

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ADVISORS (MoDA)
Position Description – GEORGIA, Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)

Title: Maritime Domain Awareness Advisor
Location: Tbilisi, Georgia
Grade: GS-14/15

COCOM: EUCOM
Tour length: 12 to 24 months
Security Clearance: Secret

Applicants must be DoD Civilians in GS 14/15 pay grades or equivalent to be eligible

Background:

The U.S. Mission to Georgia requires a MDA Advisor to advise the Georgian Coast Guard (GCG) and coordinate within the Georgian interagency to ensure successful implementation of U.S. Naval Forces – Europe’s regional Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) program. The MDA Advisor will work across the Georgian interagency to create the linkages between the GCG’s peacetime role under the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA) and its crisis situation role under the MoD. The MDA Advisor in Georgia will focus on the national level implementation of the MDA program and will advise multiple Georgian governmental organizations on the regulatory, structural, and procedural requirements associated with conducting persistent MDA.

Specific Tasks:

- Review existing MDA capabilities and requirements for completeness, accuracy, and applicability and identify potential resource shortfalls, conflicts, gaps, risks, and overlaps, and provide recommendations.
- Coordinate with various U.S. government entities including DTRA, DoS, EXBS, USCG, ONI and others, to support the respective MDA programs and de-conflict with other ongoing efforts.
- Encourage broad interaction among agencies to identify organizations, partnerships, best practices, and other efforts that enhance maritime security through expanded MDA collaboration.
- Assist the Georgian Coast Guard (GCG) with coordinating Georgian information sharing that drives integrated and coordinated interagency operations.
- The advisor will work across the Georgian interagency to create the linkages between the GCG’s peacetime role under the MoIA and its crisis situation role under the MoD.
- Support Georgian stakeholders in developing the ability to incorporate advanced MDA operations into national, regional, and NATO/U.S. exercises and operations, as well as, establishing a national training program.
- Improve partner nation organizational capabilities to effectively share information on people, cargo, vessels, infrastructure, natural and man-made disasters, and other potential threats within the maritime domain.
- Assist with the development of organizational maritime information-sharing structures and processes.

Required/Desired Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Minimum five years of experience with maritime defense strategy and planning, and maritime security matters at the strategic and operational levels.
- Direct experience with MDA, intelligence support, programs and policy, including information-sharing agreements needed to enable a maritime information-sharing architectures (e.g. ONI, USCG MIFC, JIATF, NAVEUR, etc.).
- Background working in service, combatant, and strategic level headquarters (e.g., OPNAV, OSD, Joint Staff, USCG, ONI, and/or COCOM staff).

- Experience with inter-agency teams and activities involving Navy, Coast Guard, and other maritime focused organizations including Joint Interagency Task Forces (JIATF's).
- Experience working with Black Sea or Eurasian partners preferred but not required, or otherwise familiar with maritime security issues.
- Proven success in individual and organizational capacity building and aptitude to share knowledge, mentor and coach others.
- Ability to work effectively in diverse bureaucratic/cultural environments and apply out-of-the-box thinking in order to pursue "Whole of Government" objectives.
- Demonstrated communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with counterparts to help them achieve goals through the provision of quality advice, support, and mentoring.
- Familiarity with DoD U.S. security cooperation and security assistance programs.

Additional Information:

- Incumbent must be available for a detail from their home organization for a period of at least 14 months to include training, preparation and a 12 to 24 month assignment.
- The selected MoDA will do a Temporary Change of Station (TCS) move to Tbilisi, Georgia for 12 to 24 months and will receive post differential and Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) while assigned to post. COLA is calculated based on the comparative cost-of-living at the foreign post versus the cost-of-living in Washington DC. COLA is not a direct calculation of base salary multiplied by the COLA percentage, but rather a percentage of spendable income as determined by the Department of State. For more information about COLA, go to: https://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content_id=245&menu_id=74
- This position is eligible to receive Relocation Incentive Pay in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 5753 and DSCA policy.
- It is incumbent upon the applicant to understand the entitlements when considering applying for this position, and it is recommended that applicants seek guidance from their organization's payroll activity to better understand how the entitlements are calculated and their impact on the applicant's personal income.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should submit the following:

1. Cover Letter: Summarize how your skills and capabilities align with the requirements
2. Complete, narrative chronological resume
3. Current SF-50: redact SSN and date of birth
4. Supervisor reference(s): required from current supervisor and supervisor from prior deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan
5. Documentation of command/ component approval to deploy

Submit complete application package to the MoDA Program Office email address:

dscan.cr.bpc.list.moda@mail.mil

Command Approval is required:

Department of the Army Employees: Must submit the endorsement of their command leadership along with an application and their resume to the Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel ECW team. Click on the following link and create an account to begin: www.apan.org. After creating the account, download the [Request for Deployment \(RFD\) fillable form](#) and process through chain of command as instructed.

Air Force Employees: Must submit approved AF Expeditionary Civilian application to the AF Expeditionary Civilian team prior to MoDA consideration. The employee is required to obtain WG/CC or

equivalent approval, when approved submit application and resume to the AFPC Expeditionary Civilian team at afpc.expeditionarycivilian@us.af.mil for final AF action.

The AFPC team will submit to MoDA for consideration. The application and other information are available at the AF Expeditionary Civilian site: https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/12852/AFKN_Docs/Forms/AllItems.aspx

Navy and US Marine Corps Employees: Click on the following link to the MoDA Application and Command Support Form for DON Employees:

<https://portal.secnave.navy.mil/orgs/MRA/DONHR/OCHRStennis/Expeditionary%20Civilian%20Workforce/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Submit completed MoDA Application and Command Support Form for DON Employees to the group email inbox: OCHRSTE_EC@navy.mil. Ensure “MoDA” appears in the subject line.

Other DoD Agency Employees: Provide approval memo staffed through your appropriate Deployment Coordinator or agency headquarters.

*If you do not know your agency’s deployment coordinator, contact the MoDA recruiting team: dsca.ncr.bpc.list.modaprograminfo@mail.mil