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## Session One

### Common Security Challenges

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## **Regional challenges**

- Strategic Geography
  - Between major powers & civilizations, land-locked
- Energy and Transportation
  - Security of both
  - Access to resources—need for technology, support
  - Diversification—alternative fuels
  - Development of transit potential
- Multinational Cooperation on Regional Threats
  - Regional, EU, US, and global partners
  - All needed to fight terrorism, drugs, illegal trade
- Transition to Market Economies
  - Political reform, economic development



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Session Two

## Instruments for Networked Security & Security Cooperation

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### • Instruments of Regional Security

- Shanghai Organization of Cooperation (**SOC**)—6 nations
  - Tasks: regional security, economic security
  - Direct benefits—confidence building & “spirit” leads to bi-lateral
- Conference for Interaction & Confidence Building Measures in Asia (**CICA**)
  - 18 members, 6 observers, 3 organizations (UN, OSCE, Arab League)
- Organization for Security & Cooperation in Europe (**OSCE**)—all CA nations
- United Nations (**UN**) —common challenges (refugees, terrorism, drugs)
- European Union (**EU**)—borders, drugs, expert visits
- Common Security Treaty Organization (**CSTO**)—8 members
- NATO Partnership for Peace (**PfP**)
- Bilateral Agreements--among CA nations, with external nations



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Session Three  
Multilateral and Regional Security Cooperation

• **Top three *organizations* for cooperation**

- OSCE
  - All Central Asian nations members
  - Currently #1 but...
- EU
  - Greatest potential, active engagement across region
  - Security Sector Reform
  - Economic dimension
- NATO
  - Military focus, limited



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### Session Three

## Multilateral and Regional Security Cooperation

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- **Top three priorities for regional security cooperation**
  - Reform needed (in order)
    - Economic, political & social (proper atmosphere required)
  - Security
    - True, comprehensive security essential
    - Requires thorough economic development in all sectors
  - Stability
    - Required across region
    - Limit impact of extremists

*Note: pace and focus will differ, based on each nation's agenda*



## Working Group 4 Session Four Way Ahead

- **Suggestions for the way ahead in regional security**
  - Fully develop “spheres of influence” (in priority):
    - National (stability & security)—foundation for regional success
    - Then regional, continental, global
  - Focus on EU engagement—mechanisms already in place
    - However, EU needs more comprehensive approach to region
    - Eventually develop more formalized interaction
  - Split opinion about regional cooperation
    - Use only existing structures
    - Design new regional representation, to engage extra-regional organizations with a single unified voice



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- **Suggestions for EU's Neighborhood Policy (ENP) in Central Asia**
  - ENP background
    - Designed for concept of wider Europe with near neighbors
    - EU views Central Asia as “neighbor of our neighbor”
    - ENP has limited engagement due to specific state focus
    - Targets less developed states, some states less eligible
    - Based on national action plans
  - Recommendations:
    - Use ENP to increase structured approach to region
    - Broaden ENP for regional economic development projects
    - Continue to strengthen and fund ENP program