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4th Annual MCAASEES Workshop: *Examining Southeast European Security Threats and Strengthening Regional Security Cooperation*

19 – 21 September 2016, Tirana, Albania

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Co-Sponsored by the Marshall Center Alumni Association for Southeast European Security (MCAASEES), the
Marshall Center Alumni Association-Albania, and the General Prosecutor Office, Republic of Albania

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE: The goal of Marshall Center alumni associations is to effect positive change in their countries in order to promote stability and security and to bring greater attention to resolving defense, foreign policy or regional security issues. Alumni associations endorsed by the Marshall Center are independent, not-for-profit entities and the purpose and structure of individual associations are determined exclusively by the membership. In June 2011, at a Regional Alumni Leaders Workshop conducted at the Marshall Center, senior alumni leaders from 14 nations in the greater Southeast Europe region (including Moldova and Ukraine) decided on their own initiative to create the first-ever regional Marshall Center alumni association. At the workshop, a mission statement and charter was developed and formally approved, a leadership election held, and an official charter signing ceremony conducted. The official name of the association was designated as the Marshall Center Alumni Association for Southeast European Security (MCAASEES). Three meetings of the MCAASEES have occurred to date in Podgorica, Montenegro (14-16 May 2012), Skopje, Macedonia (8-10 April 2014), and Bucharest, Romania (23-25 September 2015).

This 4th Annual MCAASEES workshop seeks to examine and discuss key regional threats and countermeasures in Southeast Europe (SEE) and conduct a formal business meeting of the Association.

OBJECTIVES:

Overall objectives for this MCAASEES Workshop are:

- Increase awareness and understanding of regional security issues and how best the MCAASEES can impact the region.
- Improve regional cooperation in Southeast Europe and neighboring states by using a regional alumni association as a tool to share and discuss security issues common throughout the region.
- Examine current and emerging security and defense threats to Southeast Europe and develop regional and national recommendations to effectively counter these threats in order for the Balkans to achieve long term security and stability.
- Conduct a formal business meeting of the Association and discuss past results, lessons learned and planned upcoming activities.

Monday, 19 September 2016

Time	Event	Location
0900 – 1800	Arrival & Registration	Tirana International Hotel, Scanderbeg Square, Tirana
1800 – 1900	Welcome Event w/Remarks (<i>first event for all participants</i>) (hosted by the General Prosecutor Office, Republic of Albania) Remarks: - Mr. Adriatik Llalla, General Prosecutor, Republic of Albania - Ms. Dean Reed, Director, Alumni Programs, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	Tirana International Hotel, Restaurant Pergola, 2 nd Floor
1900 – 2030	Informal Dinner	Restaurant Pergola

Tuesday, 20 September 2016

Time	Event	Location
0700 – 0830	Breakfast	Restaurant Pergola
0830 – 0845	Administrative Remarks & GlobalNET Presentation Speaker: Ms. Dean Reed, The Marshall Center	Plenary Hall “Abreti”, 1 st Floor, Tirana International Hotel
0845 – 0850	Welcome Remarks Speakers: - Prof. Dr. Pajtim R. Ribaj, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Albania - Dr. Zoran Jeftic, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Serbia	
0850 – 0910	Welcome & Opening Remarks Speaker: Mr. Adriatik Llalla, General Prosecutor, Republic of Albania	
0910 – 0935	Keynote Remarks Speaker: Mrs. Mimi Kodheli, Minister of Defence, Republic of Albania <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	
0935 – 0940	Group Photo	
0940 – 1010	Coffee Break	
1010 – 1100	Presentation 1: Migration and Security Speaker: - Dr. Petra Weyland, Professor of Middle Eastern Affairs, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	
1100 – 1130	Presentation 1 Q&A and Plenary Discussion	

Tuesday, 20 September 2016 (continued)

Time	Event	Location
1130 – 1300	Lunch	Restaurant Pergola
1300 – 1345	Presentation 2: Albania Case Study: Countering the Threat from Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters Speaker: Mr. Gledis Nano, Director, Counter Terrorism Department, General Police Directorate, Albanian State Police	Plenary Hall “Abreti”, 1 st Floor, Tirana International Hotel
1345 – 1410	Presentation 2 Q&A and Plenary Discussion	
1410 – 1430	Coffee Break	
1430 – 1515	Presentation 3: Economic Security and the Impact of Corruption Speaker: Dr. Valbona Zeneli, Professor of National Security Studies & Program Director, Non-Resident Program on Black Sea - Eurasia, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	
1515 – 1545	Presentation 3 Q&A and Plenary Discussion	
1545 – 1630	Open Plenary Discussion and Policy Recommendations Facilitators: - Dr. Valbona Zenelli, The Marshall Center - Prof. Dr. Pajtim R. Ribaj, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Albania - Dr. Zoran Jeftic, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Serbia	
1630 – 1635	Closing Comments Speakers: - Prof. Dr. Pajtim R. Ribaj, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Albania - Dr. Zoran Jeftic, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Serbia	
1845 – 2030	Off-Site Dinner (hosted by the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies) (Walking distance from Hotel: maximum 10 minutes)	Panoramic Bar & Restaurant (“Sky Club”), Sky Hotel

Wednesday, 21 September 2016

Time	Event	Location
0700 – 0830	Breakfast	Restaurant Pergola
0830 – 0915	Marshall Center Alumni Programs and Non-Resident Programs Update for Southeast Europe for 2016-2017 Speakers: - Ms. Dean Reed, The Marshall Center - Ms. Barbara Wither, Alumni Relations Specialist, Alumni Programs, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	Plenary Hall “Abreti”, 1 st Floor, Tirana International Hotel

Wednesday, 21 September 2016 (continued)

Time	Event	Location
0915 – 1000	Plenary Discussion on Emerging Security Topics and MCAASEES Future Activities: The Way Ahead Moderators: - Dr. Valbona Zenelli, The Marshall Center - Prof. Dr. Pajtim R. Ribaj, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Albania - Dr. Zoran Jeftic, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Serbia	Plenary Hall “Abreti”, 1 st Floor, Tirana International Hotel
1000 – 1020	Coffee Break	
1020 – 1200	Marshall Center National Alumni Associations Lessons Learned & Best Practices Moderator: Ms. Barbara Wither, The Marshall Center Speakers: Spokesperson(s) from each represented Marshall Center National Alumni Association or Alumni Group (<i>max. 10 minutes each</i>)	
1200 – 1330	Lunch	Restaurant Pergola
1330 – 1400	Marshall Center National Alumni Associations Lessons Learned & Best Practices continued Moderator: Ms. Barbara Wither, The Marshall Center Speakers: Spokesperson(s) from each represented Marshall Center National Alumni Association or Alumni Group (<i>max. 10 minutes each</i>)	Plenary Hall “Abreti”, 1 st Floor, Tirana International Hotel
1400 – 1430	Albanian Alumni Association Select Presentation: “An Albanian Case Study – Elections, Criminality and Corruption” Speaker: Mr. Osman Metalla (SES 08-6), Dean, Public University “Aleksander Moisiu”, Durrës, Albania	
1430 – 1500	Coffee Break	
1500 – 1530	Review of Regional NATO/ Marshall Center Outreach Network Event: NATO Summit in Warsaw: Implication for the Alliance and Western Balkans, 26-30 August 2016, Ohrid, Macedonia Speaker: Dr. Stojan Slaveski, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Macedonia	
1530 – 1545	Election of MCAASEES Vice-President Moderators: - Prof. Dr. Pajtim R. Ribaj, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Albania - Dr. Zoran Jeftic, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Serbia	
1545– 1600	Closing Discussion and Business Meeting Closing Remarks Speakers: - Prof. Dr. Pajtim R. Ribaj, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Albania - Dr. Zoran Jeftic, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association-Serbia	
1900 – 2030	Informal Dinner	Restaurant Pergola

Participant Departure on 22 September 2016