

Draft Agenda 17th NMIOTC Annual Conference

**“Blue Resilience 360°:
 Securing Maritime Infrastructure in the Era of Multi-Domain Operations”**

Day 1 Wednesday 3 June 2026		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:15 - 09:15	Registration – Welcome Coffee	
09:15 - 09:30	Opening Admin / Security Brief	Cpt Giuseppe CATAPANO ITA (N) Training Support Director, NMIOTC
09:30 - 09:40	NMIOTC Welcome Address	Cdre Pavlos ANGELOPOULOS GRC (N) NMIOTC Commandant
09:40 - 09:50	Host Nation Senior Representative Welcome address	Hellenic Navy / Defense General Staff representative (TBD)
09:50 - 10:10	Keynote Speech	Dr. Thanos Dokos, Secretary General of National Security, Presidency of the Government, Hellenic Republic
10:10 - 10:20	Group Photo	
10:20 - 10:50	Coffee Break - Networking	
10:50 - 12:10	SESSION 1: The New Maritime Operating Environment - Critical Infrastructure in a Contested Domain	Moderator: Dr Alison WESTON Senior Coordinator for Maritime Security in the Security and Defence Policy Directorate of the European External Action Service (EEAS)
	MARCOM Presentation	MARCOM Representative
	The JFCNF Perspective on Securing Maritime Infrastructure in a Multi-Domain Environment	Mr Alexander-Bernard KORN JFC Norfolk - Branch Head Force Protection
	The Critical Undersea Infrastructure Surveillance Center and the operation FONDALI SICURI – A case	Cpt Marco STOCCO ITA N (SINCNAV)
12:10 - 13:10	Lunch break	

13:10 - 14:30	SESSION 2: Seabed to Space - Multi-Domain Awareness and the Protection of the Blue Network	Moderator: Dr. Dinos KERIGAN-KYROU Senior Advisor, NATO DEEP eAcademy
	Multi-Domain Operations (MDO) Framework	Cdr Dr Georgios LYKOS ACT - MDFD
	Securing Subsea Infrastructure: Information sharing in times of crisis	Dr. James A. MALCOLM and Dr. Ioannis CHAPSOS Coventry University, UK
	From Boarding Excellence to Digital Advantage: Transforming NMIOTC Education and Training for the Maritime Interdiction Mission of Tomorrow	Professor Sam MEDHAT Institute of Innovation & Knowledge Exchange, STEM Foundation
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee break - Networking	
15:00 - 16:20	SESSION 3: Building Resilient Maritime Ecosystems - Industry and other Actors as a Security Partners	Moderator: Lt Col (ret.) Nollag CONNEELY IRL-A Director, Complete GRC Ltd
	Cueing the Boarding Team: Autonomous Multi-Domain Detection and Classification of Suspect Vessels Threatening NATO Subsea Infrastructure	Honorebel S. WALKER Chief Executive Officer of Spacetime Industries
	From Centralized Vulnerability to Decentralized Resilience	Mr. Nikolaos SAVOURIS GRESCIA (GEK TERNA)
	Resilience-First Secure Communications for Maritime Critical Infrastructure: Early QuStream Field-Trial Results for Multi-Domain Operations in Contested Environments	Mr. Adrian NEAL Oxford Scientifica
20:00	Hosted Dinner	

Day 2 Thursday 4 June 2026		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:15 – 09:00	Coffee Break - Networking	
09:00 – 09:20	Keynote Speech	Dr Alison WESTON Senior Coordinator for Maritime Security in the Security and Defence Policy Directorate of the European External Action Service (EEAS)
09:20 – 10:40	SESSION 4: Hybrid and non-conventional Threats Beneath and Beyond the Waves	Moderator: Rear Admiral (ret) Stathis KYRIAKIDIS Senior Strategic Analyst, Board Member of Strategy International Ltd.
	From Ports to Battlefields: The Rise of Hybrid Maritime Terror?	Dr. Christina SCHORI LIANG Head of Counterterrorism and Preventing Violent Extremism at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Geneva (GCSP), CHE
	Shockwaves: Geopolitics, Regime Stability and the Energy crisis	Andrew Scott COOPER Assistant Professor in International and European Affairs, Deree, The American College of Greece
	Multi-Domain Maritime Domain Awareness: The Case of African Reform	Associate Professor Michelle NEL & Andries FOKKENS Stellenbosch University
10:40 – 11:10	Coffee Break - Networking	
11:10 – 12:30	SESSION 5: Blue Resilience and Strategic Autonomy - NATO and Partner Nations' Policy Outlook	Moderator: Mr Jamie Redfarn Maritime Security, Liverpool John Moores University
	CUI Education	Ms Liliana SERBAN NATO School Oberammergau
	Resilience Training in NATO	OF-5 Rupert FICKER- REISSING ACT Education and Training Plans and Programme, Branch Head
	Protecting Europe's Critical Maritime Infrastructure: From Industrial Strategy to Deterrence and Defence	Brigadier General LEGAD Sotirios KALODIMOS Hellenic Army Supreme Military Support Command
	Critical Entities' Resilience, including in Relation to transport, Under EU Law	Dr. Iliana Christodoulou VAROTSI Senior Legal Consultant & Lead Trainer in private practice
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	

13:30 – 14:50	SESSION 6: Innovation at Sea - Emerging Technologies for Maritime Protection and Deterrence	Moderator: Dr. Iosif PROGOULAKIS Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
	Exploiting Maritime Innovation: How NATO's Lessons Learned System is adapting	Brigadier General Cristinel-Dumitru COLIBABA Commander of the NATO Joint Analysis and Lessons Learned Centre (JALLC)
	Safeguarding SADC's blue frontier: Critical Maritime Infrastructure and Regional Security Architectures in the SADC Maritime Domain	Prof Francois VREY & Capt(N) Mark BLAINE (ret) Stellenbosch University
	Naval Operations in the Quantum Era	Prof Nikitas NIKITAKOS Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
	USVs, UUVs, and UAVs: Modernizing Continuous Maritime Surveillance Operations	Capt. Edward LUNDQUIST, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
1450 – 1500	Final Wrap up	Cpt Giuseppe CATAPANO ITA (N) Training Support Director, NMIOTC
1500 – 1510	NMIOTC Farewell Address	Cdre Pavlos ANGELOPOULOS GRC (N) NMIOTC Commandant

