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October 13-15, the Global Center for Security Cooperation hosted its third annual Consortium Directors' Conference designed to increase cooperation, improve collaboration and maximize members' ability to perform their missions effectively and efficiently.

In the two years since the Global Center opened, its consortium membership has more than doubled. The rapid growth has enhanced the Global Center’s ability to coordinate, integrate, and de-conflict capabilities for its members and to provide a more comprehensive picture of ongoing events for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency and other customers.

Each of the unique institutions in the consortium provides education and training to international students from partner countries. The Global Center maintains a shared events calendar for consortium members, allowing everyone to keep abreast of the training and events going on across the globe at any given time.

During the Director’s Conference, the Global Center provided a supportive environment for educational institutions to openly discuss shared issues and resolutions, and to build strong relationships and networks of support to improve members' ability to operate.

"Members of the consortium have varying capabilities to develop sophisticated assessment and methodologies," said Tom Ellzey, the Executive Director of the Global Center. "The conference served as a place for members to utilize existing systems to monitor and enhance programs."

Collaboration and networking, the overarching goals of the conference, were evident throughout according to Ellzey. One consortium member, the Marshall Center, presented results from their advanced work on performance metrics. Personnel from NPS, itself a consortium member and host to the Global Center, discussed how to enhance strategic communications to potential sponsors and students.

Dr. James Wirtz, Director of the Global Center, remarked “My vision for the Global Center is to provide a venue for our member education and training centers to exchange ideas and best practices...we can also help better leverage our limited resources so that our nation can obtain the maximum positive impact from the education we provide to our partners and friends.”

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