



Inaugural Meeting of the Central and South Asia Counter-Narcotics Security Working Group

Co-organized with U.S. Central Command

Dates	14 - 17 November 2005		
Venue	George C. Marshall Center European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany		
Background	This South and Central Asian States (SCAS) regional conference follows and builds on the Jan 2005 Counter Narcotic (CN) breakout session at the CFC-A Regional Security Cooperation Conference and the May 2005 Conference on Counter Narcotics and Regional Stabilization in Central and South Asian States (http://www.marshallcenter.org/site-graphic/lang-en/page-conf-index-1/xdocs/conf/2005-conferences/13-1510-index.htm). These ground breaking meetings set the stage for greater cooperation and creation of a permanent body to address regional CN issues.		
Purpose & Objectives	<p>The purpose of the conference will be to conduct the inaugural meeting of the Central and South Asia Counter Narcotics Security Working Group and to prioritize regional counter narcotic requirements to ensure the efficient application of resources. There will also be discussions to review current opportunities for cooperation in counter narcotic activities and participants will be asked to develop a baseline framework for future working group meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conduct the Inaugural meeting of the Central and South Asia CN Security Working Group- Understand current efforts at regional cooperation (e.g., the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Center (CARICC))- Create the structure for future counter narcotic working group meetings- Develop consensus regional priority for counter narcotic support activities in the S/CAS- Deliverables include: priority support requirements, location and date of next meeting		
Participants	<p>Approximately 100 persons representing the Central and South Asian States (CSAS), nations currently involved in CSAS Counter-narcotic activities (GE, UK, USA), and UN agencies with counterdrug missions. Participants breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Six representatives each from AFG, KAZ, KGZ, PAK, TJK, TKM, UZB = 42.• One representative each from U.S. DAO/SAO to AFG, KAZ, KGZ, PAK, TJK, TKM, UZB = 7• One representative each from DEA, DoS/INL, EXBS, DASD CN, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, GER MFA, NATO, UK, USEUCOM = 9• One observer each from RUS & TUR = 2• Speakers, moderators, facilitators, interpreters, MC and USCENTCOM staff = 41		
Methodology	<p>Bring people who have a mandate from their government to discuss the purpose and objectives in an open and frank environment and to make decisions regarding regional CN issues. Introductory sessions will be followed by workshop sessions led by facilitators and reporting by workgroups to the plenary. Participants will be guided to develop regional priorities for counter narcotic activities and suggest a framework for future conferences. Conference languages will be Dari, English and Russian.</p>		
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