



Combined Operational Fires



Combined Operational Fires (COF) is one of seven lines of effort in the 21 member Multinational Capability Development Campaign (MCDC) 2013-2014.

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Schedule

Dates	Events(Location)
24-27 Jun 13	Solution Development WS #1 (Virtual)
5, 6, 8 Aug 13	Solution Development WS #2 (Virtual)
16-19 Sep 13	Solution Development Workshop #3 (Virtual)
15-24 Oct 13	Peer Review #1 (Virtual)
18-22 Nov 13	User Discovery Event (The Netherlands)
20-23 Jan 14	Solution Development Workshop #4 (Switzerland)
26-28 Feb 14	User Assessment Event (Bold Quest 14.2 Consolidated Working Group 2)(USA)
17-21 Mar 14	Solution Development Workshop #5 (Virtual)
25 Apr-15 May 14	Peer Review #2 (Virtual)
5-16 May 14	User Assessment Event (Bold Quest 14.2) (USA)
23-27 Jun 14	Solution Development Workshop #6 (Denmark)
28 Jul - 01 Aug 14	User Assessment Event (Bold Quest 15 Consolidated Working Group 2)(USA)
6-13 Oct 14	Solution Development Workshop #7 (EUR)

Problem Statement

Multinational partners with varying rules of engagement and technical capabilities are limited in their ability to swiftly combine forces, in a crisis situation, to collaboratively plan, synchronize, execute and assess combined joint fires.

Approach

Develop a framework of standardized repeatable processes, tools and lexicon for multinational mission partners to: (1) perform national self-assessments of standing rules of engagement (ROE), fire support C2 systems, and joint fire support C2 organization requirements, (2) present that information to a multinational working group in a standardized format, and (3) integrate the information with other nations of the multinational force to quickly develop a coalition joint fire support capability.

Users

- ❖ National Operational Headquarters
- ❖ Joint Staffs
- ❖ Combatant Command Joint Fires Elements
- ❖ Joint Fires Centers
- ❖ Multinational Exercise Developers
- ❖ Curriculum Developers
- ❖ Doctrine Centers

Deliverables

- ❖ Guidebook for mission partner self-assessments
- ❖ Operational planning templates for national headquarters and combatant command joint fires elements
- ❖ Training plans for multinational exercise developers
- ❖ Educational materials for curriculum developers and doctrine centers

Impacts

- Expedited time cycle for coalition forming
- Optimized fire support organization
- Streamlined ROE integration
- Synchronized coalition solutions