Shaping The Future of Civil Affairs – Lessons From the Decade of War
Eleven (11) Strategic Themes:

• Understand the environment
• Transitions
• Interagency Coordination
• Host-Nation Partnering
Understanding the Environment

• Education and Training
  • Need to maintain awareness of our environment and stay aware of what / where / why other interorganizational actors are doing
  • Continue to train with interorganizational partners to build / maintain / strengthen relationships
Transitions

• Education and Training
  • Doctrine calls for a transition from military forces to “something” non-military entity
  • Need to have our planning efforts aligned
  • Is there a need for transition expertise?
Interorganizational Coordination

• Education and Training
  • Be aware of / understanding of interorganizational actor’s task and purpose
  • Value of meaningful / integrated education and training opportunities
  • Lexicons
Host Nation Partnering

- Education and Training
  - Determining the space for building host nation civ-mil capability and capacity
  - Determine CA’s role in this effort
• Civil Affairs can be an important contributor to the IO community going forward
• Continue efforts for maintaining awareness of the operating environments
• Determine space for integration of CA into larger on-going efforts
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