

# Shaping The Future of Civil Affairs – Lessons From the Decade of War



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# 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



# Conclusion

- 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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