

Workshop on Strategic Trade Controls in the Asia-Pacific

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AGENDA

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

18:30 **Opening dinner**
The Brasserie, 39th Floor, 85 Sky Tower Hotel

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

8:30 **Registration**
Meeting Center, 42nd Floor, 85 Sky Tower Hotel

8:55 **Welcome Remarks**

9:00 **Session 1: Status of Outreach Programs in the Asia-Pacific (Part 1)**
This session will provide an update on the range and scope of STC capacity building and outreach programs in the Asia-Pacific, including those sponsored by the EU, the United States, Japan, South Korea, and implemented by non-governmental organizations such as the Stimson Center. How does their approach to engagement vary? Have these programs been effective in achieving their stated goals? What barriers still exist to successful outreach and STC development in the Asia-Pacific?
Speakers: Mohamed Shahabar Abdul Kareem, Jay Nash, George Tan

10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:45 **Session 2: Status of Outreach Programs in the Asia-Pacific (Part 2)**
This session will continue the discussion on the range and scope of STC capacity building and outreach programs in the Asia-Pacific. To what degree are Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea incorporating STC into their recent policies of enhanced business and political engagement with Southeast Asia? What has been the experience of recipient states in engaging with donors? Is there overlap or duplication of efforts, or ways to better share information among donors, thereby maximizing limited resources?
Speakers: Masaaki Takashima, Chae-wook Lim, Anupam Srivastava, Armando Mercado Jr.

12:15 **Lunch**

13:30 **Session 3: Proliferation Finance Controls**
This session will examine how STC and proliferation finance controls intersect and can reinforce each other. What measures are available to counter proliferation financing methods, and to what extent have states integrated them into their STC programs? What role does distributed ledger technology have to play in trade and security? What measures

would enhance information exchanges between STC programs and agencies involved in countering proliferation financing?

Speakers: Togzhan Kassenova, Brian Moore

15:00 **Coffee Break**

15:30 **Session 4: Issues Associated with Technology Controls and Transfers**

This session explores from a variety of angles the challenges associated with modern technology controls. What are the challenges and emerging challenges in controlling sensitive technology? How are intangible technology transfers being implemented in company and institutional settings? What steps are the United States, the EU, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and other countries currently taking to enhance their technology controls? What is developing countries' perspective on technology controls? Where do technology controls and human rights considerations intersect?

Speakers: Kolja Brockmann, Robert Shaw, Lino Arboleda

17:00 **Session Adjourns**

18:30 **Dinner**

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9:00 **Session 5: STC and Foreign Policy versus Non-Proliferation Goals**

Under UNSCR 1540, the primary purpose of STC is to prevent non-state actors from acquiring WMD-related materials or means of delivery, especially for terrorist purposes. Yet states have implemented STC for a variety of other reasons, such as keeping WMD-related materials from “states of concern,” maintaining a critical military advantage, ensuring regional stability, enforcing sanctions, safeguarding intellectual property, and protecting human rights. This session explores tension in the practice of STC in pursuit of foreign policy versus non-proliferation goals. Does an enhanced focus on foreign policy goals create a divide between the developed and the developing countries on STC? Is there a gap between the EU in its pursuit of technology controls and human rights considerations, and the countries that incorporate the EU dual-use control list in their national regulations? Is the current approach to STC promotion and enhancement sustainable? Are there potential pitfalls in associating sanctions with STC? Is there danger in trying to do “too much” through STC?

Speakers: Lia Caponetti, Crystal Pryor, Rajiv Nayan

10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:45 **Session 6: Transit/Transshipment and Port Security**

Is there a gap between how the STC and customs communities understand “transit”? What is the distinction between transit and transshipment in practice? What does the World Customs Organization Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (STCE) outreach involve? Which countries require advance submission of paperwork for transits and transshipments? What is the status of the Container Security Initiative (CSI) in the Asia-Pacific? What are Taiwan's current practices on transit, transshipment, and transport facilitation controls? How do licensing and customs officials coordinate in Taiwan, and what mechanisms exist for reachback?

Speakers: Jay Nash

12:00 **Wrap-up and next steps**

- 12:30 **Lunch / Transit to port facility**
- 14:00 **Arrive at Banana Pier for a tour of the Kaohsiung port on the Taiwan International Port Corporation's cruise**
- 15:40 **Customs Administration guided tour of the US-Taiwan joint counterterrorism facilities**
- 17:00 **Visit to Kaohsiung Port Warehouse No. 2**
- 18:00 **Dinner**
Bian Yi Fang (No. 23, Penglai Road, Gushan District)