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Hamburg, February 2024

Dear Commander,

From 5 to 6 September 2024, experts from all over the world will meet again at MS&D - the international conference on maritime security and defence on the occasion of SMM - the world's leading trade fair for the maritime industry with 2,000 exhibitors and around 40,000 participants presenting the latest innovations in dual use technology.

We are delighted to invite you to MS&D 2024, also on behalf of our cooperation partner, the German Maritime Institute (DMI), and our media partner, European Security & Defence.

MS&D is Germany's leading international conference on maritime security and defence. In 2022, around 200 international representatives from navy, coast guard, defence administration, naval companies and media from 29 countries attended MS&D. For the first time, the MS&D conference will be held in the midst of SMM on the Digital & Security Stage in Hall B6 and in direct dialogue with the exhibitors and visitors.

Our key focus for 2024 is „Challenges of Transition in the Naval and Maritime Domain“. We will address current topics, such as threats to shipping and fishing in brown waters and open oceans, critical undersea infrastructure as well as new trends and technologies in global maritime security.

Attending MS&D - the international conference on maritime security and defence as well as the exclusive MS&D reception will provide you with a unique opportunity to exchange ideas with delegations from various national navies, representatives of the maritime industry and other high-ranking experts.

We would be very pleased to arrange an individual programme for you with visits of the conference, the SMM trade fair and meetings with key contacts in the maritime industry.



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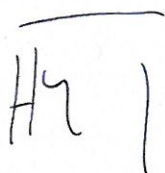
You will also receive the following benefits:

- Ticket for SMM and access to the entire SMM conference programme
 - o MS&D Conference
 - o Maritime Future Summit
 - o gmec (global maritime environmental congress)
 - o Offshore Dialogue
- Visa support
- Welcome on arrival at the airport
- Airport transfers and hotel to fair site transfers
- Access to the VIP Club at fair site incl. Delegation Lounge
- Free use of the VIP shuttle in Hamburg
- Attendance at SMM networking events
 - o SMM welcome reception (on the evening of 2 September)
 - o MS&D reception (on the evening of 5 September)
- Guided tours of the fair site, upon request

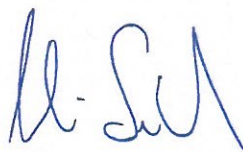
If you are interested, have any questions, or if you need support for the visit of a naval delegation to the SMM / MS&D, please contact our protocol department by phone +49 40 35 69 24 67 or by email to protokoll@hamburg-messe.de.

Join us in September 2024 when high-level representatives from business, academia, navies and coast guards will meet to exchange ideas on current developments and challenges.

We are looking forward to your positive reply by mid March.



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Enclosure
Preliminary Programme



**MS&D - the international conference on maritime security
and defence 2024**

Challenges of Transition in the Naval and Maritime Domain
Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 5 September 2024

- 10:00 – 10:40** **Opening Remarks: Plotting the course of MS&D**
Rear Admiral (rtd.) Karsten Schneider
- 10:40 – 11:00** **Keynote**
- 11:00 – 12:00** **Panel 1: Regional challenges in the maritime domain**
- South China Sea/Yemen/Gulf of Guinea: National Maritime Militias, Rebels and Pirates
 - Threats to shipping and fishing in Brown Waters and Open Oceans
 - Maritime Aspects of Military Logistics – New Challenges
- 12:00 – 14:00** **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 14:10** **Start-Up Pitch**
- 14:10 – 15:10** **Panel 2: Maritime Domain Awareness & Multi Domain Ops - Above and Under Water**
- New Trends & Technologies
 - Critical Undersea Infrastructure
 - The maritime contribution to multi-domain operations - still distinguishable as maritime?
- 15:10 – 15:30** **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 -16:30** **Maritime Innovation Challenge (*Start-up Pitch*)**
- Evening:** ***MS&D Reception***

Friday, 6 September 2024

- 10:30 – 11:30** **Panel 3: Asymmetric Naval Responses – The Illusion of Low-Intensity Warfare at Sea**
- Technological Responses to Maritime Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Area
 - Asymmetrical Warfare Against Conventional Navies
 - Asymmetrical Threats Against Commercial Shipping
- 11:30 – 12:00** **Coffee Break**
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Panel 4: Trends in Naval Shipbuilding**
- Trends in Naval Shipbuilding – A German Perspective
 - Engineering and Design Trends in Naval Shipbuilding
 - New Approaches in Naval Shipbuilding Design (*Start-up Pitch*)
 - Application of AI in the Naval Shipbuilding Industry
- 13:00 – 13:15** **Closing Remarks**
Rear Admiral (rtd.) Karsten Schneider

