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## Workshop 14: From Rhetoric to Reality: Local Ownership in Security Sector Reform

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### Abstract

The notion of local ownership has become highly visible as a central plank of security sector reform (SSR) good practice. While the argument that externally driven reform processes are unsustainable is now widely accepted, the principle of local ownership has proved difficult to both define and operationalise. Looking both at the concept and its application in, this panel subjects the broader issue of local ownership to critical scrutiny, furthers the debate on what local ownership is and why it matters, and explores how ownership issues have played out in different regional settings.

### Programme

<p><b>Alan BRYDEN,</b> Deputy Head, Research, DCAF (Chair)</p>	
<p><b>Timothy DONAIS,</b> Assistant Professor, Global Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo</p>	<p>Understanding Local Ownership in Security Sector Reform</p>
<p><b>Jérôme MELLON,</b> SSR Coordination Officer, SSR Team, Office of the Rule of Law and Security Institutions, United Nations Department for Peacekeeping Operations, New York</p>	<p>Local Ownership and Emerging Trends in Security Sector Reform Outsourcing in Liberia</p>
<p><b>Arnold LUETHOLD,</b> Assistant Director and Head, Operations Africa and Middle East, DCAF</p>	<p>Possession and Non-Possession in Palestinian Security Sector Reform</p>
<p><b>Rory KEANE,</b> DAC Network on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris</p>	<p>Donors - its Time to Get Serious about Ownership</p>