



COUNCIL FOR SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC
16th Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Countering the
Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Asia Pacific
November 6-8, 2012
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

18:30 **Welcome Reception**

19:00 **Opening Dinner**

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

8:00 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome remarks**
(CSCAP Vietnam and USCSCAP)

9:15 **Session 1: Recent Developments in Countering Proliferation of WMD**
This session will focus on recent developments in promoting nonproliferation and disarmament. Have there been any significant developments regarding action items identified at the 2010 NPT Review Conference? What are the outcomes of the 2012 NPT Preparatory Committee meeting? What are the implications of the latest developments surrounding the Iranian nuclear crisis and the growing concerns about Syria's chemical weapon arsenal? How is implementation of New START proceeding? How has the issue of missile defense influenced the process? What are the outcomes of the latest P-5 meeting in Washington in June 2012? What are the recent developments on SEANWFZ? What progress has the ARF's ISM on Nonproliferation and Disarmament made in addressing these issues?

10:45 **Coffee Break**

11:00 **Session 2: The Korean Peninsula and Denuclearization**
This session will examine the status of denuclearization talks on the Korean Peninsula. What are the respective parties' assessments of recent developments? What are the prospects for renewed multilateral discussions over the nuclear issue? Should the Six-Party Talks be resumed? What can be done to improve the negotiating process?

12:30 **Lunch**

13:45 **Session 3: Counterproliferation Initiatives**
This session will look at the role of counterproliferation initiatives, with a specific focus on the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) and the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT)? How has PSI evolved since its inception? What is its legal authority? What activities have taken place in the Asia-Pacific as part of PSI? What impact has the lack of an organizational

structure had on the initiative? How does the GICNT compare with the PSI? What are the main activities associated with GICNT? What is its legal basis? How is it organized? How can the PSI, the GICNT, and other similar initiatives be made more effective to combat proliferation threats?

15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:30 **Session 4: The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty**

This session will focus on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). What are the main components of the regime? What is the status of the Treaty's verification regime? What impact would entry into force have on the verification regime? What is the current status of treaty implementation in the Asia-Pacific? Are national and regional capacities adequate to implement obligations outlined in the Treaty? What are the obstacles to universalization of the Treaty? How can these obstacles be overcome?

17:00 **Session adjourns**

18:30 **Dinner**

Thursday, November 8, 2012

9:15 **Session 5: Nuclear Safeguards**

This session will examine the roles of nuclear safeguards in the Asia-Pacific region. What are the relationships between comprehensive safeguards agreements, small quantities protocols, and additional protocols? What are their respective functions? How do they complement one another, both legally and technically? What are the loopholes and how can they be overcome? What is the relationship between safeguards and nuclear security? What is the status of safeguard adherence in the Asia-Pacific? What are the concerns of states that are not adhering to or have not fully implemented nuclear safeguards? How can these concerns be addressed?

10:45 **Coffee Break**

11:00 **Session 6: Nuclear Security**

This session will examine nuclear security. What conventions, rules, and standards have been developed to address nuclear security? What is the appropriate scope of nuclear security? Should it be broader than security of special nuclear materials? Why? What is the relationship between nuclear security and nuclear safety? What are the main outcomes of the Seoul Nuclear Security Summit? What are the next steps for the nuclear security agenda in anticipation of the 2014 Nuclear Security Summit in the Netherlands? To what extent has nuclear security been addressed in the Asia-Pacific region?

12:15 **Lunch**

13:45 **Session 7: Biosecurity in the Asia-Pacific**

This session will examine biosecurity in the Asia-Pacific. What provisions in the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) address biosecurity? Are they adequate? How is biosecurity being addressed in the inter-sessional process? How have recent advances in biological sciences changed security requirements associated with biological research facilities? What is being

done to ensure proper security at these research facilities? What is being done to address the physical security of biological pathogens? What is the relationship between biosecurity and biosafety? How is biosecurity being addressed in the Asia-Pacific? How can Asia contribute constructively to the interim inter-sessional process of the BTWC?

15:15

Session 8: Wrap up, CSCAP Memoranda Status, and Future Plans

This session will focus on future work of the Study Group. What is the status of CSCAP Memoranda? How should the Study Group focus its future efforts? What can the group do to help develop the ARF Working Plan on Nonproliferation and Disarmament? What can the Study Group do to encourage transparency and promote non-proliferation and disarmament? How can the Study Group complement and support the ARF Inter-sessional Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament?

16:00

Meeting Adjourns

18:00

Farewell Dinner