North-Africa Regional Perspectives Report

Future Security Environment and Military Implications Study

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• From MENA + Sahel to North Africa
CADIZ output

- From ‘arc of crisis’ to ‘arc of (complex) violence’ - unstable and unpredictable - hard to develop a credible view of the situation >10 years out

- USA / Russia / China influences

- Economy – likely insufficient growth

- Migration

- Religion inspired terrorism

- Regional solutions for regional problems
‘Enduring’ Trends

- Population growth: 2050 – Africa 2,5 Bn - youth bulge - unemployment rates >50%
- Climate change: extreme weather, water stress, crop failures, famines
- Extreme poverty despite economic growth
- Migration – both sending and receiving
- Religious tensions – Islamic extremists
- Security issues – continued instability – e.g. Libya
SFA Themes & Trends

**Human**
- Asymmetric Demographics Change
- Increasing Urbanization
- Fractured / Polarized Societies
- Increasingly Connected Human Networks

**Economics/Resources**
- Globalization of Financial Resources
- Geopolitical Dimension of Resources
- Defence Expenditures Challenges in the West
- Increased Inequality

**Technology**
- Rate of Technology Advance
- Access to Technology
- Global Network Development
- Commercial Sector Dominance
- Technological Dependencies

**Political**
- Re-distribution of Geostrategic Power
- Use of Power Politics
- Non-State Actor Influence in Domestic / International Affairs
- Challenges to Governance
- Public Discontent / Disaffection and Polarization

**Environment**
- Environmental/ Climate Change
- Natural Disasters

**VALIDATION & GAP ANALYSIS**

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FFAO Instability Situations

- WMD Proliferation/Threat/Use
- Conventional War
- Threat Escalation
- Hybrid War
- Irregular War
- Terrorism
- Global Commons Disruption
- Critical Infrastructure Attack
- Information Warfare
- Cyberattack
- Governance Challenges
- Endangerment of Civilian populations
- Mass Migration
- Pandemic Disease
- Natural/Man-made Disasters
Output

- Analysis of SFA 2017 trends and implications – validation & gap analysis

- Identify key areas/concerns/issues used as topics for Regional Perspectives Workshop, Madrid 1st week of Apr ’19

- Initial ideas (research questions) for call for papers

- List of SMEs that could support Regional Perspective Workshop, Madrid

- Reference documents that could be used for future analysis