325 and 1820, NOK\$ 446.134 (Total GRANT NOK\$ 1.338.402 / may 2011- april 2012)
- National Endowment for Democracy, Strengthening Institutional and Civilian Capacity in the Security and Defense Sectors, US\$ 100.820 (Total GRANT US\$ 201.640 / october 2011- september 2013).
- Open Society Foundation, Strengthening Democratic Governance and Transparency in the Security Sector, US\$ 127.000 (Total GRANT US\$ 381.000 / april 2012- march 2014).