



**MARITIME SECURITY**  
**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**  
**Tentative Agenda of 6<sup>th</sup> MARSEC Conference**



**9-10 JUNE 2026**  
**AGENDA**

1 <sup>st</sup> Day: 9 June 2026					
Opening Session (09.00-11.00)					
S.N.	TIME	EVENT	VENUE/LOCATION	SPEAKER	REMARKS
1	08.30-09.30	Registration	Atatürk Hall		
2	09.30-09.40	Welcome Speech		<b>Capt. (TUR-N)</b> <b>Mehmet Cengiz EKREN</b> <i>MARSEC COE, Director</i>	
3	09.40-09.50	Opening Remarks		<b>Prof. Christian BUEGER</b> <i>University of Copenhagen</i> <i>Academic Advisor</i>	
4	09.50-10.05	Keynote Speech		TBD	
5	10.05-10.20	Keynote Speech		<b>Adm.(JPN-N)(R) Ryo SAKAI</b> <i>US Naval Postgraduate School</i>	
6	10.20-10.40	Group Photo	Stand Lounge/Outside of AWCC	All Attendees	
7	10.40-11.00	Coffee Break and Networking	AWCC Foyer	All Attendees	

1st Session (11.00-12.20)						
Maritime Strategic & Threat Environment Moderator: Prof.Tim EDMUNDS						
S.N.	TIME	EVENT	VENUE/LOCATION	SPEAKER	REMARKS	
8	11.00-11.10	Moderator Remarks	Atatürk Hall	<b>Prof.Tim EDMUNDS</b> <i>University of Bristol</i>		
9	11.10-11.20	The Shadow Fleet and NATO's Role		<b>Mr. Arda KARAKAYA</b> <i>NATO HQ</i>		
10	11.20-11.30	Flags of Inconvenience? – Need for Reforms		<b>Rear Adm.(PAK-N)(R) Javaid IQBAL</b> <i>Pakistan Navy</i>		
11	11.30-11.40	A Relational Theory of Maritime Resilience in the Age of Grey Zone Competition		<b>Cdr.(BRA-N) Eduardo de Castro SAAR</b> <i>Brasilian Navy</i>		
12	11.40-11.50	Regulatory Fragmentation and Grey zone Maritime Cybersecurity Threats		<b>Prof.Dr.Uiku CLARK</b> <i>University of North Carolina Wilmington</i>		
13	11.50-12.00	Deterring Non-Traditional Maritime Security Threats – Feasible or Futile?		<b>Lt.Col. (MLT-N)(R) Andrew MALLIA</b> <i>Malta Armed Forces (Retired)</i>		
14	12.00-12.10	Wrap-Up of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Session		<b>Prof.Tim EDMUNDS</b> <i>University of Bristol</i>		
15	12.10-12.30	Q&A for the 1 <sup>st</sup> Session		All Attendees		
16	12.30-13.40	Lunch		AWCC Dining Hall	All Attendees	Credit or Debit Card only

2 <sup>nd</sup> Session (13.40-16.10)					
Legal, Governance & Policy Frameworks					
Moderator: Prof.Dr.Aurel SARI					
S.N.	TIME	EVENT	VENUE/LOCATION	SPEAKER	REMARKS
17	13.40-13.50	Moderator Remarks	Atatürk Hall	<b>Prof. Dr.Aurel SARI</b> <i>University of Exeter</i>	
18	13.50-14.00	Struggling with the Insufficiency of International Law for Building Resilient Maritime Security An Assessment on the Possible Role of ICJ		<b>Assoc.Prof.Dr. Ali İbrahim AKKUTAY</b> <i>DEHUKAM</i>	
19	14.00-14.10	UNCLOS and Grey-Zone Maritime Competition: Legal Constraints on China–Japan Security Dynamics in the East China Sea		<b>Prof.Dr.Jaroslav KRASNY</b> <i>Nagasaki University</i>	
20	14.10-14.20	Sea Drone as a Tool of Maritime Coercion: Legal Thresholds in the Grey Zone		<b>Asst.Prof.Barbara STEPIEŃ</b> <i>Jagiellonian University</i>	
21	14.20-14.30	From Black to Green: Investigating the Strategic Value of Maritime Grey-Zones and the Laissez-Faire Regulation of Deep-Sea Mining		<b>Mr.Jake WRIGHT</b> <i>Leiden University</i>	
22	14.30-14.40	Revisiting the Strategic Abuse of Maritime Security and its Implications		<b>Mr.Alexandru HUDIȘTEANU</b> <i>ETE Technology</i>	
23	14.40-14.50	Wrap-Up of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session		<b>Prof.Dr.Aurel SARI</b> <i>University of Exeter</i>	
24	14.50-15.10	Q&A for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session		All Attendees	

NATO UNCLASSIFIED

25	15.10-15.30	Coffee Break	AWCC Foyer	All Attendees	
26	15.30-16.10	Defence Company Presentations -Part 1	Atatürk Hall	All Attendees	
27	16.10-18.30	Transportation to Beşiktaş and Boat Tour	Naval Museum	Speakers and VIP Only	Dress: Smart Casual
28	18.30-21.00	Hosted Dinner	Sarıyer Officers Club/İstanbul	Speakers and VIP Only	Dress: Smart Casual

2<sup>nd</sup> Day: 10 June 20263<sup>rd</sup> Session (09.30-12.10)
**Resilience & Critical Infrastructure**  
**Moderator: Prof.Brendon CANNON**

S.N.	TIME	EVENT	VENUE/LOCATION	SPEAKER	REMARKS
29	09.00-09.10	Moderator Remarks	Atatürk Hall	<b>Prof.Brendon CANNON</b> <i>Khalifa University</i>	
30	09.10-09.20	Resilience under Pressure: Indonesia and the Maritime Militia Challenge in the North Natuna Sea		<b>Asst.Prof.Fauzia Gustarina Cempaka TIMUR</b> <i>Republic Indonesia Defense University</i>	
31	09.20-09.30	Surveying the Battlespace: How Russian and Chinese “Research” Vessels Map Critical Undersea Infrastructure		<b>Mr. Jose MACIAS</b> <i>Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)</i>	
32	09.30-09.40	Underwater Critical Infrastructures. Threats and Countermeasures for the Protection of Maritime Cables		<b>Dr.Raffaele MARCHETTI</b> <i>Luiss University</i>	
33	09.40-10.10	Coffee Break	AWCC Foyer	All Attendees	
34	10.10-10.20	A MAESTRO-Inspired Agent-Based Framework for Threat Modeling in Smart Port Systems	Atatürk Hall	<b>Dr.Gizem KAYIŞOĞLU</b> <i>Istanbul Technical University</i>	
35	10.20-10.30	Strengthening ocean resilience in an age of maritime insecurity: lessons from incidents on anchored vessels.		<b>Dr.Sophie QUINTIN</b> <i>University of Portsmouth</i>	

NATO UNCLASSIFIED

36	10.30-10.40	Grey zone competition and the protection of critical subsea infrastructure in the North Atlantic: Strategic implications from the Irish maritime domain.		<b>Dr.Giovanni PARENTE</b> <i>University College Dublin &amp; Trinity College Dublin</i>	
37	10.40-10.50	Wrap-Up of the 3rd Session		<b>Prof.Brendon CANNON</b> <i>Khalifa University</i>	
38	10.50-11.10	Q&A for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session		All Attendees	
39	11.10-11.30	Coffee Break	AWCC Foyer	All Attendees	
40	11.30-12.10	Defence Company Presentations -Part 2	Atatürk Hall	All Attendees	
41	12.10-13.30	Lunch	AWCC Dining Hall	All Attendees	Credit or Debit Card only

4<sup>th</sup> Session (13.30-16.30)

Technology, Innovation & Future Outlook Moderator: Miss Darshana BARUAH					
S.N.	TIME	EVENT	VENUE/LOCATION	SPEAKER	REMARKS
42	13.30-13.40	Moderator Remarks	Atatürk Hall	<b>Ms. Darshana BARUAH</b> <i>IISS-Asia</i>	
43	13.40-13.50	On the Intelligent Marine Surface Monitoring System		<b>Prof.Dr.Ramil AKHUNDOV</b> <i>National Defence University of Azerbaijan</i>	
44	13.50-14.00	A System-of-Systems Approach for Multi-Domain Maritime Surveillance and Grey Zone Threat Detection		<b>Ms. Handan ÇALIŞKAN,</b> <b>Mr. Mustafa YORULMAZ</b> <i>ASELSAN Inc.</i>	
45	14.00-14.10	Navigating Grey Zone Threats: Integrating Cyber-Kinetic Resilience into Ship Construction and Operations under New IMO/IACS Standards		<b>Cdr.(TUR-N) Özden KORAL</b> <i>MARSEC COE</i>	
46	14.10-14.30	Coffee Break	AWCC Foyer	All Attendees	
47	14.30-14.40	Enhancing Maritime Security Through Manned–Unmanned Teaming: A Unified 3D Networks Approach	Atatürk Hall	<b>Mr.Y.Uğur KOCABAŞ</b> <i>ONUR Yüksek Teknoloji A.Ş.</i>	
48	14.40-14.50	Grey Zone Competition at Sea: Leveraging Research, Technology and Innovation (RTI) for Maritime Security		<b>Cdr.(GRC-N) Charalampos MENYCHTAS</b> <i>Greece Navy</i>	
49	14.50-15.00	Identifying the Russian Shadow Fleet through Social Network Analysis		<b>Ms. Sofia TEDDER</b> <i>Independent Researcher</i> <b>Mr. Yevgeniy GOLOVCHENKO</b> <i>University of Copenhagen</i>	

NATO UNCLASSIFIED

50	15.00-15.10	Wrap-Up of the 2nd Session		<b>Ms. Darshana BARUAH</b> <i>I/ISS-Asia</i>	
51	15.10-15.30	Q&A for the 2nd Session		All Attendees	
52	15.30-15.40	Concluding Remarks		<b>Prof. Dr. Christian BUEGER</b> <i>University of Copenhagen</i> Academic Advisor	
53	15.40-15.50	Concluding Remarks		<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	
54	15.50-16.00	Closing Remarks		<b>Capt. (TUR-N)</b> <b>Mehmet Cengiz EKREN</b> <i>MARSEC COE</i> Director	
55	16.00-16.30	Closing Ceremony		All Attendees	