



## Combined Subgroup Meetings of the Information Sharing (ISS) and Capacity Building (CBS) Subgroups of the Central and South Asia Counter Narcotics Security Working Group (CSACNSWG)

24 - 25 April 2007, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

Co-organized with the Government of Pakistan and United States Central Command

<b>Dates</b>	24 – 25 April 2007	
<b>Venue</b>	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Central and South Asia Counter Narcotics Security Working Group (CSACNSWG) was chartered to improve regional efforts to curb opium cultivation, improve the interdiction of narcotics in the region, and discuss alternative livelihoods. The Information Sharing Subgroup (ISS) and Capacity Building Subgroup (CBS) are the current active subgroups of the CSACNSWG. The objectives of the ISS are to develop methods or means for the timely sharing of law enforcement and other relevant counter drug information to improve regional narcotics interdiction and counter trafficking efforts. The objective of the CBS is to provide recommendations for improving the capacity and capability of regional counter narcotic efforts in Central and South Asia.</p>	
<b>Purpose &amp; Objectives</b>	<p>The purpose of this combined meeting of the ISS and CBS is to continue to define initiatives that will improve information sharing and CN regional capacity. These critical subgroups will also incorporate guidance provided by the Senior Executive Council (SEC) at the November 2006 meeting in Vienna, Austria.</p> <p>Objectives of the meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incorporate SEC guidance from November 2006 (CBS/ISS)</li> <li>- Create actionable recommendations for SEC consideration (CBS/ISS)</li> <li>- Develop and prioritize detailed requirements to improve CN capacity (CBS)</li> <li>- Develop greater detail on initiatives to improve information sharing in the region (ISS)</li> <li>- Create a matrix of information sharing MOUs (ISS)</li> </ul>	
<b>Participants</b>	<p>Approximately 27 registered participants representing the CSACNSWG charter nations, observer nations, and international entities with CN responsibilities. Participants will have an intimate knowledge of law enforcement and national information sharing and distribution processes, and can discuss relevant means to improve regional counter narcotics capacity. Participants breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two representatives each from the charter nations: AFG, GBR*, KAZ, KGZ, PAK, RUS, TJK, TKM, UZB, USA* = 20</li> <li>• The chairmen of the ISS (PAK) and the CBS (USA*) = 2</li> <li>• One representative each from the observer nations: CHN*, GER*, IND*, TUR* = 4</li> <li>• One representative from UNODC* = 1</li> <li>• Interpreters, USCENTCOM, and Marshall Center staff = 9</li> </ul> <p>* Self-paying</p>	
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>The ISS and CBS will meet for one full day each and develop a report to submit to the SEC prior to the formal CSACNSWG meeting scheduled for May/June 2007 in Vienna, Austria. Pakistan and the USA will chair the ISS and CBS meetings, respectively.</p> <p>Conference languages: English and Russian.</p>	
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