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Retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer for the Association of the United States Army, was the keynote speaker for the 2014 Peace & Stability Operations Training, Education Workshop.

This year's Peace & Stability Operations Training, Education Workshop kicked off this week with an address from retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer for the Association of the United States Army, and Clare Lockhart, co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for State Effectiveness at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia on March 24.



The theme for this year's workshop is "Partnerships and Innovation: Novel Approaches to Training, Educating, and Engaging in Peacekeeping and Stability Operations." For the second and third days of the workshop, the 200 workshop attendees are divided among three working groups that address conflict prevention - partnering for success in prevention and management efforts, disaster preparedness and risk reduction engagement strategies to support the health sector, and governance innovation for security and development. The workshop is a team effort among the Force Readiness and Training Directorate, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness); George Mason University; the U.S. Army War College's Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute; and thirteen other stakeholder organizations.

During the last seven years, the Peace and Stability Operations Training and Education Workshop has provided a forum through which a broad assembly of educators and trainers can dialogue on essential content, methods and practices in the areas of conflict response/prevention and peacebuilding programs; and to collaborate on the development and presentation of integrated, cross-organizational curricula and

programs that advance leader development, education, and training across our community of interest. The goals of this workshop are:

- to provide a forum that addresses the equities of the community of practice and its activities;
- to foster collaboration between the joint professional military education and academic communities;
- to link community efforts; and
- to inform and support senior leaders, to monitor progress and to provide feedback on the recommendations over the next year.

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