

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP PROGRAM

First Session

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Introductory Review

- General project objectives
 - Friday evenings 19:00-21:00
- Three core areas
 - Analytical training workshops
 - Mentorship program
 - Publications opportunities

Thematic Issues & Topics

- Geopolitics and foreign policy
- Defense and security
- Economics and anti-corruption
- Financial literacy and budgeting
- Legal reform, good governance and the public policy process

Geopolitics & Armenian Foreign Policy

- Geopolitical overview
- Geo-economics, trade & transit
- Armenian foreign policy
- Diplomatic strategy & tactics

Specific Case Study: Armenia-Turkey Normalization

- Defining Armenia-Turkey normalization
- What are the objectives and benefits?
- What are the obstacles?
- The outlook for normalization

Geopolitical Overview

- The immediate neighborhood
- Broader Eurasia
- The Global Context

Geo-Economics

- Overcoming isolation
- Economic growth & development
- Economic inter-dependence
- Leverage, influence & deterrence

Armenian Foreign Policy

- Process, planning & pursuit
- Statecraft & “small state” vision
- Post-war adaptation; diversification
- Diplomatic strategy & tactics

Interactive Exercise

- Selecting & rank the top five foreign policy priorities
- Identify & assess Armenian foreign policy elements
- Discuss strategy & tactics
- Policy Recommendations

Next Sessions

- 27 September 2024
 - Redefining Armenian national security
 - Military & defense reform
 - Posture, perception and position
- 11 & 25 October 2024