

# **Myanmar-US Retired Military-to-Military Dialogue**

**May 10-12, 2015**

## **Agenda**

### **Sunday, May 10, 2015**

**US Participants Arrive**

### **Monday, May 11, 2015**

**8:30 Registration**

**9:00 Welcome Remarks**

US: Tom Conant

**9:15 Session 1: Perspectives on Political Dynamics**

This session will focus on recent political developments influencing US-Myanmar relations. The US presentation will address key factors shaping current policies toward Myanmar and the anticipated impacts of the shift in congressional leadership and the 2016 presidential election. The Myanmar presentation will address the status of the transition to civilian rule, the prospect for constitutional reform, and the likely impact of the upcoming parliamentary elections.

Presenters:

US: Tom Conant

**10:45 Coffee Break**

**11:00 Session 2: Threat Perceptions: Terrorism in Southeast Asia**

This session will offer perspectives on the threat of terrorism in Southeast Asia. Each side will offer a presentation on how the terrorism threat has evolved in the region and its impact on Myanmar to include an explanation of national strategies to deal with the threat focusing on opportunities for both bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Presenters:

US: Bill Wise

**12:30 Lunch**

**13:45 Session 3: Illicit Trafficking Networks in Southeast Asia**

This session will reflect on opportunities for bilateral and multilateral cooperation in combatting illicit trafficking networks in Southeast Asia. Because the means of trafficking narcotics, persons, wildlife products, controlled military technologies, and other illicit items are broadly similar and can be employed by organized crime groups, this session will consider all forms of trafficking. Presentations will focus on the

perceived scope of the threat and propose solutions to deal with it. The US presentation will focus on US initiatives to reduce illicit trafficking in Southeast Asia. The Myanmar presentation will focus on national and regional initiatives to address the threat.

Presenters:

US: Bill Comley

**15:15 Coffee Break**

**15:30 Session 4: Security Sector Reform**

This session will focus on security reform as a component of good governance. The US will explain its approach to promoting effective, legitimate, transparent, and accountable security sector development in partner states. Myanmar will explain its efforts to transition to civilian control, enhance security sector governance, and eliminate the use of child soldiers.

Presenters:

US: Jeff McCausland

**17:00 Session Adjourns**

**18:30 Dinner**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

**9:00 Session 5: Building Trust through Nonproliferation**

This session will explore opportunities for improving US-Myanmar relations through increased cooperation in the areas of nonproliferation, including the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions addressing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), missile proliferation, and the positive steps Myanmar has taken to join global nonproliferation treaties and arrangements. Each presentation will outline opportunities for enhancing cooperation in these areas, highlighting key metrics for evaluating how this type of cooperation can promote confidence building and enhance mutual trust.

Presenters:

US: Tom Cullison, Doug Tincher

**11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:15 Session 6: Building Trust through Military-to-Military Cooperation**

This session will reflect on the role of military-to-military cooperation in building bilateral trust between US and Myanmar. Each presentation will offer suggestions for increased military-to-military cooperation over the long term in areas such as peacekeeping, maritime security, and humanitarian assistance/disaster relief. Presenters will also focus on the challenges to increased cooperation in the near term. Presenters

should address the major challenges to improving military-to-military relations, milestones to mark progress, and what both sides can do to reduce suspicions and promote security cooperation.

Presenters:

US: Bob Lee, Peter Swartz

12:15 **Concluding Remarks**

12:30 **Lunch**