

# 14th ARF SPC - Item 3

Revisiting the Regional Security Architecture

Australian Views

# Evolving the ARF Defence stream: Why, What and How?

- Why? Relevance, value-adding, regional stability, specialist advice on defence and civil-military matters for the ARF, reduce duplication, progress from CBM to preventive diplomacy and engagement, meet real non-state actor challenges.
- What? Practical engagement, outcomes, terms of reference, work plan, activities (workshops, coordination in ARF and outside, lessons learned, seminars, TTXs etc).
- How? Use existing ARF processes (ISMs, ISG, SOM, etc), defence working group, ASEAN Chair guidance, consider in 2018, trial implementation later in 2018 - early 2020, evaluate.