

## **“Implications of Climate Change and Disasters on Military Activities: Building Resilience and Mitigating Risks and Vulnerability in the Balkans”**

**5-7 July, 2016**

**Sofia, Bulgaria**

### **WORKSHOP PURPOSE**

This three-day workshop is designed to provide preliminary recommendations on ways to educate and develop capacity among disaster response, security and other professionals from diverse backgrounds whose current and future interests relate to crisis management.

### **WORKSHOP GOALS**

- To understand the threat of climate change and disasters to environmental security using a multidisciplinary approach to improving regional security cooperation.
- To address the complex issues of climate change and disasters on military activities

### **DAY 1 OBJECTIVES**

1. Identify broad issues on climate change and disasters particularly those with the highest importance to future regional security
2. Identify areas of common interests among participants for future areas of collaboration

### **DAY 2 OBJECTIVES**

3. Open exchange of participant perspectives on capability gaps and practical analysis and approaches to disaster management
4. Understand the importance of surge capacity in complex catastrophes

### **DAY 3 OBJECTIVES**

5. Build mutual understanding and shared perspectives among growing community of interests in the Balkan region
6. Recommend ways ahead for sustainable mechanisms for future collaboration and cooperation that includes but not limited to knowledge exchange, stronger multi-sectoral ties between the military and other stakeholders



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DAY 1: TUESDAY JULY 05 2016

*The Changing Environmental Security Landscape Due to Climate Change*

TIME	TOPIC	PANEL	PRESENTER	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	QUESTIONS
60 min total	Plenary: Setting the Context	0	CMDR COE Col. Orlin Nikolov	Welcome Address, Administrative Remarks	
			Serbian Ministry Defense, Col. Katarina Strbac	Opening Remarks	
			USACE	Introductions, Workshop Learning Objectives	
GROUP PICTURE & BREAK (30 min)					
30 minutes	Keynote Address		NIMH-BAS Prof. Valentin Kazandgiev	Climate Change Fundamentals	
30 minutes	Warm Up Exercise		USACE ERDC	“Perceptions on the Current State of Human- Environmental Security in the Balkan Region”	
45 min presentations	Implications of Changing Climates upon Civil-	1	US Army Command and General Staff College	Civil-Military Operations, Climate Change and Disasters	Within your respective contexts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How are human security and climate security related?</li><li>• How do we understand human security with respect to disasters?</li></ul>



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45 min facilitated Q&A	Military Stakeholders using Environmental Security Lens		(Brigadier General (Ret.) Chris King)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How do you know which individuals or groups within a community are particularly vulnerable to disasters? How do you ‘measure’/identify resilient parts of a population?</li><li>What challenges and/or opportunities arise when thinking in terms of vulnerability, resilience, and adaptive capacity?</li></ul>
			CMDR COE (Maj. Stoyan Stoyanov)	Implications on Climate Changes on Military Activities	
90 min total	Panel Chair/Moderators: CMDR COE/Dr. Imes Chiu		International Alert (Ms. Janani Vivekananda)	How are climate change and human security interrelated?	
LUNCH (60 min)					
30 min presentation	Key Concepts in Linking Environmental, Human and Theater Security: Global Perspectives	2	US Africa Command, J-44 (Mr. Jeffrey Andrews)	Perspectives from Africa Command on Linking Human and Environmental Security	<p>Within your respective contexts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Which would be the benefits for taking a DRM approach?</li><li>What are the benefits for the military to utilize a DRM lens?</li><li>What challenges to/opportunities for civil-military collaboration arise when you apply a DRM lens? Self-critically look at implications of a military DRM intervention in the local context (taking cultural and historic contexts into account)</li><li>Which roles should and can military and civil actors take respectively in order to best serve the goals of DRM?</li><li>How can a civ-mil collaboration in DRM be most effectively organized and implemented?</li><li>What are the security implications of DRM upon the military?</li></ul>
30 min facilitated Q&A				Environmental Law Institute (Dr. Carl Bruch)	
60 min total	Panel Chairs/Moderator: Bulgaria CMDR COE/ Ms. Janani Vivekananda				
45 min	Using Systems Thinking: Small Groups Exercise		Ms. Swathi Veeravalli		
10 min	Day 1 Content and Logistics Wrap Up		Dr. Imes Chiu	Preparing for Day 2	



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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY JULY 06 2016

*Disaster Response: Planning Multiple Stressors Using Whole of Government Approaches*

TIME	TOPIC	PANEL	PERSON	OBJECTIVE	QUESTIONS
20 min	Day 2 Introduction			Objectives/ Administration	
80 min presentation  40 min facilitated Q&A  120 min total	Disaster Risk Management: Planning for Multiple Stressors and Risks using Whole of Government Approaches  Panel Chairs /Moderator: Bulgaria Academy of Sciences and Dr. Carl Bruch	3	DG FSCP (Mr. Georgi Petrov)  International Alert (Ms. Janani Vivekananda)  Tennessee National Guard (COL Doug Brantley)  Mr. Luan QAFMOLLA  US Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center, Geospatial Research Laboratory (Mr. Michael Campbell)	Bulgaria 2015 Peer Review Report  DRM: Using a resilience systems approach to plan for multiple stressors    Spent Hight Activity Radioactive Sources  Examples of Open Source Software and Imagery for Regional Land Cover Mapping	Within your respective contexts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are you planning for one stressor or multiple?</li> <li>• To which extent do( es) the type(s) of stressor(s) have an impact on the planning and application?</li> <li>• What does planning for multiple stressors look like?</li> <li>• What are the particular challenges and opportunities associated with planning for multiple stressors?</li> <li>• How do you scale up (or down) DRM interventions as stressors are added (or removed)?</li> <li>• How do partnerships between civil-military stakeholders help DRM?</li> </ul>
LUNCH (60 min)					
75 min presentation/	Facilitated Discussion:		Dr. Imes Chiu Maj Kosta Delev	Case Studies	NA



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discussion 30 min group activity 135 min total	Lessons Learned and Best Practices in Complex Catastrophes from the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region: Perspectives from the Affected and Assisting States				
<b>BREAK (30 min)</b>					
30 min	Small Group Discussions & Day 2 Wrap Up		APCSS (Dr. Imes Chiu)	Processing Day 2	NA
10 min	Logistics Wrap Up	NA		Preparing for Day 3	NA

*NOTE: Exact time for second break will be determined in country.*

(6.5 hours total)



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DAY 3: THURSDAY JULY 07 2016

*Understanding Current Disaster Risk Management Capacity | Identifying Ways Forward*

TIME	TOPIC	PANEL	PERSON	OBJECTIVE	QUESTIONS
20 min	Day 3 Introduction			Objectives / Administration	
80 min presentation 40 min facilitated Q&A  120 min total	Disaster Risk Management: Facilitating Adaptive Capacity       Panel Chair / Moderator: Bulgaria Ministry of Defense / Dr. Chris King	4	Environmental Law Institute (Dr. Carl Bruch) Data4Resilience (Dr. Marc van den Homberg ) Ministry of Defence of Republic of Serbia (Col. Katarina Strbac) US Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center, Geospatial Research Laboratory (Dr. Andmorgan Fisher) Tennessee Emergency Management Authority (Mr. Craig Hanrahan)	Assessing and Leveraging Existing Capacity Identification of Data Requirements Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia 2014 Floods Geoinformatics for Disaster Risk Assessment, Monitoring, and Management	Within your respective contexts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does adaptive capacity look like across various local institutional frameworks and cultures in the Balkans?</li> <li>• What has been the historic involvement of military actors within the Balkans during flood response?</li> <li>• What are the opportunities /challenges associated with adaptive capacity in the Balkans?</li> <li>• How can we use DRM to increase adaptive capacity in the Balkans?</li> <li>• How might civil-military partnerships support improved adaptive capacity in the Balkans?</li> </ul>
LUNCH (90 min)					
60 min presentation	Facilitated Dialogue: Sustaining the Community		Ms. Swathi Veeravalli and Col. Orlin Nikolov	Partnership Opportunities; Processing Day 3	NA



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30 min Q&A 90 min total	of Interest within the Balkans				
60 mins	Closing Ceremony			Closing Remarks and Certificate Presentation	



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