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Established in 2004, the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) aims to promote political dialogue and security cooperation between NATO and partner countries in the Gulf region in order to enhance regional security and counter common challenges and threats.

MEMBERS OF THE ICI



Oman and Saudi Arabia are not ICI members but

SIX CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE ICI

NON-DISCRIMINATION

all partners are offered the same basis for

cooperation and discussion with NATO

ICI allows for a tailored approach to the specific needs of each partner

A GIVE AND TAKE APPROACH

emphasises a regular consultation process and practical cooperation with NATO to ensure the success of the ICI

partners can choose the pace and extent of their cooperation with NATO

DIVERSITY respecting the partners' specific regional, cultural and political contexts specific

ICI complements initiatives of other organisations in the region

NATO-ICI KEY AREAS OF COOPERATION

\diamond	COUNTER- Terrorism	DEFENCE AGAINST CBRN WEAPONS
1	ENERGY Security	CRISIS MANAGEMENT
	MARITIME Security	WEAPONS NON- Proliferation
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	CLIMATE Change	CIVIL EMERGENCY Planning
	POLITICAL Dialogue	public diplomacy
2		SCIENCE FOR PEACE AND SECURITY (SPS)

NATO & PARTNERS

- NATO Members
- Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (est 2004)
- Mediterranean Dialogue (est 1994)
- **Global Partners**
- Enhanced Opportunities Partners
- Partnership for Peace (PfP)
- Suspended PfP

*The PfPs with Afghanistan, Belarus and Russia are suspended due to the security environment

Security of Gulf countries is directly linked to the security of all [NATO] Allies. We face common security threats like terrorism, weapons proliferation, and cyber attacks. And we share the same aspirations for peace and for stability. So it is essential that we

work more closely together than ever before.

-- Jens Stoltenberg, NATO Secretary General (opening of the NATO-ICI Regional Centre in Kuwait, 2017)

NATO-ICI REGIONAL CENTRE (NIRC) IN KUWAIT

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INAUGURATED IN JANUARY 2017

born from Kuwait's initiative first proposed in 2009, and approved at NATO Summit in Chicago in 2012

A REGIONAL HUB

for political dialogue, education and training for NATO and ICI/GCC countries

JOINTLY MANAGED

in the Gulf and the wider Middle East and North Africa region

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PARTICIPATION

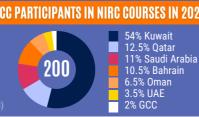
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by NATO and Kuwait's National Security

SINCE 9/2017 NIRC HOSTED GCC PARTICIPANTS IN NIRC COURSES IN 2022

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SCIENCE FOR PEACE AND SECURITY (SPS) PROGRAMME

Promotes dialogue and practical cooperation between NATO members and partner countries in the field of scientific research, technological innovation and knowledge exchange. ICI countries can join SPS programme since 2008.

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MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS I ADVANCED RESEARCH WORKSHOPS I ADVANCED TRAINING COURSES



CRITICAL

INFRASTRUCTURE

PROTECTION





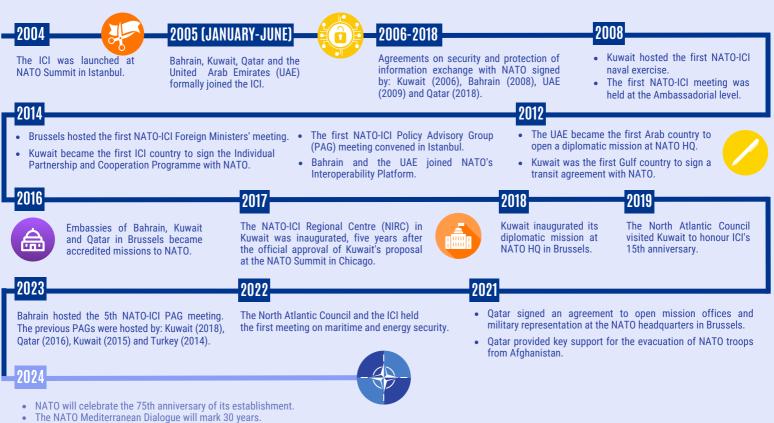




ICI MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTION TO NATO-LED OPERATIONS

- **Operation Allied Force in Kosovo**
- Operation Enduring Freedom and International Security Assistance Force
- in Afghanistan **Operation Unified Protector in Libya**

MILESTONES



The NATO Istanbul Cooperation Initiative will mark 20 years.

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