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SUBJECT: 16th NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 – INITIAL CALLING NOTICE

DATE: 29 Oct 2024

1. NMIOTC has the pleasure to announce the 16th Annual Conference, which will take place in its premises, at Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, from **Wednesday 4th to Thursday 5th of June 2025**.

2. The event seeks to facilitate multilateral and cross-sector discussions, providing the international community with a platform to exchange ideas on the impact of climate change on maritime security, and the theme will be "**Steering into the Future: The Impact of Climate Change on Maritime Security**".

3. **Aim:** The conference aims to navigate participants, through current and future implications of climate change on maritime security. Gaining a deeper understanding of the climate change security challenges will support the identification of strategies, policies and innovative solutions in the maritime domain. It also seeks to further cultivate a common understanding and promote future collaboration across various stakeholders in the development of mitigation and adaptation initiatives.

4. The following tentative and non – exclusive sub-topics are to be covered:

- **Climate Change Causes, Effects and Future Implications:** Severe weather patterns, temperature rise, increased ocean acidification, sea level rise, extreme heat waves and droughts, decreased water availability, biodiversity loss, marine environment degradation.

- **Social, Economic and Civil Future Implications:** Impact on health and work environment, climate induced social - political instability and migration, sea level rise and its impact on coastal states and maritime infrastructure and exposure to extreme weather phenomena.

- **Geopolitical Perspectives:** Regional instability, and shifting regional power dynamics. Mediterranean and Arctic interconnection and the European region.

- **Maritime Adaptation to Climate Change Effects and Induced Threats:** Operational adaptation, technological and engineering innovations to climate generated risks and threats, and initiatives for maritime infrastructure resilience.

- **Mitigation of Climate Change Root Causes in the Maritime Sector:** Naval technological climate driven mitigation solutions, integration of green technologies and minimizing energy consumption.

○ **Climate Agreements Strategies and Policies - International Cooperation:** International (Global, UN, EU, NATO and IMO) agreements, strategies and policies for climate change, environmental law and climate justice perspectives.

5. **Call for papers:** Potential speakers or individuals interested in participating in a panel discussion should inform NMIOTC and submit an abstract of their presentation by **3rd of March 2025**. A short Curriculum Vitae and a brief overview of the organization, institution or company that they represent is also required. Abstract should be no longer than 250 words and clearly indicate the provisional title, the authors and a synthesis of the content of the presentation. Subsequent to the Conference, speakers will have the opportunity to submit an article that may be considered for publication in the NMIOTC's annual Journal. Provisional acceptance of papers will be made on the basis of the abstract and final acceptance will be given after consideration of the draft papers.

6. **Specific details:**

- First Announcement and Call for Papers: 29th October 2024
- Abstract to be submitted by 3rd March 2025
- Authors advised of acceptance by 28th March 2025
- Final Presentations to be submitted by 16th May 2025
- Conference execution 4th – 5th June 2025

7. **Schedule:** The Conference will be held over two days, from Wednesday 4th to Thursday 5th of June 2025. It is advised to consider Tuesday the 3rd of June (or earlier) and Friday the 6th of June (or later) as travel days. The provisional schedule of the Conference along with more detailed information will be issued in due course and will be regularly updated on NMIOTC's web page at [Annual Conference | NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre](#). A hosted dinner will take place on the evening of the 4th of June.

8. **Participants:** Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from Military Organizations, Law Enforcement Agencies, EU Institutions, Bodies and Agencies, UN, International Organizations, Academia, Judiciary and Ministerial Authorities, Private Sector and Defence Industry can present their views on the topics, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved with or interested in the theme.

We anticipate participation from NATO HQs and entities, NATO and Partner Nations, EU Institutions, Bodies and Agencies, International Organizations, Governmental Authorities, Non – Governmental Organizations and Institutes, and the broader Maritime Community of Interest, as well. The ideally diverse audience should represent Academia, Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and Maritime agencies/experts, and representatives from Ministries of Defence, Interior and Foreign Affairs, specialized magistrates and officials from the relevant organizations. Please feel free to disseminate this invitation/calling notice to persons that you deem relevant and interested to either attend or contribute to topic from their point of view as potential speakers.

9. Further information about registration process and logistic details will be disseminated separately in due time.

10. **Remarks:** The conference has **no classification** marking and all contents will be releasable to public. The “**Chatham House Rules**” will apply throughout the Conference. The working language will be English and no translation will be provided.

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12. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 16th NMIOTC Annual Conference 2025, I am looking forward to an interesting and productive event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania, Crete, Greece.



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