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# North-Africa Regional Perspectives Report

**Future Security Environment and Military Implications Study**

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- From MENA + Sahel to North Africa



- 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

- 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





## Human

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



## Technology

- Technology Advance
- Technology Development
- For Dominance
- Dependencies



## Economics

- Globalization of Financial Resources
- Geopolitical Dimension of Financial Resources
- Defence Expenditures Changing in the West
- Increased Inequality



## Political

- Re-distribution of Geostategic 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**



# 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



- Analysis of SFA 2017 trends and implications  
– validation & gap analysis
- Identify key areas/concerns/issues used as topics for Regional Perspectives Workshop, Madrid 1<sup>st</sup> 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

