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Session One

Common Security Challenges

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- What are your five top (national and/or regional) challenges, such as counter-terrorism, energy security and economic exchange?
 - drug trafficking
 - terrorism and religious extremism
 - water and energy resources
 - border control and security
 - organized crime



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Session Two

Instruments for Networked Security Policy and Security Cooperation

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- What security cooperation instruments have been established in your security environment?

A broad and comprehensive approach towards security cooperation should be taken. The following organisations should play their respective roles (in alphabetical order):

- Central Asian Nuclear Free Zone
- CIS / CSTO
- Conference on Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)
- Cooperation on border control (with EU support)
- Cooperation with NGO's and civil society
- Economic Cooperation Organization
- EurAsEC
- NATO Partnership for Peace
- OIC
- OSCE
- SCO



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Session Three

Multilateral and Regional Security Cooperation

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- What are your top three priorities for cooperation with the EU/ESDP, NATO, and the OSCE?

Areas of national interest

- Border security
- Social and economic development
- Defence reform

What are your top three priorities for regional security cooperation?

- Counter-narcotics
- Energy issues
- Crisis management



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Session Four

Way Ahead

- What are your top suggestions for the way ahead regarding regional cooperation, including the area of security policy, in Central Asia?
 - To develop a common expert center supported by international organizations and using the existing mechanisms.
 - integration on security and economic issues among CA countries
 - implementation of good economic projects
- What are your top suggestions for the EU's Neighborhood Policy in Central Asia?
 - Focus on solving the problems in Afghanistan
 - Coordinate with other int. org. and develop a unified approach
 - Study the OSCE experience and draw lessons from its mistakes
 - Focus on social and economic projects

