

Developing Practical Cooperation through Science

The NATO Science for Peace and Security (SPS) Programme is open to scientists and experts from Pakistan.

The NATO SPS Programme enables close collaboration on issues of common interest to enhance the security of NATO and partner nations by facilitating international efforts to meet emerging security challenges, supporting NATO-led operations and missions, and advancing early warning and forecast for the prevention of disasters and crises.

The current SPS Key Priorities include:

- *Counter-Terrorism;*
- *Energy Security;*
- *Cyber Defence;*
- *Defence against CBRN Agents;*
- *Environmental Security;*
- *Security-related Advanced Technology;*
- *Border and Port Security;*
- *Human and Social Aspects of Security.*

Additionally, the SPS Programme helps to promote *regional security* through scientific cooperation among partners. The programme also helps to *prepare* interested eligible nations for NATO membership. SPS activities often have a high *public diplomacy* value.

Colombia

NATO cooperates with a number of countries, which are not part of its regional partnership frameworks. Often referred to as “partners across the globe”, these countries develop cooperation with NATO in areas of mutual interest, including emerging security challenges, and some contribute actively to NATO operations either militarily or in some other way.

In December 2016, discussions with Colombia started on developing an Individual Partnership and Cooperation Programme to set out priority areas for dialogue and cooperation, and concluded successfully on 18 May 2017. The objectives of the partnership are to develop common approaches to global security challenges such as cyber security, maritime security, and terrorism and its links to organised crime; to support peace and security efforts including human security, and promoting the role of women in peace and security; and to build the capacities and capabilities of the Colombian armed forces.

Cooperative Activities

The SPS Programme is open to all activities with Colombia in line with the political guidance from Allies in the form of the 2012 SPS Key Priorities and the 2013 Overarching Guidelines. At present, the SPS Programme does not have any activities led by Colombia.

