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**IDARM conducts “Capabilities Based Planning” course during 30 MAR- 3 APR 2015 in Kinshasa, DRC**

The International Defense Acquisition Resource Management (IDARM) program within the Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) conducted a “Capabilities Based Planning” course in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) during 30 March- 3 April, 2015. The five day course focused on capabilities based planning, requirements generation, and key related concepts. Emphasis was placed on planning to provide necessary capabilities within a framework of limited resources, and developing and examining requirements as they are used to initiate, manage, justify or establish the budget for acquisitions. Participants worked on a small group project aimed at synthesizing the key concepts and considerations in capabilities based planning and the identification and development of capabilities based requirements. This course was organized as part of ongoing US efforts to engage the DRC and sustain US and western influence in conjunction with the Office of Security Cooperation (OSC) Kinshasa and the Naval Education Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA). IDARM will conduct two follow on courses this fiscal year, “International Contract Negotiations” in July and “Managing Defense Projects” in August.