



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY  
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Dear NDU International Alumni,

The United States National Defense University (NDU) enjoys a rich history of hosting international military and government officials participating in fellowship programs at each of NDU's five colleges. Graduates of these programs now comprise a network of over 1800 alumni serving at senior levels of government, armed forces, and the private sector in over 100 countries.

For the past several years, NDU has hosted regional continuing education seminars for international graduates to stay updated on critical issues in international security and reconnect with former classmates. We are pleased to invite you to our next regional seminar in Cartagena, Colombia from June 10-12, 2015. This event will be held in collaboration with the Colombian Ministry of Defense through the invitation of Admiral Hernando Wills, Commander of the Colombian Navy (NDU Class of 2008). NDU faculty and key leaders from throughout the region will lead an academic program focused on an analysis of current events in Latin America, civil-military relations, security cooperation, and comprehensive approaches to combating terrorism. Various social and networking events will also be held throughout the seminar. Spouses are encouraged to join for the social engagements. More details will be forthcoming through the event website.

NDU alumni continue to make a remarkable impact around the world. Events such as the Cartagena Seminar help our graduates leverage the tremendous potential of the NDU network. I would be delighted to see you at the seminar so that you may renew your ties to your classmates and the university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Charlton", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Charlton  
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*Join fellow NDU graduates in the Latin American region for a continuing education seminar focused on critical regional security issues. In collaboration with the Colombian Armed Forces.*



# NDU International Alumni Security Seminar

*Cartagena, Colombia*

June 10-12, 2015

[Visit \[ismo.ndu.edu\]\(http://ismo.ndu.edu\) for the event website](http://ismo.ndu.edu)

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# International Alumni Security Seminar Cartagena, Colombia

- Date:** June 10-12, 2015 (Wednesday– Friday)
- Venue:** TBD— Please check website for hotel updates
- Host:** The U.S. National Defense University, in collaboration with the Colombian Ministry of Defense
- Invitees:** All NDU graduates, U.S. and international, from any NDU college (CISA, ES/ICAF, iCollege, JFSC, or NWC)
- Format:** The three-day event will include academic sessions led by NDU faculty, keynote presentations by invited speakers and alumni, a possible off-site visit, and various social and networking opportunities. Spouses are welcome to attend all social functions. Seminar discussion topics will center on international security challenges—an analysis of current events in Latin America, the importance of positive civil-military relations, the creation of comprehensive approaches to combating terrorism, and the role of external actors in the region. Subjects will be discussed in NDU’s non-attribution setting. Speakers will be drawn from key officials from the U.S., Colombia, and other countries, and alumni serving as subject-matter experts in their fields.

### Tentative Schedule of Events:

Tuesday, June 9: Evening icebreaker social

Wednesday, June 10: Seminar Day 1 & Evening reception

Thursday, June 11: Seminar Day 2 & Possible off-site visit

Friday, June 12: Seminar Day 3 & Seminar wrap-up

- Lodging:** Please check the conference website for updates on the hotel selection. At this time, this selection is still being processed through the U.S. MilGroup. Once a contract has been established, NDU will publish instructions on booking at the special group rate. Attendees are not required to stay at the conference hotel. Cartagena has many quality hotels at all price levels.
- Registration:** Registration will open by March 31 on the event website at <http://ismo.ndu.edu>
- Uniform:** Attendees are welcome to attend the seminar in business suit or uniform. We will notify participants of final events details so you may plan accordingly.
- Contact:** Please contact Mr. Russ Thacker at the ISMO Alumni Office ([ismo@ndualumni.org](mailto:ismo@ndualumni.org)/202-685-2545) or Mr. John Charlton ([charltonj@ndu.edu](mailto:charltonj@ndu.edu)/202-685-4242) with any questions