

## **The WMD Forum**

### **WMDFZ in the Middle East - Impact on Global Non-Proliferation Efforts** *Possibilities, Dynamics and Modalities*

November 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Amman, Jordan

#### **DRAFT Agenda**

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#### **Towards a WMD-Free Zone in the Middle East**

- o Prospects of a nuclear weapon free zone in the Middle East
- o The zone - political pre-requisites arrangements
- o The role of International instruments and International organizations
- o The debate surrounding sub-zones

#### **Addressing Other Categories of WMDs: Chemical and Biological Capabilities**

- o Biological and chemical capabilities in the Middle East
- o Linking vs. de-linking, feasibility and applicability
- o The role of international instruments, the BTWC, OPCW and CTBTO
- o Complications of expanding the scope of prohibition beyond all categories of WMD

#### **Delivery Mechanisms and Vehicles - Implications on the Zone**

- o Delivery vehicles categories
- o Inclusion of unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- o Missiles and the zone – a complicating or a facilitating factor

#### **The Iran Dilemma – Breaking the Deadlock**

- o Introducing specific confidence building measures
- o The way out – proposals
- o Fuel banks vs. controlled enrichment – advantages and consequences
- o Prospects of a military confrontation

#### **The Arab Consortium on Security and Nuclear Non-Proliferation**

- o Annual briefing of consortium activities
- o Can the consortium shape common Arab position
- o Activating the linkages between official and no-official tracks in the Arab world
- o Impact of Arab spring on the zone

### **The Role of Media in a WMD Free Zone**

- o Traditional vs. Electronic Media
- o The role of social networks in shaping public opinion
- o Journalists and their contribution towards the zone
- o Atomic reporters engagement – a model

### **Prospects of a Regional Nuclear Fuel Cycle**

- o Nuclear Fuel Supplies – Prospects of Regional Integration
- o Addressing the growth of fissile materials applications
- o Assurances of nuclear fuel supply
- o Could EURATOM apply to the Middle East
- o Regional fuel cycle and nuclear safety/security (individual vs. cooperative approaches for the security of radiological sources & nuclear facilities)

### **Preparations for 2014 Nuclear Security Summit & 2014 NPT Prepcom**

- o The Nuclear Security Summit and its impact on NPT prepcom
- o Could a nuclear security regime promote a WMDFZ in the Middle East
- o A synopsis of the engagement levels of different international organizations

### **Nuclear Safety and Security**

- o Existing legislative frameworks, do we need more
- o The role of the Middle East in improving global nuclear security
- o The Nuclear Summit in the Netherlands – Preparations, Prospects and Challenges

## **AUDIENCE AND TARGET SECTORS**

The meeting will engage a large international audience (speakers and participants).

Due to the broad scope of topics addressed, audience is expected to be of a multidisciplinary nature, highly diversified and multinational.

The meeting foresees the engagement of a number of sectors in the meeting, including "but not restricted" to the following:

### **Legislative Authorities:**

Departments of State, Foreign Affairs Agencies, Regulatory Authorities

### **Regional and International Organizations**

UN, EU, League of Arab States, Gulf Cooperation Council and NATO

**Response Agencies:**

Affiliates to Civil defense, Security Agencies and representatives of Armed Forces

**Related sectors:**

Universities and scientific sectors, research Labs, environmental sector, economic and industrial sectors.