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SUBJECT: **CALLING LETTER FOR 19TH NATO COMPUTER ASSISTED ANALYSIS EXERCISE EXPERIMENTATION (CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup>) FORUM (24-26 September 2024, Rome).**

DATE 13 May 2024

1. The NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre of Excellence (M&S COE) is delighted to announce the 19<sup>th</sup> Edition of the NATO Computer Assisted Analysis, Exercise, Experimentation Forum (CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup> Forum). The 19th NATO CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup> Forum 2024 will be an in-person event organized by the NATO M&S COE and hosted at the **Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Center, Rome, Italy, 24-26 September 2024.**
2. The NATO CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup> Forum has become one of NATO's main events on CAX and M&S for more than seventeen years. The NATO CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup> 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.
3. This year's theme is "**Enabling Multi-Domain Operations through M&S**". Specific instructions and details are reported in the following annexes.
4. Addressees are kindly asked to pass this invitation to organisations and individuals, for which the event could be of interest.
5. The point of contact (POC) is (ITA Army) Lieutenant Colonel (OF4) Giovanni TILLO, M&S COE DET Section Chief, reached by phone at: (NCN) 234-4377, (ITA) +39 0646914377 or via email at: [natoca2x2forum@mscoe.org](mailto:natoca2x2forum@mscoe.org).

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## **SPEAKER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **1. Theme and Topics.**

The 2024 Forum's theme is "**Enabling Multi-Domain Operations through M&S**"; 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 2024 Publication in early 2025

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 2024 M&S COE CAX Forum EasyChair platform at:

<https://easychair.org/my/conference?conf=natoca2x2forum2024>

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

### **3. Deadlines.**

Submission deadlines:

- Abstracts: 30 June 2024;
- Presentations: 25 August 2024;
- Final papers: 31 October 2024.

### **4. Structure and Schedule.**

The Forum will be conducted in person over 3 days, the on-site badge pick up will begin on **23 September 2024** followed by an ice-breaker. Registration and payment will only be

possible online. The projected schedule of the forum will be updated regularly on the NATO M&S COE web page - <https://www.mscoe.org/event/ca2x2-forum-2024/>

The final detailed Agenda will be issued in due time.

Partnering Activities:

- Defence Universities Workshop, in support 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)

## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **1. Aim**

This annex provides 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. Sponsored Items/event**

NATO M&S COE has identified the events/items listed below, but not limited to, could be provided, under the mentioned sponsorship agreement:

- ICE-BREAKER, with participation of about 200 people/VIP/Authorities;
- COFFEE BREAKS, with participation of about 300 people/VIP/Authorities;
- CATERED LUNCH, with participation of up to 300 people; option 1 to 3 days;
- CULTURAL EVENT, with participation from a minimum of 50 people
- WELCOME PACKAGES (includes Folder, Notepad, Pen, Admin Instructions, Forum Program, Forum Flyers and any other advertisement material).

Any expressions of interest from the companies must be sent NLT 30 June 2024 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 to guarantee the provision of the above articles.

The Centre thanks you in advance for your attention and potential support. 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-2024/>

<https://www.mscoe.org/>

### **4. POC**

Major (OF-3) Francesco MORETTI (mscoe.budfin@smd.difesa.it or +39 06 4691 4388), who will provide any details on sponsorship opportunities and related procedures.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **1. Aim**

This annex provides administrative details for the 19<sup>th</sup> CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup> FORUM

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

The 19<sup>th</sup> NATO CA<sup>2</sup>X<sup>2</sup> Forum 2024 is a residential event hosted in **Rome (Italy)** on **24-26 September 2024** 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)).

### **3. Travel arrangements**

NATO M&S COE will not provide transportation from / to the hotel, train station or airport. 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 23-27 September 2024 at the “Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Centre” on a first come, first served basis. Please be aware that September is a popular destination for tourists at this time of year. Participants are strongly encouraged to reserve their hotel room as soon as possible.

### **4. Registration**

Registration to the event for the M&S community of interest will be available **from 15 June through 08 September** at the NATO M&S COE website at the following link: <https://www.mscoe.org/event/ca2x2-forum-2024/>.

### **5. Fees.**

The Forum fee to attend will be **310 EUR**. There is no reduced fee for attending only certain days or sessions. For any further related information please refer to:

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### **6. Social events**

- Ice breaker: NATO MSCOE Director will host an optional ice-breaker on Monday, 23 September 2024, from 19:00 – 21:00;
- Cultural event: an optional cultural event will be organized at one of Rome’s many historical sites.

### **7. Dress Code**

The appropriate dress code will be military dress uniform (jacket & tie) or business casual (jacket with open collar shirt for men or skirts, slacks, dresses for women).

### **8. 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.

All the information is available at the link: [NATO CA2X2 Forum 2024](#).

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.