

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

Dress: Casual

- 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

Dress: Business Casual

- 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
- 08:55-09:25 Host Nation Presentation - Spanish Defense Policy in North Africa and the Sahel
- 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

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- 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

Dress: Business Casual

- 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

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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: Buisness 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 a-typical 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

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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 CESEDEN - All workshop participants are cordially invited