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“Ikh Tankhim” Ulaanbaatar Hotel

AGENDA

June 03, Wednesday

14:00-17:30 Registration

Venue: “Ikh Tankhim” Ulaanbaatar Hotel

June 04, Thursday (Day 1)

08:00-09:00 Registration

Coffee break

09:00-09:45 **OPENING SESSION**

Chair: Ms. *Ulziibayar Vangansuren*, Acting Director-General, Department of Multilateral Cooperation, MFA, Mongolia

Remarks by **H.E. Ms. Battsetseg Batmunkh**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mongolia

Remarks by **Mr. Mashbat Otgonbayar (Ph.D)**, Director, Institute for Strategic Studies, Mongolia

Video Message, United Nations (tbc)

Group Photo (all participants)

09:45-10:00 Coffee Break

10:00-12:30 **SESSION ONE: SECURITY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE IN NORTHEAST ASIA**

This session will serve as a platform for regional experts, policymakers and academics to analyze and discuss key security challenges and opportunities in Northeast Asia. Discussions will address a range of pressing security issues, including dynamics of US - China relations, China - Japan relations, Japan's security posture, Russia's role in the region, implications of North Korea's nuclear developments, inter-Korean relations, rise in military expenditures, and impact of alliances such as US - Japan, US - South Korea, and Russia - North Korea partnerships.

While security risks remain high in Northeast Asia, the opportunities for diplomatic engagement, regional confidence-building, and economic cooperation are also present. Drawing on regional security expertise and country-specific perspectives, this session will explore policy recommendations and potential pathways toward a stable and peaceful Northeast Asia.

Moderator: Mr. **BUYANDELGER Davaajantsan**, Research Fellow, Institute for Strategic Studies, Mongolia

Panel:

Dr. Yongpeng FAN, Professor, Deputy Director, China Institute, Fudan University, People's Republic of China

Mr. Ivan BAZHENOV, Leading Expert, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies, Russian Federation

Dr. Yoko IWAMA, Director of Strategic Studies Program, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan

Dr. Noh Byuk PARK, Adjunct Professor, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of Korea

Amb. ENKHSAIKHAN Jargalsaikhan, Chair, Blue Banner NGO, Mongolia

Mr. Eric Brown, AWM Fellow, Andrew W. Marshall Foundation, United States of America

Q&A

12:30-13:30 Lunch
Venue: " Grand Hall", Ulaanbaatar Hotel

14:00-16:00 **TRACK I ROUNDTABLE MEETING (INVITATION ONLY)**
Venue: *Consensus Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, Peace Avenue-7a, Sukhbaatar district, Ulaanbaatar 14210*

13:30-15:30 **SESSION TWO: PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY AND MEDIATION PATHWAYS**

Session Two will welcome global experts, policy-practitioners, and scholars to explore practical and sustainable measures of preventive diplomacy and mediation for Northeast Asia. Even though state and non-state actors have sought ways to increase confidence and trust through various confidence-building measures (CBMs), the region still lacks a formal, overarching mechanism of preventive diplomacy and mediation. Discussions will focus on realistic steps and practices for designing and implementing long-term confidence-building mechanisms and ways to build the regional capacity of mediation and preventative diplomacy. While security rivalries and historical grievances remain significant obstacles, there are hopes and efforts for dialogue and cooperation in Northeast Asia.

Moderator: Mr. Jonathan B. MILLER, Director of Foreign Affairs, National Defense, National Security Program, MacDonald-Laurier Institute, Canada

Panel:

Dr. Jun Yan CHANG, Assistant Professor, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Amb. Joachim BERTELE, Commissioner for East Asia, South-East Asia and Pacific, German Foreign Office, Federal Republic of Germany

Dr. Konstantinas ANDRIJAUSKAS, Associate Professor, Institute of International Relations and Political Science at Vilnius University, Lithuania

Dr. Olli RUOHOMÄKI, Senior Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Finland

Dr. Niklas SWANSTRÖM, Director, Institute for Security and Development Policy, Sweden

Mr. Yuji MORI, Senior Advisor, Center for Mediation and Support, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

Q&A

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:30 **SESSION THREE: EMERGING SECURITY CHALLENGES (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)**

This session will examine how new technologies are shaping states and societies. Particular attention will be given to artificial intelligence (AI). In today's world, AI-enabled tools can strengthen early warning, hazard mapping, logistics, and resource allocation-supporting effective adaptation and disaster response. However, they also introduce new challenges, ranging from cyber vulnerabilities, disinformation, algorithmic bias, opaque decision-making to potential escalation risks

if AI-informed assessments are misinterpreted or unreliable. The session will explore how countries can responsibly harness AI for resilience while mitigating security risks through governance, transparency, and cooperation. It will consider practical approaches for international collaboration, including data sharing for early warning, joint preparedness exercises, public-private coordination for critical infrastructure protection, and development of shared principles for safe and accountable use of AI in security-related contexts.

Moderator: Dr. Arnaud LEVEAU, President, Asia Centre

Panel:

Dr. Sneha YADAV, Assistant Professor, JAIN University, India

Dr. OTGONBAYAR Uuye, And Global, Mongolia

Ms. Weiwei ZHANG, Deputy Director and Associate Research Fellow, Institute of World Peace and Security, China Institute for International Studies, People's Republic of China

Dr. Jung Hyun YOON, Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies, Republic of Korea

Ms. Marwa SHABBAR, Head of Legal Department, Regional Delegation for East Asia, International Committee of the Red Cross

Dr. Jagannath PANDA, Head of Center, Institute for Security and Development Policy, Sweden

Dr. Robin GEISS, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Q&A

18:30-20:30 RECEPTION

Venue: "Ikh Tankhim", Ulaanbaatar Hotel

June 05, Friday (Day 2)

08:30-09:00 Coffee Break

09:00-11:00 SESSION FOUR: CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN NORTHEAST AND CENTRAL ASIA

Session four explores opportunities and challenges of fostering regional cooperation between Central Asia and Northeast Asia by welcoming scholars and experts from both regions. Given Mongolia's unique geopolitical position - not only between China and Russia, but also between two dynamic regions - Mongolia could serve as a multilateral platform for academics from Central and Northeast Asia. Participants will engage in discussions on key issues related to peace and security, economic cooperation, and share their insights, experiences, and best practices. While both regions have distinct historical trajectories, they also share common strategic interests for peace and prosperity.

Northeast Asia is home to strong economies but lacks a formal regional economic mechanism, whereas Central Asia is more economically fragmented yet benefits from Russia and China-led frameworks such as the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). This session aims to identify pathways for regional connectivity, addressing institutional gaps and exploring synergies between the two regions.

Moderator: Dr. DULGUUN Damdin-Od, Director, International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries, Mongolia

Panel:

Dr. Xiaoke WANG, Professor, Deputy Director, Institute of International Politics Northeast Asian Studies College, Jilin University, People's Republic of China / CICIR

Dr. Alexander VORONTSOV, Mongolian and Korean Studies, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation

Dr. Dauren ABEN, Deputy Director, Kazakh Institute for Strategic Studies, Kazakhstan

Dr. Kanatbek AZIZ, Director, Research Institute of Geopolitics and Strategy, Kyrgyzstan

Dr. Shu UCHIDA, Project Researcher for Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST), Open Laboratory for Emergence Strategies (ROLES), University of Tokyo, Japan

Dr. Junghoo PARK, Researcher, Institute for National Security Studies, Republic of Korea
Q&A

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 **SESSION FIVE: GREEN POWER CORRIDORS CONNECTING NORTHEAST AND CENTRAL ASIA**

Within this context, ESCAP's Green Power Corridor (GPC) Framework provides a structured approach for advancing cross-border and subregional power connectivity by linking high-quality renewable energy generation areas with demand centers through coordinated infrastructure development, policy and regulatory alignment, and institutional cooperation. Mongolia's vast wind and solar resources, combined with its strategic geographic position between Northeast Asia and Central Asia, present a compelling case for exploring the development of a Mongolia–China–Central Asia Green Power Corridor.

This session will exchange perspectives on the opportunities, challenges and practical pathways for developing this potential green power corridor. Participants will share views on technical, regulatory, institutional and investment considerations, and discuss how the GPC Framework can be applied to support phased and cooperative development of cross-border power connectivity between Northeast Asia and Central Asia, contributing to a more integrated, sustainable and low-carbon regional energy system.

Moderator: Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Chief of the Subregional Office of East and North-East Asia, UNESCAP

Panel:

Dr. ULEMJ Damiran, School of Energy Engineering, Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Mongolia

Mr. Furugzod USMONOV, Country Coordinator, Intergovernmental Council of the CASA-1000 Project, Tajikistan

Dr. Da ZHANG, Professor, Tsinghua University, People's Republic of China

Mr. Zhandos NURMAGANBETOV, Director General, KAZENERGY Association, Kazakhstan

Dr. Vladislav ZAVADSKIY, National Energy Expert, UNEP Copenhagen Climate Center

Q&A

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Venue: "Grand Tankhim", Ulaanbaatar Hotel

14:00-15:30 **CLOSING SESSION**

Chair: Dr. MENDEE Jargalsaikhan

Moderators' summary:

Mr. BUYANDELGER Davaajantsan, Session 1 Moderator

Mr. Jonathan B. MILLER, Session 2 Moderator

Dr. Arnaud LEVEAU, Session 3 Moderator

Dr. Shu UCHIDA, Session 4 Moderator

Mr. Matthew WITTENSTEIN, Session 5 Moderator

Closing remarks by:

Mr. MUNKHTUSHIG Lkhanaajav, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia