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2021 MARITIME SECURITY REGIMES ROUND TABLE (2021 MSR RT)

“Challenges and Threats in Global Maritime Security”



Hosted VIRTUALLY via ‘GoTo Webinar’

03-04 November 2021

With the theme "*Challenges and Threats in Global Maritime Security*", this year's MSR RT will take place live VIRTUALLY via ‘GoTo Webinar’ on November 3rd and 4th. As the host, CJO CoE aims to enhance knowledge and raise awareness on important issues in Maritime Security and, by doing so, support and preserve the interests of NATO Allies and partner nations.

Once again maritime security stakeholders – military experts, academics, and representatives of the industry, or “the community” – will have the opportunity to exchange experiences, knowledge, and concerns in the field of Maritime Security. Their participation and that of the greater community of interest will serve as an enriching forum to advance the achievement of a safer maritime domain within which everyone will be better prepared to face future challenges.

OBJECTIVES

Focusing on global maritime security challenges and threats, the 2021 MSR RT objectives are to:

- Understand some of NATO’s most pressing geographical hot spots in terms of Maritime Security, the issues found there, and the challenges they pose.
- Understand the most influential actors within those hot spots, their motivations, and how they are affected by the interests and actions of external global actors.
- Understand and discuss the challenges: the international legal aspects of maritime activity, the intersection of naval activity and commercial shipping, and new more complex threats faced by the international community.
- Share awareness across the community of some current at-sea operations.
- Discuss technical and operational challenges, breakthrough technologies, and knowledge gaps to facilitate future research and collaboration across the community.
- Inform the community of the spectrum of work accomplished through the MSR RT working groups.

STRUCTURE

The 2021 MSR RT will employ a moderated panel format to facilitate discussion and plenary sessions. This year, the MSR RT will be conducted virtually through the online platform 'GoTo Webinar.' Panels will be organized into groups of speakers who will make presentations virtually after which the online audience will have the chance to conduct live Q&A plenary sessions with panel members via the chat function of 'GoTo Webinar.' The event will be conducted over two days and will cover a wide spectrum of stakeholder interests:

- 03 November: Opening remarks from Director, CJOS COE; Deputy Director, CJOS COE; Executive Director COE CSW; Director, MARSEC COE; and Commandant, NMIOTC; a keynote address, and the first two panels.
- 04 November: A quick recap of day one followed by the second two panels, working group updates, and closing remarks.

TOPICS

Through a series of four expert panels, the MSR RT will delve deeply into several of the most relevant and important issues in Maritime Security. Challenges of the present will go hand in hand with opportunities for the future, as the MSR RT explores how the community of interest is addressing today's threats while examining potential for future advantages.

The first panel, **National Actors and Regional Implications**, will set the stage through an examination of the global operating environment. The panel will focus on particularly challenging areas of our planet and some of the most influential actors therein. The experts will present and discuss the greatest sources of tension, including those areas where regional concerns collide with the interests of global actors.

The second panel, entitled **Emerging Challenges, Enduring Dilemmas**, will present some of the latest complications to maintaining maritime security, while keeping an eye on those complexities that confound the maritime community year in and year out. Here, the MSR RT will focus on new problems in a world that is rapidly changing and important issues which have yet to be resolved.

Maritime Security at Work: Current at Sea Operations, the third panel, will cover some of the most relevant ongoing maritime security operations around the world. These incredibly challenging operations are focused on maintaining maritime security, preserving the free movement of maritime trade, and ensuring safe navigation. Top representatives of these operations will present their experiences, challenges, and expectations for the future.

The fourth panel, **Maritime Security Futures: Opportunities in Technology**, will be dedicated to existing and emerging technologies and their implications for global maritime security. During this panel, industry experts will address the most promising aspects of today's newest systems and those technologies that possess the most potential for addressing the challenges of tomorrow.

Finally, the MSR RT will offer an overview of ongoing work within the community of maritime security regimes. Representatives from the working groups will present their objectives, provide an update on their progress, and describe their expectations for the coming year.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKERS

Speakers for the 2021 MSR RT are invited to provide their views on their respective areas of expertise and at the same time asked to adhere closely to the main subject of the MSR RT in order to ensure the maximum coherence of the topics addressed within each panel.

CJOS COE invites all panel members, keynote speakers, and MSR WGs' Chairs to submit their presentations for the MSR RT well in advance. Contact between each panel's members and their moderators is encouraged to ensure coherence within each panel. All submissions should be sent via email to nathaniel.m.hathawa1@navy.mil.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF MILESTONES

SEP 2021	Registration open at www.maritimesecurityconference.org
27 SEP 2021	Presentation title submission
05 OCT 2021	Biographies and photo submissions (speakers, panel members, moderators)
25 OCT 2021	Presentations final version submissions (Power Point or PDF)
02 NOV 2021	Registration closed
3-4 NOV	2021 MSR RT

Thank you very much in advance for your participation; we look forward to seeing you online for the 2021 MSR RT!

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Enclosure 1 – 2021 MSR RT draft Agenda (the current version available at www.maritimesecurityconference.org).