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SUBJECT: **CALLING LETTER FOR 18TH NATO COMPUTER ASSISTED ANALYSIS EXERCISE EXPERIMENTATION (CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup>) FORUM (3-5 October 2023, Rome).**

DATE 20 April 2023

1. The NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre of Excellence (M&S COE) is delighted to announce the **18<sup>th</sup> Edition of the NATO Computer Assisted Analysis, Exercise, Experimentation Forum (CA2X2 Forum)**. The 18th NATO CA2X2 Forum will be an in person event organized by the NATO M&S COE and hosted at the **Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Center, Rome, Italy, 3-5 October 2023**.
2. The NATO CA2X2 Forum has become one of NATO's main events on CAX and M&S for more than seventeen years. The NATO CA2X2 Forum is an event where Military, Industry, Academia, Study Groups and Subject Matter Experts meet yearly to discuss M&S related topics. It is the premiere international discussion environment for the design, planning and usage of M&S for defence related purposes. This year's theme is "**M&S as a Cross-Functional Enabler**". Specific instructions and details are reported in the following annexes.
3. Registration should be made through the NATO M&S COE official web site <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2023/> from **15 May** through **1 September 2023**. Addressees are kindly asked to pass this invitation to organisations and individuals, for which the event could be of interest.
4. The Point of Contact is Lieutenant Colonel (OF4), USA Army, Brad KOERNER, MSCOE Deputy Director (phone: +39 0646914372, email: [natoca2x2forum@mscoe.org](mailto:natoca2x2forum@mscoe.org)).
5. Thanking you in advance for your support to the Annual CA2X2 Forum, we look forward to an interesting and productive event, and to welcoming you to the historical city of Rome.

  
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M&S COE Director

**ANNEXES:**

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M&S Community of Interest

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## SPEAKERS OPPORTUNITIES

### 1. Theme and Topics.

The 2023 Forum's theme is "*M&S as a Cross-Functional Enabler*"; the Forum will be focused on, *but not limited to*, the following topics:

- Computer Assisted eXercise (CAX);
- Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) for M&S;
- M&S Standards and Technologies;
- M&S Lessons Learned;
- Education and Training;
- Wargaming;
- Multi-Domain Operations;
- Artificial Intelligence;
- Capability Development and Experimentation;
- Support to Military Operations and Decision Making;
- Emerging technologies;
- Defence University M&S Research;
- Medical M&S.

### 2. Call of papers presentation and activities.

The NATO M&S COE kindly requests all interested experts, authors, and presenters to submit abstracts, presentations, papers (optional), and articles in line with the Forum's topics to be evaluated by members of NATO CA2X2 Forum Technical Program Committee.

Authors of approved abstracts will be asked to prepare a presentation (+ papers & articles in pdf format (optional)), then to present it during the NATO CA2X2 Forum. Selected papers will be published at the CA2X2 Forum 2023 Publication in early 2024 (optional).

Companies, organisations, study groups, teams, students and experts are also invited to propose and support sessions/activities on specific M&S topics. The sessions/activities proposed by the M&S Community of Interest encompass presentations, round tables, interviews, workshops, demos, courses, and others. Your proposal will be evaluated and, if feasible, conveniently embedded in the event. The submission of abstracts, presentations and papers will be through the 2023 MSCOE CAX Forum EasyChair platform at:

<https://easychair.org/my/conference?conf=natoca2x2forum2023>.

If you have never used this platform your private registration will be required.

### 3. Deadlines.

Submission deadlines:

- Abstracts: 30 June 2023;
- Presentations: 25 August 2023;
- Final papers: 31 October 2023.

### 4. Structure and Schedule.

The projected schedule of the forum will be updated regularly on the NATO M&S COE web page - <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2023/>.

The final detailed Agenda will be issued in due time.

## 5. Partnering Activities.

- Defence Universities Workshop, in support of an inaugural meeting of an academic military simulation community. This will be a closed workshop with limited seats. If your Defence University is interested in participating, please contact us at [natoca2x2forum@mscoe.org](mailto:natoca2x2forum@mscoe.org)
- MSG-210 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Commercial Technologies and Games for Use in NATO and Nations will be embedded in the Forum on 5 October 2023. To register for this workshop, please visit the [STO Events Website](#) for details.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **1. Aim**

This annex provide general information for companies interested in sponsoring the event.

### **2. Invitation**

Given the high profile of the event and the resonance it will have in the military & technical industrial environment, the Centre would like to extend an offer for Company to assist the Forum in terms of sponsorship for the event. We anticipate a lot of interest in the Forum as it grows and our Centre continues to invest in improving the quality of the content. Participation may include the provision of one or more items or events of your choice with the possibility to apply your company logo on the item itself, according to arrangements to be made with this Centre. All interested parties should note that a limited amount of exhibition spaces/booths will be made available for any requesting Company/Agency to demonstrate and advertise their CAX, analysis, experimentation, or simulation related skills and products. Opportunity to set up a company booth equipped with Wi-Fi internet connection and power supply - up to a maximum of 15 exhibition spaces – in a highly visible area of the CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup> Forum conference center at a standard rate based on the exhibition space needed.

### **3. Sponsoring the event**

Any expressions of interest from the companies must be sent NLT 30 June 2023 to the following POC. A detailed information sheet will be sent to all Companies interested in these Sponsorship Opportunities.

The Centre will coordinate for the procurement of the articles listed above, or proposals may be forwarded by companies and agreed with the Centre. Should there be two or more offers / proposals for the same article, the First Come-First Serve criterion will be used for the quotation selection. A separate agreement will be signed between the parties in order to guarantee the provision of the above articles.

To stay current on the event, please visit the following links of the NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre of Excellence website:

<https://www.mscoe.org/event/ca2x2-forum-2023/>

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### **4. Point of Contact (POC)**

Major (OF3) Francesco MORETTI (mscoe.budfin@smd.difesa.it, Phone +39 06 4691 4388)

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### 1. **Type, venue, dates and timing**

The 18<sup>th</sup> NATO CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup> Forum 2023 is a residential event hosted in **Rome (Italy)** on **3-5 October 2023** at the “**Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Center**”, located in “Largo Lorenzo Mossa n. 8, Roma” ([+39 06 66441](tel:+390666441), [www.ergifepalacehotel.com](http://www.ergifepalacehotel.com)).

### 2. **Registration**

Registration should be made through the NATO M&S COE official web site <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2023/> from 15 May 2023 through 1 September 2023.

A confirmation message will be sent within 3 working days, including a registration code for each prospective participant, in order to proceed with the conference registration. Each prospective participant registers (through the same web-site platform) with the code provided. The payment of fees shall be made at the last step of the registration process, as prerequisite to complete the participant’s enrolment.

### 3. **Lodging and Transportation**

Attendees are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodation and transportation from/to Airport. Taxi and public bus/metro services are available.

The recommended Hotel is the **Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Center** where the event will take place. The hotel is a 6 minute walk from the nearest BUS stop and a 15 minute walk from the nearest (underground) LINEA “A” METRO stop “Cornelia”, Contact the hotel (<http://www.ergifepalacehotel.com>) to check transportation services availability.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a special rate from 2-5 October 2023 at the “Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Centre” on a first come, first served basis. Please be aware that October is a popular destination for tourists at this time of year and the Forum follows a week after a major sporting event. Participants are strongly encouraged to reserve their hotel room as soon as possible.

### 4. **Conference Fees**

The Conference fee, that will help to cover event related costs, is € 310 for each attendee. The respective fee should be paid by (credit – debit) card in order to complete the registration process (an official receipt will be provided).

For any further related information please refer to:

Major (OF3) Francesco MORETTI ([mscoe.budfin@smd.difesa.it](mailto:mscoe.budfin@smd.difesa.it) or +39 06 4691 4388).

### 5. **Social events:**

- Ice breaker: NATO MSCOE Director will host an ice-breaker on Tuesday, 2 October 2023, from 19.00 – 21.00; personal ID should be available for identification purposes.
- Cultural event: an optional cultural event will be organized at one of Rome’s many historical sites. Detailed information will be provided in due time.

**6. Dress Code.**

The attire for the Conference will be service dress uniform (NATO Class A) for the military personnel and Civilian attire casual (jacket or shirts with no tie) for the civilians. The attire for the Ice Braker and Cultural event will be Civilian attire casual (jacket with no tie).

**7. Information security**

The event is open not only to NATO Nations, NATO Bodies, EAPC, MD, ICI, NATO Partners across the Globe, and UN, EU, OSCE Representatives, but, on a case-by-case basis, and upon approval, participants outside the listed entities could be admitted.

The conference has no classification marking and all contents will be releasable to the public. The conference will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

All the information is available at the link: <https://www.mscoe.org/event/ca2x2-forum-2023/>

**8. Visa Requirements:**

Participants or their supervising authorities are responsible for visa arrangements for their personnel. It is advised that participants should contact their national embassies/consulates in Italy or the Italian Military Attachés at the Italian Embassies in their respective capitals for relevant information.