

## All Partners Access Network

The All Partners Access Network (APAN) provides for effective information exchange and collaboration between the United States Department of Defense (DoD) and any external country, organization, agency or individual that does not have ready access to traditional DoD systems and networks. It enables professional networking and communication, increases situational awareness, establishes pre-defined communications channels, relationships and information workflows, and provides a forum for sharing lessons learned and best practices in a wide variety of contexts including crisis response, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and training and exercises. Benefits include decreased response times, greater coordination, information transparency and broader cross-organizational knowledge visibility. While encouraging the open and easy exchange of information, APAN also seeks to ensure the protection of sensitive information like users' identities and personal communications.

## WHO CAN USE APAN?

US Federal, state or civil organizations and agencies

Non-governmental & private agencies who work with the US government

Military (domestic and foreign), international organizations (IOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and local civil / military authorities

Others, as needed upon request

and email notifications

## WHAT TOOLS DOES APAN PROVIDE?

Personal profiles highlighting professional experience and qualifications Communities of Interest with virtual workspaces Communication via email, real-time multilingual chat, and private messaging Collaboration in discussion forums and community-managed wiki resources Web authoring with web logs (blogs) Document hosting and sharing including pictures and video Mapping and geospatial data visualization Information discovery by enterprise search, keyword tagging, Really Simple Syndication (RSS)

## HOW CAN APAN SUPPORT YOUR ORGANIZATION'S INFORMATION SHARING OBJECTIVES?

Knowledge Management (KM) & Customer Consultation services; identifying business solutions and technological options to decision-makers

Media Analysis & Productions (MAP) providing media summaries, analytical studies, and situational awareness of the media discourse in any region

Training for community owners and local knowledge managers

Integration of external systems and information resources

Help desk support (telephone and online)

Join the network to establish your online identity within the DoD information sharing community

**Connect** with subject matter experts from a wide variety of technical, logistical, disciplines

Share your valuable knowledge, experiences, and training with others

Train, prepare, and develop best practices based on the experiences of others

**Discover** what actions are being taken by organizations involved in crisis events

Request information from key DoD organizations and agencies

Offer assistance to those seeking aid

Maintain ongoing, professional relationships across international and organizational boundariesd

Expand current capabilities by harnessing the power of collaborative web technologies

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