



*Multinational Planning Augmentation Team
and Asia-Pacific Area Network
(MPAT & APAN)
in Asia and the Pacific*



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MPAT

A *cadre of military planners* ...

- From nations with Asia-Pacific interests
- Capable of rapidly augmenting a multinational force (MNF) headquarters (HQ)
- Established *to plan and execute coalition operations*
- In response to military operations other than war (MOOTW) / small scale contingencies (SSC)





A Multinational Program

- Multinational venue to share MNF CTF HQ procedures
- Maintains a cadre of MNF planners:
 - skilled in common crisis action planning procedures
 - available to rapidly augment a CTF HQ during a crisis
- **Develops habitual relationships among MPAT cadre**
- Meets periodically to:
 - share information & develop CTF HQ procedures (MNF SOP)
 - practice CTF HQ activation, formation, & planning processes
- Includes interested nations, International Organizations (IOs), Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), & United Nations (UN) agencies

**MPAT PROGRAM BELONGS TO
ALL INTERESTED NATIONS**



Objectives & Methods

- Improve Speed of Multinational Crisis Response
- Improve Multinational Force Interoperability
- Increase CTF Mission Effectiveness
- Unity of Effort

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- Strengthen & Practice Common Crisis Action Planning Procedures
 - Develop and become familiar with common Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) for MNF CTF HQ



MPAT Participants – 33 Nations

Australia¹

Cambodia

France¹

India

Japan

Malaysia

Mongolia

Papua New Guinea

Singapore

Thailand

UK¹

Vietnam

Bangladesh

Canada¹

Fiji

Indonesia

Korea

Maldives

Nepal

Solomon Islands

Tonga

US¹

Brunei

East Timor

Germany¹

Italy¹

Madagascar

Mauritius

New Zealand

Philippines

Sri Lanka

Tuvalu

Vanuatu

Legend: ¹ = MPAT nations that are also MIC nations



Broad Multinational Interoperability Concept



- Workshops & Seminars → Information-Sharing
- Education & Training → Learning
- Exercises → Knowing / Understanding

How Do We Coordinate, Cooperate, Synchronize Efforts?



MNF SOP Purpose

- Increase multinational force (MNF):
 - Speed of Initial Response
 - Interoperability
 - Overall Mission Effectiveness
 - Unity of Effort

HQ Procedures for Multinational Force OPS





MNF SOP Parameters

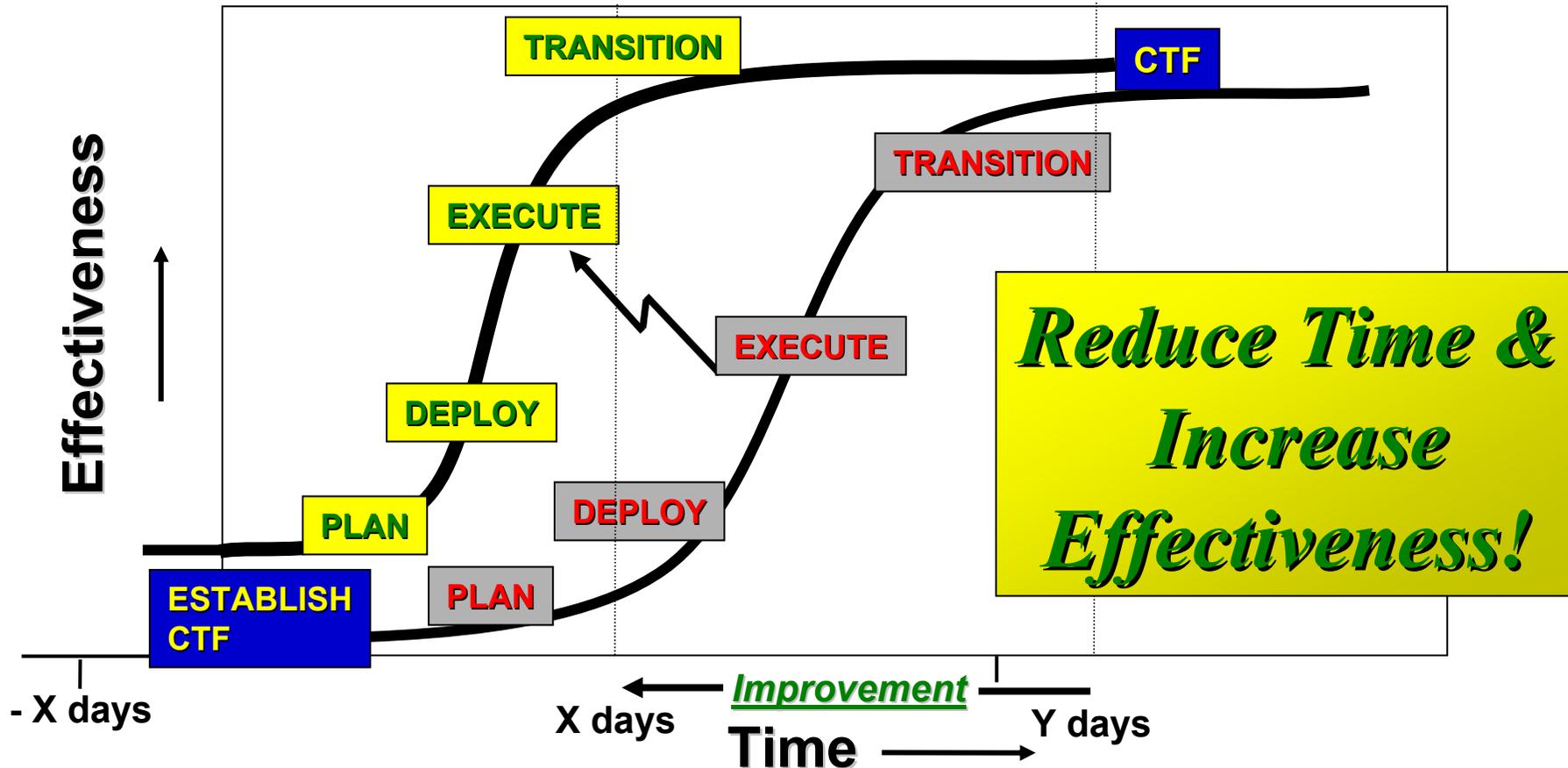
- Multinational Document:
 - Ownership by MPAT nations is critical
 - Foundation reference for multinational crisis response
- Not prescriptive, binding or directive:
 - Serves as a “guide” (start point) for multinational operations
 - Based on “Lead-Nation” Concept (one nation in lead)
 - Living, unsigned, web-based document (refinement institutionalized)
- Focus is Operational Level – Coalition / Combined Task Force (CTF):
 - Primary focus: Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW)
 - Support full range of small scale contingencies (SSCs)

Lead Nation Concept





Improving Response



Improved speed of response through effective multinational force activation, forming, and planning

MPAT Venues

- MPAT SOP Development Workshop :
 - Develop MPAT Program Recommendations
 - Develop / Refine MNF SOP
 - 10 Major Workshops and several mini-workshops conducted to date
- MPAT TEMPEST EXPRESS (TE):
 - CTF HQ Staff Planning Workshop
 - Scenario-driven planning event
 - 11 Major TEs conducted to date
- MPAT Participation in Other Events:
 - USPACOM Multinational Exercises
 - Seminars, Table-top Exercises, Wargames, etc.
 - Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) Support
 - G-8 Nations Initiative (June 2004) to expand global capacity for Peace Support Operations
 - Train and Equip 75,000 PSO troops worldwide by 2010 (emphasis on Africa)



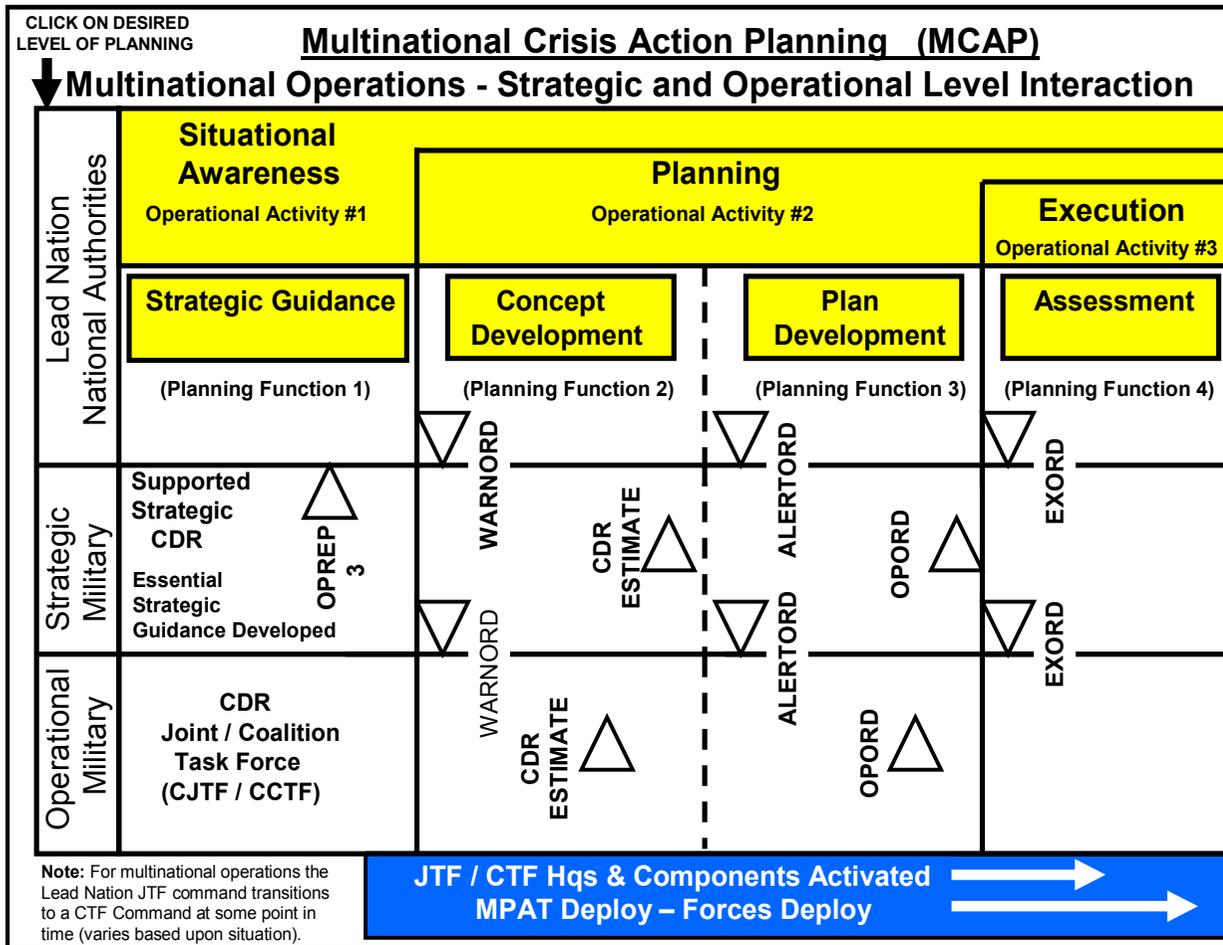


MPAT / MNF SOP Ongoing Initiative

Multinational Crisis Action Planning (MCAP)

- MCAP Planning Initiative**

- Comprehensive Web-Based tool for support of Multinational Crisis Action Planning



International Humanitarian Community (IHC) – IOs / NGOs



Military Forces Multinational

Participating Nation's Governments

“Unity of Effort”



“Affected Nation(s)”



“Timely / Effective Response”



APAN



Multinational Crisis Response



Theater Security Cooperation



APAN

- Asia-Pacific Area Network (APAN) = unclassified non .mil (non-dot-mil) World Wide Web portal:
 - Supports the USPACOM Theatre Security Cooperation Program (TSCP)
 - Multinational Force Planning Workshops
 - Multinational Exercises
 - Crisis/Contingency Response.
- Collaboration link between governments, militaries and UN, international & nongovernmental organizations.
- Integrates and centralizes information to increase multilateral planning effectiveness and interoperability.



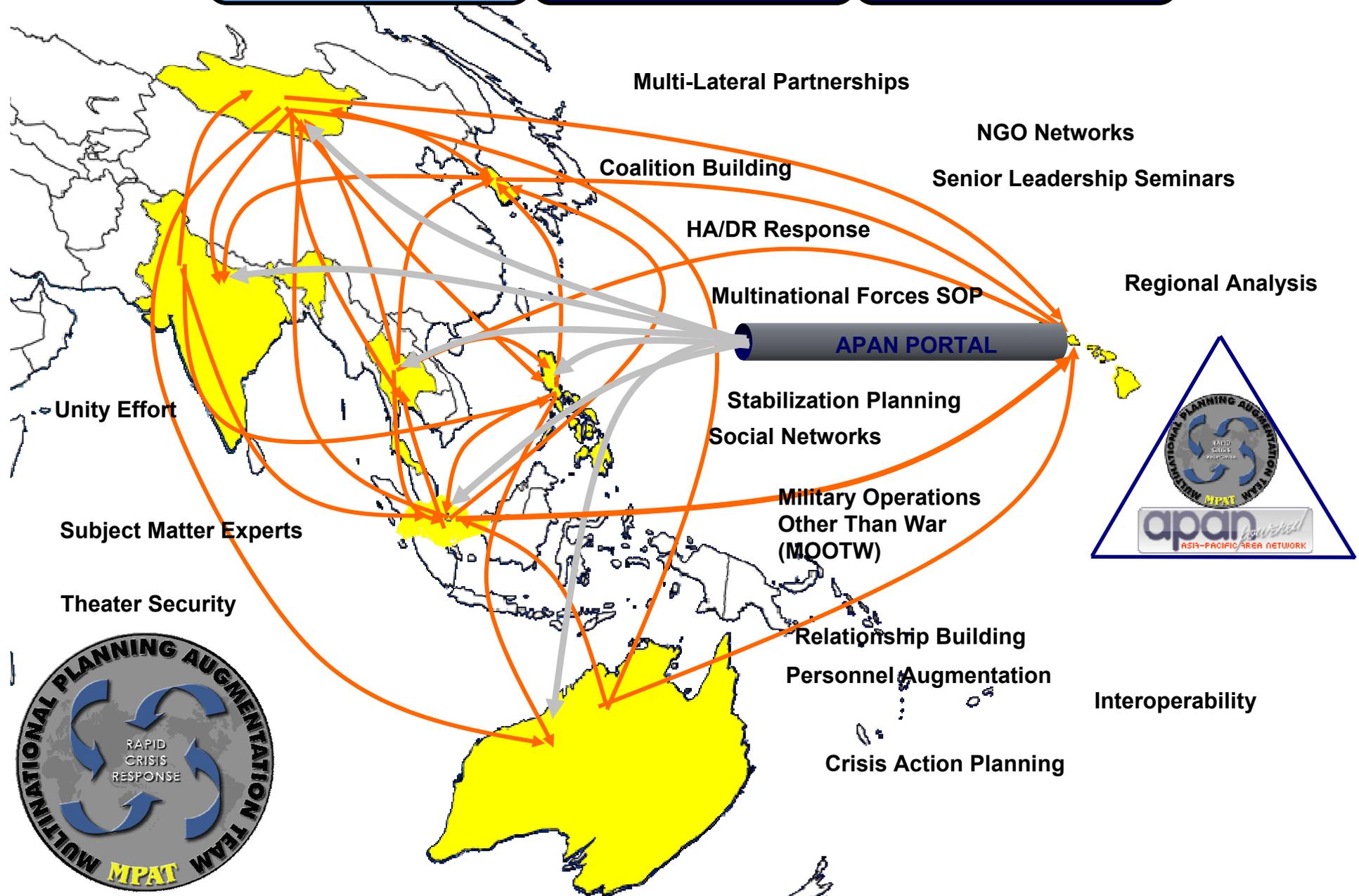
APAN

- Links disaster centers & data sources with civil-military operations centers enabling information collaboration and response during real-world events.
- Hosts the Virtual Information Center (VIC) which provides situational awareness through timely and focused identification, retrieval, and integration and analysis of open source information.

MPAT/GPOI

Exercises

Response





Multinational Operations Realities

“Some Closing Thoughts”

- Multinational Operations Realities Are:
 - There is no “one solution” – networks and processes must be able to link and work together (with continual refinement process integral to process)
 - Solutions and processes **MUST** be simple and intuitive – **critical**
 - Requires an “Organizational Concept” – **CONOPS is critical**
 - Requires some key “Operational Start Points” to support “coming together”
 - Must have living concepts and documents – long term view
 - Terminology is critical – represents “concepts and cultures” (and understanding)
 - Technology MUST be validated and personnel must be trained in supporting processes and technologies – **critical**
 - Operators and Technology must be “ team members and mutually supportive “ of one another (planning, exercises, and EXECUTION) – challenge at time (cultures !!)

- Technology simply cannot replace the requirement for:
 - Developing habitual multinational relationships (personal and professional) **PRIOR** to a crisis
 - Face-to-Face multinational cooperation / coordination and planning (prior to and during a crisis) – military / international humanitarian community / nations governmental agencies

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MNF SOP

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About MPAT

The Concept

Mission

The Multinational Planning Augmentation Team (MPAT) Program is a cooperative multinational effective on a ers. The MPAT combined expertise

Event Registration

Future Events (registration links will be activated when officially approved &/or venues selected):

MNF SOP Workshop-9. 05 - 10 November 2006, Indonesia
(invitations and exact location to be passed separately)
>>> Register Here <<<

MPAT TE-11 Staff Planning Workshop. 01 - 09 March 2007, Singapore
(invitations and exact location to be passed separately)

MPAT TE-12 Staff Planning Workshop. May 2007, Thailand
(invitations and exact location to be passed separately; conducted during FY07 GPOI Capstone Event / Exercise COBRA GOLD)

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