

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE**

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Islamabad, the 21st March, 2024


CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: - TRAINING COURSE ON THE LEADERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COURSE (LISC) "GENERATING INCLUSIVE & RESILIENT APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY" FROM 7TH OCTOBER 2024 TO 28TH MAY, 2025.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self explanatory Office Memorandum No. 1(7)Eur-I/2020, dated 18th March, 2024, received from Ministry of Economic of Affairs along with enclosures, on the above mentioned subject for placing on the website of the Ministry of Commerce.

2. Interested/relevant officers from Main Ministry and its Attached Departments/Organizations who fulfill the eligibility criteria may send their nominations, duly approved by their respective Head(s) of the Wing(s)/Departments to HR-I Section (along with their C.V, Services Profile and details of availed Foreign Training/Workshops etc), latest by 28-03-2024 positively. *Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained.*

Encl: As Above


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Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Economic Affairs
(Economic Affairs Division)

No. 5(7)Eur-I/2020

Islamabad, the 18th March, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Training Course on the Leadership in International Security Course (LISC) "Generating Inclusive & Resilient Approaches to International Security" from 7th October 2024 to 28th May, 2025

The undersigned is directed to refer to Embassy of Switzerland in Pakistan's Note No. 030/2024, dated 22nd February, 2024 on the subject noted above (copy enclosed) and to inform that the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) has invited nominations for the Training Course on the Leadership in International Security Course (LISC) "Generating Inclusive & Resilient Approaches to International Security" from 7th October 2024 to 28th May, 2025 at Geneva, Switzerland.

2. The main objectives of the courses are as under: -

Course Objectives

The course is designed to advance the knowledge and skills of participants to prepare them for leadership roles in their institution, in particular by enabling them to:-


- Strengthen their leadership skill-set within a multi-cultural and cross sectoral environment.
- Enhance their ability to critically analysis the evolving nature of security threats.
- Assess the effectiveness to current policy responses and propose sustainable alternatives,
- Develop their International network to pursue collaborative and innovative solutions.

3. The details of the eligibility criteria, course outline, tuition fee and travelling expenses may please be seen at the letter of Swiss Embassy (copy enclosed). For further information or any query, kindly visit GCSP website: www.gcsp.ch or the contact the GCSP through Ms. Alesia Ruffieux LISC Coordinator: Phone +41 22 730 9691 or Email: lisc@gcsp.ch.

4. The nominations of the suitable candidates duly approved by Competent Authority along with completion of all admission requirements highlighted in the GCSP Course Description, may kindly be forwarded to Section Officer (Eur-I), Ministry of Economic Affairs, Islamabad not later than 10th April, 2024.

5. Required Documents: -

01	Nomination Letter in original	01 copy
02	Filled in Proforma for FTC	01 copy
03	Copy of Application Form filled online available at link given by GCSP letter	02 copies
04	CNIC and Photograph	02 copies each
05	Surety Bond	01 Original
06	Undertaking	01 Original


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EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND IN PAKISTAN

Note No. 030/2024

The Embassy of Switzerland presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and has the honour to enclose herewith an invitation letter from the Director of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Ambassador Thomas Greminger, for the Leadership in International Security Course (LISC): "Generating Inclusive & Resilient Approaches to International Security" from 7 October 2024 to 28 May 2025.

With the support of the Swiss Confederation, this course will be offered **free of tuition charges**. Applicants from diplomats, military officers, or civil servants of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defence, Development, Economy, Finance, Interior, Justice, Prime Minister's office, Presidential Administration or other relevant ministries can be nominated for this course at the latest by Friday, 31 May 2024. To meet gender parity, it is requested to kindly nominate at least **two candidates, one female and one male**.

For further information, kindly visit the GCSP website: www.gcsp.ch or contact the GCSP through Ms. Alesia Ruffieux, LISC Coordinator: (Phone: +41 22 730 9691, Email: lisc@gcsp.ch).

The Embassy of Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Islamabad, 22 February 2024

Enclosures: -GCSP Invitation letter dated 13.02.2024
-Practical Information for the LISC



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Assistant Director (Europe - IV)
Islamabad

~~Copy:~~ The Section Officer (UN-III / FTC)
Ministry of Economic Affairs
Islamic Republic of Pakistan
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Geneva, 13 February 2024

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), with the support of the Swiss Confederation, has the honour to invite Pakistan to nominate candidates for:

The Leadership in International Security Course (LISC)

Generating Inclusive & Resilient Approaches to International Security

07 October 2024 – 28 May 2025

This course is designed to train highly qualified professionals who will serve in the broad area of security policy and will interact in some form with international agencies engaged in security-related policy planning, political and military decision-making or practical implementation in a range of complex and interlinked security situations.

It will advance the knowledge and skills of participants to prepare them for leadership roles in their institution, in particular by enabling them to:

- Strengthen their leadership skill-set within a multi-cultural and cross-sectoral environment,
- Enhance their ability to critically analyse the evolving nature of security threats,
- Assess the effectiveness of current policy responses and propose sustainable alternatives,
- Develop their international network to pursue collaborative and innovative solutions.

In addition to the LISC Certificate, the course also offers the opportunity to receive a **Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in International Security**, accredited by the University of Geneva.

The course will be conducted in English at the GCSP in Geneva.

With the support of the Swiss Confederation, we are pleased to offer the LISC free of tuition fees. In addition, please note that your country is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Scholarship attribution (full or partial) is not automatic but based on a competitive review process. The purpose of the scholarship is to help cover living expenses and accommodation in Geneva. However, travel costs are the responsibility of the sending government.

Countries may nominate diplomats, military officers, or civil servants from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defence, Development, Economy, Finance, Interior, Justice, Prime Minister's office, Presidential Administration or other relevant ministries.

Your country is kindly asked to submit nominations for this course by **Friday 31 May 2024**.

The GCSP strives to meet gender parity in course participation, for this reason, your country is asked to nominate at least **two candidates**, one female and one male.

For further information, please see the course [webpage](#) or contact the LISC Team on +41(0)22 730 9691, e-mail: lisc@gcsp.ch.

We very much look forward to receiving nominations from your country.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Thomas Greminger
GCSP Director



Teaching Staff

In order to develop the relationship between scholars, practitioners and participants, the LISC teaching staff includes GCSP's own international team composed of academics and practitioners with broad experience in security policy, diplomacy and/ or military affairs, as well as high-level experts (academics, government officials, representatives from international institutions, non-governmental organisations, civil society, and the private sector) from across the globe.

Admission Requirements

Participants should be dynamic and highly motivated to study issues of international security, in addition to demonstrating a clear potential for leadership. Additionally, certain specific criteria are required:

- Applicants should have a university degree or be serving officers (Advanced Military Staff Course completed).
- Applicants should be at a mid-career level and have a corresponding level of professional or academic experience in the field of international security. Post-graduate training and/or mission experience is an asset.
- Applicants should have an excellent knowledge of spoken and written English, the working language for the LISC. A deficit in language capabilities will hinder an applicant's involvement in the course and may lead to their ineligibility to participate.
- The LISC depends on the continuous full-time engagement and attendance of all participants in Geneva throughout the course.

Course Fees

The LISC is offered free of tuition fees as part of Switzerland's contribution to the Partnership for Peace.

Scholarship for Living Expenses and Accommodation

A limited number of partial and full scholarships are available to help cover living expenses and accommodation in Geneva. Scholarship attribution is not automatic and is based on a competitive review process. The GCSP will offer the available scholarships to the most qualified applicants, in accordance with the admission requirements.

The scholarship amount may vary between CHF 1'000 and CHF 2'500 per month throughout the course (8 months from October 2024 to May 2025). The scholarship is offered by Switzerland and other member states of the GCSP Foundation Council through the GCSP Global Scholarship Fund.

Applicants should please indicate if they wish to be considered for a scholarship, in their letter of motivation, and state why it is required.

Travel costs between the home country and Geneva are the responsibility of the respective sending government or organisation. Travel costs associated with LISC-organised learning events during the course are paid by the GCSP.

Assessment and Course Certificate

Participants are assessed based on their participation throughout the course and their performance in a number of specifically assigned activities and tasks. After successful completion of the course, participants will receive a Course Certificate from the GCSP, a PIP Partnership Training and Education Centre (PTEC), as well as an ISO 9001 certified centre. A letter of assessment, outlining the participant's performance, will be provided to the sending institution.



Annex 1:

Master of Advanced Studies in International Security (MAS)

The GCSP is delighted to announce that LISC participants have the opportunity to earn a **Master of Advanced Studies in International Security (MAS)** (60 ECTS credits). This MAS is jointly run by the **Geneva Centre for Security Policy** and the **Global Studies Institute (GSI)** of the University of Geneva – and is based upon the internationally recognised training expertise of GCSP's Leadership in International Security Course in addition to the long-standing academic expertise of the University of Geneva.

The MAS has a taught and a research component, in addition to the successful completion of the three LISC modules. The taught component consists of the successful completion of the LISC and participation in an additional module taught by the University which will be assessed by a written exam. The research component requires the completion of a research paper (10'000-12'000 words) on an agreed security-related topic, examined by oral defence.

The tuition fee for the MAS programme is CHF 15'000.. Tuition scholarships may be available. Interested applicants, after having been accepted to the LISC, should contact the Coordinator (mas@gcsp.ch) if they wish to apply for the MAS. Acceptance into the programme is subject to a University of Geneva Admission Board evaluation.

Application materials and further inquiries can be addressed to mas@gcsp.ch or by clicking on the MAS webpage.