SFA REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES WORKSHOP
on
NORTH AFRICA AND THE SAHEL
Madrid, 02-04 April 2019
Centro Superior de Estudios de la Defensa Nacional

AGENDA

Monday, 01 April 2019

15:00-17:00 Coordination Meeting - for Moderators, Navy Reservists & SF Branch only!
Location: CESEDEN, Paseo de la Castellana 61, 28046 Madrid

17:00-21:00 Check-in/Registration
Location: Lobby Hotel Miguel Angel, Calle Miguel Angel 29-31, 28010, Madrid

Tuesday, 02 April 2019: MIGRATION

07:00-08:00 Check-in/Registration (cont.)
Lobby Hotel Miguel Angel, Calle Miguel Angel 29-31, 28010, Madrid

08:30-08:40 Administrative Remarks and Security Briefing
Strategic Foresight Branch, ACT

08:40-08:55 Welcome and Introductory Remarks
- Spanish Joint Staff Chief, Admiral (OF-8) ESP Navy, Javier Gonzalez-Huix
- ACT ACOS SPP, Brigadier General (OF-6) NLD Army, Jan Blacquiere

- Office of the Secretary general for Defence Policy, Brigadier General (OF-6) ESP Army, Alfonso García-Vaquero Pradal

09:25-10:25 Panel 1 - Demographic change - multiplying effect on migration?
This panel will discuss the consequences of the expected population growth over the next decades on nutrition, shelter, employment, on services provided by the government (security, healthcare, education, infrastructure, etc.), and on the society/community and how these consequences may create a multiplying effect on migration.

10:25-10:50 Coffee break

10:50-11:50 Panel 1 - Questions and answers period
11:50-12:00  Transition time
12:00-13:00  Breakout sessions
13:00-14:00  Lunch (non-hosted)
14:00-15:00  Panel 2 - Effects on transit/receiving countries in North Africa
             This panel will discuss the socio-economic and socio-political consequences of migration
             for the North-African countries as they may shift from sending/transit countries to
             receiving countries.
15:00-15:30  Coffee Break
15:30-16:30  Panel 2 - Questions and answers period
16:30-16:40  Transition time
16:40-17:40  Breakout sessions
17:50-18:00  Closing remarks
18:00-19:30  Ice-breaker at CESEDEN - All workshop participants are cordially invited

Wednesday, 03 April 2019: GOVERNANCE

08:30-09:00  Host Nation Presentation – Panorama of geopolitical tendencies: HORIZON 2040
             - Colonel (OF-5) ESP Army, José Luis Pontijas Calderon
09:00-10:00  Panel 3 - Role of Security and Development
             This panel will examine how the trend of democratization vs. authoritarianism impacts
             security and development in the region. Will population growth, environmental changes,
             and vulnerable economies challenge existing governance? How will these trends impact
             the ability for governments to exercise control within their borders, eliminating or
             reducing ungoverned spaces? Will these trends lead to another period of open social
             unrest across the region? The panel may also discuss how to start developing the
             binomial security and development in Libya after the war.
10:00-10:30  Coffee Break
10:30-11:45  Panel 3 - Questions and answers period
11:45-12:00  Transition time
12:00-13:00  Breakout sessions
13:00-14:00  Lunch (non-hosted)
14:00-15:00  Panel 4 - Impact of Ideologies
This panel will discuss the impact of the variety of religions, values, and cultural beliefs on governance across the region. Will it drive social unrest in the region, challenging authority and governance? Will there be an increase of the tendency toward radicalization, inequality, and the polarization of socio-political issues as a dangerous combination adversely affecting the stability of governments across the region? How will the clash between African jihad vs. foreign jihad may evolve in the medium term?

15:00-15:30  Coffee Break to collect questions
15:30-16:30  Panel 4 - Questions and answers
16:30-16:40  Transition time
16:40-17:40  Breakout sessions
17:50-18:00  Closing remarks

Thursday, 04 April 2019: POWER COMPETITION  
Dress: Business Casual

08:30-09:45  Panel 5 - External actors in North Africa and the Sahel  
Traditionally, actors like France, US and the EU have played a more significant role in the region. This panel will discuss the role of atypical actors in the region. What are the consequences of the political, military and economic intents of countries like Russia, China, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Israel, etc. and how will this influence the security situation in the region?

09:45-10:15  Coffee Break
10:15-11:30  Panel 5 - Questions and answers period
11:30-11:45  Transition time
11:45-13:00  Breakout sessions
13:00-14:00  Lunch (non-hosted)
14:00-15:00  Panel 6 - Competition for resources  
This panel will discuss how the surge in demand for raw materials and natural resources will influence the geopolitical situation in the region. The panel will discuss the vulnerabilities of local economies to market fluctuations and if they will be able to leverage their natural resources to improve their economies, and security & development? Will the expected competition for natural resources under these conditions constitute a thread to security & development in the region?

15:00-15:30  Coffee Break
15:30-16:30  Panel 6 - Questions and answers period
16:30-16:40  Transition time
16:40-17:40  Breakout sessions
17:50-18:10  Closing remarks – way ahead
18:15-19:30  Social event at CESEDE - All workshop participants are cordially invited