

Thematic Agenda for the XI Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas (CMDA)

1. Coordination of Specialized Conferences of Hemispheric Armed Services with the CDMA

Objectives:

- To evaluate the existing integration level among Hemispheric Military Conferences (CEA, CNI, SICOFAA) and the CDMA.
- To identify existing communication channels among the conferences and the CDMA.
- To analyze and evaluate the effective relation level among the Conferences.
- To study measures to strengthen existing channels and propose new instruments for the exchange of experience and lessons learned among the Conferences.

Rapporteur: Argentina

Co-Rapporteurs: Chile and Brazil

Moderator: Peru

2. Cooperation at the Military Health Level

Objectives:

- To evaluate the existing integration level among military health institutions of the Hemisphere.
- To analyze the possibility of formalizing and strengthening communication channels among military health institutions of the Hemisphere, aiming at providing support to operations of humanitarian assistance in case of disasters.

Rapporteur: Canada

Co-Rapporteurs: Colombia and Trinidad and Tobago

Moderator: United States of America

3. Cooperation in Search and Rescue Capacities

Objectives:

- To evaluate the existing level of cooperation in the hemisphere on Search and Rescue issue.

Comentado [RUDI1]: The IADB wants to be a hub of communications between the CDMA and the hemispheric conferences: CEA, CNI, y SICOFAA.

Comentado [RUDI2]: Algo importante que la JID tiene que examinar... los Argentinos y otros van a decir cosas para debilitar el rol de la JID en funcionar como el centro de comunicaciones, facilitador, y integrador.

- To analyze the role of the Military Conferences (CEA, IANC, SICOFAA) in combined Search and Rescue operations.
- To evaluate the possibility and feasibility of conducting a study of the possible components and conditions for hemispheric integration of Search and Rescue systems. The starting point could be the standardization of terms and concepts used in the Armed Forces, in their various languages.

Rapporteur: Chile

Co-Rapporteurs: Colombia and Trinidad and Tobago

Moderator: Dominican Republic

4. Environmental Protection and Defense

Objectives:

- To deepen studies on the possible participation on the Armed Forces in the protection of the environment.
- To analyze the feasibility of hemispheric cooperation among Ministries of Defense on environmental issues.

Rapporteur: Peru

Co-Rapporteurs: Brazil and Panama

Moderator: Trinidad and Tobago

5. Exchange of Experience on the Participation and Effectiveness of the Armed Forces in Security Tasks in the Region and the Hemisphere

Objectives:

- TBD

Rapporteur: Colombia

Co-Rapporteurs: Argentina, Brazil, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, and Mexico

Moderator: Paraguay