Activity Overview

"C-WMD Phase Two – Strategic Context"
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Dates 21-24 September 2020 (21st arrival day and 24th afternoon departure day)

Venue RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation

Background The C-WMD Network in RACVIAC is organising the second meeting of Phase Two of the C-WMD project in September 2020. The C-WMD Network has so far organized 13 activities aimed at supporting the development of National C-WMD Strategies and Action Plans.

The C-WMD Network welcomes the continuous support from U.S European Command (USEUCOM) in facilitating the participation of experts from the U.S. Defence Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), the International Counterproliferation Program (ICP), the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI), US Department of Energy (DOE) and the Republic of Croatia.

Purpose and Objectives This event will focus more specifically on development of four projects created under Phase 2 of C-WMD Network for enhancing tools for regional cooperation. The C-WMD Network will continue facilitating the development of National C-WMD Strategies and Action Plans as they focus on the implementation of regional cooperation in counter proliferation.

The intention is to organize a Senior Leadership day on Thursday, 24th September, gathering senior official from participating nations in order to present them overview of Phase II Regional Cooperation Proposals and future plan of work.

The main objectives of this activity are:

- To discuss development of four C-WMD Phase 2 Projects; Development of a Regional C-WMD Risk Atlas; The Creation of a Common Approach to Bio-Security and the Malicious Use of Life Sciences; Establish a Regional Dual-Use and Emerging Technologies Program and Annual Trends Assessment Conference;
- To exercise regional cooperation through a RACVIAC portal.
- To review the national strategy development;
- To peer review progress in the development of C-WMD national strategies;
- To support the execution of national table top exercises;

Participation The aim of this activity is to bring together up to 2 (two) members from each participating nation. It is highly recommended that countries that have yet to complete the process of a C-WMD national strategy nominate some of the members from their national drafting/working groups, while the countries that have already completed the process are expected to nominate competent authority planners and/or implementers engaged in the implementation of the C-WMD national strategy.
For Senior Leadership day (Thursday, 24th September) we anticipate 1 (one) senior official at the level of Policy Director, from the designated ministry responsible for RACVIAC/C-WMD Network.

Detailed terms of participation and financial arrangements will be specified in the corresponding Invitation Letter and Administrative Information.

**Methodology** The event is designed as an expert forum and it will be conducted through open discussions, case studies, presentations from experts, group exercises and a tabletop exercise.

*In case of extraordinary circumstances, such as COVID-19 outbreak, the event will be organized online, for which all additional details will be provided at a later time.*

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