

Panel Executive Brief:

Reflections on/Introducing the Stabilization Assistance Review

The Stabilization Assistance Review (SAR) examines best practices and core principals of foreign assistance to target United States stabilization efforts globally. The SAR will help integrate and coordinate United States government stabilization efforts across departments to maximize foreign assistance efforts.

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Key Issues/Problems discussed:

- How to shift stabilization efforts to incorporate its inherently political nature.
- United States assistance needs to be coordinated between departments including the Department of State, Department of Defense, and USAID.
- How to learn from past stabilization and foreign assistance efforts to increase effectiveness in the future.

Key Recommendations:

- Burden-sharing and partnership approach will be key in effective stabilization and foreign assistance.
- Have to incorporate all three sectors, diplomacy, development, and defense, in stabilization and foreign assistance efforts globally.
- Cannot ignore the role of politics in stabilization. Need to plan approaches to these efforts with regards to political legitimacy and context.

Significance of SAR:

The SAR will be key in the coordinating and collaboration of U.S. stabilization and foreign assistance efforts globally. The SAR provides guidelines and clarity that will maximize these efforts by clearly defining best practices and core concepts in United States stabilization operations.