Overview

Established at Sandia National Laboratories in 1994, the CMC provides a venue in which experts on technology and policy from around the world can explore the use of shareable, unclassified technology and research to:

- Implement Confidence Building Measures (CBMs)
- Monitor compliance with treaties or other agreements

As part of Sandia’s Global Security Program, the CMC offers facilities, subject matter expertise, and partnerships that enable all stages of international technical cooperation. These include:

- Analyzing security issues and developing options for implementing solutions
- Training on methods, technologies, and procedures
- Testing and evaluating technical approaches, and
- Implementing and operating technical measures.

Visiting Research Scholars

Since 1998 Sandia’s Cooperative Monitoring Center has hosted a unique Visiting Research Scholar (VRS) Program that brings together international subject-matter experts to conduct joint research and analyses on policy and technology challenges related to global security concerns of the US government and its international partners. Often, the invited scholars represent opposing views with a goal of their research to include openly examining and developing collaborative confidence building measures between their countries and within their region. While at the CMC, the international Visiting Research Scholars work closely with SNL subject matter experts and others to develop, promote, and implement concepts and technical cooperation on a wide range of international security issues.
Training and Technology Demonstration Area (TTD)

Sandia’s Training and Technology Demonstration Area (TTD) showcases technologies that can be cooperatively applied to a range of monitoring applications across the globe:

- Nonproliferation
- Combating Terrorism
- International Security - including Border Security
- Arms Control

The TTD is regularly employed to brief US government officials, academic colleagues, and industry partners; it also serves as a training and demonstration facility. Various training courses and workshops are frequently conducted in the TTD, which is also employed as a space for testing certain technologies in an open environment.

For maximum transparency, all of the technologies on display in the facility are unclassified and exportable. Technologies in the TTD were donated by industry, developed internally or as part of NNSA, DOD, and DOE funded projects.

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