CODIFICATION PROJECTS

NDER is the AC/135 project to deliver a modern, robust and progressive data communications functionality to the NATO Codification System (NCS) using the Extensible Markup Language (XML), including a growth path for further modernisation, process rationalisation and reform. This project is of paramount importance, since it will replace the long-standing NATO data exchange standard (NADEX) with the XML state of the art format and thus fundamentally change the way AC/135 communicates Codification data. The core tenet of NDER is to enable all Codification matters to be performed by codifiers in their national systems. NDER is scheduled to be fully implemented in January 2022 and will facilitate codifiers by dramatically automating the Codification process. AC/135 endorsed the NDER business rules, thus allowing nations and Codification software providers to customise their applications accordingly. The NDER testing phase is of paramount importance, it is scheduled to commence in March 2020 and completed in August 2021. A one-day training session addressing numerous NDER topics and impact on national legacy systems was organised in October 2018. AC/135 gives the absolute highest priority to this pivotal for the future of the NCS project and is utterly committed to a seamless implementation. Information on NDER can be obtained from nationally appointed NDER POCs and at https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/Support/en/Products/NDER

NMCRL

The NATO Master Catalogue of References for Logistics (NMCRL) is not only the largest defence logistics database on a worldwide basis, but has the distinct advantage of being daily updated (online NMCRL WEB). The product is also available as a downloadable offline version. Apart from that, the NMCRL Web Lite introduces a one-month free trial access period in order to unlock the potential of the product to prospective users. NMCRL is continuously enhanced with innovative functionalities and with novel data elements in order to provide ultimate customer satisfaction.

CODIFICATION TRAINING

AC/135 is striving to promote the NCS through comprehensive and coordinated training initiatives. In light of this Belgium, France and the Republic of Korea continue developing training material in the form of Curriculum, Syllabus and E-learning modules. These intensify NCS awareness and associated merits, strengthen the links with the Industry and enhance the defence products base. An initiative to translate E-learning modules to Portuguese is under way. Also, the first AC/135 training course specifically destined for National Codification Bureau Directors was successfully held in November 2018.

AC/135 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

The Sponsorship programme assists aspirant nations on their way to become members of the NCS and thus reap associated benefits that the system introduces. As of today 34 Sponsored nations exist: 16 at Tier 2 and 18 at Tier 1. Qatar joined the group of Tier 1 nations, UAE was officially proclaimed as Tier 2 on 1 September 2018, where Indonesia and Ukraine joined the Tier 2 group on 1 January 2019. Compliance tests of the Indian application were successfully completed in light of their request for Tier 2. Testing of the Colombian application has commenced in conjunction with the Automatic Testing Tool (ATT). The later is designed to audit Codification applications of nations aspiring for Tier 2 in an automatic manner.

NCB COLLEGE

Following the highly successful 2017 and 2018 events, the 2019 NCB College will be held at NSPA. The two courses offered, the one for Managers and Directors (17-21 June 2019) and the course for Codifiers and Logisticians (24 June - 5 July) excel Codification and its merits in contemporary Logistics. Registration is available at https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/ac135Public/NCBCollege

NORDEFCO

NORDEFCO Cooperation Area Armament Working Group NATO Codification provides custom-made training to Nordic nations. The last advanced Codification training course was held in Stockholm, in November 2018. The Group closely monitors the NDER project and related impact on their business and activities.

PACIFIC AREA CATALOGUING SEMINAR

PACS addresses Codification synergies within the Pacific region and functions as an open education forum aiming to promote the NCS through cooperative training efforts. India will host the 2019 PACS (18-19 February 2019) in the context of the “Aero India 2019” exhibition (20-24 February) in Bengaluru.

SOUTH AMERICAN CODIFICATION SEMINAR

SACS promotes Codification in South America, both within the government and the industry, as well as intensify cooperative Logistics efforts in order to augment the defence products base. Efforts are in progress to transform the current SACS structure in order to be more relevant and adapted to contemporary needs.