



Agenda

Workshop on “Promoting Military Confidence-Building Measures in the OAS region”

January 31st and February 1st 2024

OAS Headquarters, Washington D.C., with virtual connection

DAY 1 – January 31st

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Opening remarks and introductions

- Secretary General of OAS, Luis Almagro
- Mr. Adedeji Ebo, Director and Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, UNODA (*online*)
- General Marco Alvarez, President of the Council of Delegates of the Inter-American Defense Board
- Ambassador Stuart Savage, Permanent Representative of Canada to the OAS, as the chair of the First Meeting of the Consultative Committee of CITAAC

9:30 am to 9:45 am

Group Photo

09:45 am – 10:45 am

Military CBMs in other regions. Experience sharing and lessons learned

- Facilitator: Manuel Martinez, Deputy Chief, Conventional Arms Branch, UNODA
- Panelists:
 - a. **OSCE:** Navy Captain Jakko Jantti, Military Adviser of Finland (*online*)
 - b. **Asia-Pacific:** Deputy Director for Multilateral Defence International Cooperation, Indonesia (*recorded message*)
 - c. **African region:** Dr. Christopher Fomunyoh, Senior Associate for Africa, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs - NDI (*online*)
- Open discussion on opportunities for strengthening military CBMs in the OAS region with relevant elements from other regions.



10:45 am – 11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Military CBMs and the transparency instruments

- The role of the UN: Ivor Fung, Chief, Conventional Arms Branch, UNODA
 - UN Repository of CBMs
 - UNDC recommendations
 - The New Agenda for Peace and the UN Secretary- General Disarmament Agenda: Perspectives on CBMs
 - UNMILEX and UNROCA
- OAS experiences: Pier Angelli De Luca, Specialist, Department of Public Security/OAS
- Country's perspective on importance/challenges/synergies: Giovanni Snidle, Senior Advisor Hemispheric Security Policy, Permanent Mission of the United States to the OAS
- Discussion and Q&As

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Practical perspectives: negotiation and implementation of Military CBMs: unilateral, bilateral, regional, and global military CBMs (Inter-American Defense College, tbc)

- Objectives/goals of Military CBMs
- Principles and prerequisites for Military CBMs
- Types of CBMs (unilateral, bilateral, regional, and global Military CBMs)
- Implementation, limitations, and challenges (compliance and requirements at national level; long-term approach)
- Discussion and Q&As

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Deep dive 1. Exchange of information (military and security)+ joint activities



- Facilitator: Manuel Martinez, Deputy Chief, Conventional Arms Branch, UNODA
- Panelists (existing gaps, challenges, lessons learned, and good practices from the region):
 - a. **Jamaica:** Chair of the Caribbean National Security Conference in 2023, Lieutenant Colonel Champlini Henry (*online*)
 - b. **Brazil:** Chair of the XV Conference of Ministers of Defense in the Americas, Colonel José Rubens Marques from the Brazilian Army (*online*)
 - c. **Ecuador and Peru:** Demining efforts and exchange of information, Captain Saul Alejandro Alomoto Vásquez (Ecuadorian Army), and Lieutenant Colonel Felipe Guevara (Peruvian Army)
- Open discussion on opportunities for strengthening exchange of information on military and security matters in the region.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Deep dive 2. Conventional arms + border control

- Facilitator: DPS/OAS
- Panelists (existing gaps, challenges, lessons learned, and good practices from the region):
 - a. **Colombia:** Strategies to promote conventional arms control, Coronel Miguel Gracia, Chief of Department for Control of Arms, Munition, and Explosive, Military Forces of Colombia
 - b. **Paraguay:** Operations of Comando Tripartito (Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay), Deputy Commander Favio Santa Cruz, Chief of Division of Execution of International Partnerships with Homologous Institutions
 - c. **Mexico:** Colonel Omar Francisco González Gojón, Military Attaché of Mexico to the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the OAS
- Open discussion on opportunities for strengthening border control cooperation on weapons flows in the region

4:00pm – 4:15 pm

Coffee Break



4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Deep dive 3. Non-traditional measures (cyber-security, humanitarian assistance, among others)

- Facilitator: DPS/OAS
- Panelists (existing gaps, challenges, lessons learned, and good practices from the region):
 - a. **CBMs in Cyberspace:** Specialist of Cyber-Security Program, CICTE/OAS
 - b. **Humanitarian assistance:** Cooperation Mechanism on Disasters (MECODE), Colonel Orlando Ugaz, Chief of Division of Cooperation on Disasters, Inter-American Defense Board
 - c. **Peace, Gender Security, and Women:** Lieutenant Commander Taryn Machado Senez, Inter-American Defense Board
 - d. **Gender Perspective:** Soledad Urruela, Director of United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
- Open discussion on opportunities

Day 2

9:00 am – 10:00 am

CSBMs in the Inter-American System

- Traditional and non-traditional measures: Background, list of CBM's, and status of implementation (Colonel Luis Tolmos, Chief of Section of CSBMs, Inter-American Defense Board)
- X Forum on CSBMs (Roberto Villegas, Alternate Representative, Permanent Mission of Chile to the OAS)
- Reporting challenges and database (Pier Angelli De Luca, Specialist of Department of Public Security/OAS)
- Launching of the reporting database (Representatives of Permanent Mission of Brazil to the OAS and Brazilian Navy)
- Next steps reporting (Pier Angelli De Luca, Specialist of Department of Public Security/OAS)
- Discussion and Q&As

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Closing segment



- Closing remarks by OAS (Ivan Marques, Secretary for Multidimensional Security)
- Closing remarks by the Inter-American Defense Board (Lieutenant General Flavio Luis de Oliveira Pinto, Director General)
- Closing remarks by UNODA (Ivor Fung, Chief, Conventional Arms Branch)

10:30am – 11:00am **Coffee Break**

11:00am – 5:00pm **First Meeting of the Consultative Committee of CITAAC
(separate agenda)**