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CRREL Director Convenes Workshop Exploring Afghanistan Transition

Over 7-8 December, 2010 Dr. Robert Davis convened a workshop entitled "The Use of Remote Sensing to Support the Assessment of Political Durability in Afghanistan" in Arlington, VA. This workshop explored the nexus between remotely sensed environmental indicators and population-based metrics using the situation in Afghanistan as a use case. The participants identified opportunities for existing remote sensing data to improve durability assessment. They also developed a concept for further analysis to set the stage for understanding the potential of remote sensing to enhance identification of sources of regional fragility and (potentially) early action when fragile states show vulnerability.

Planning has begun to hold a second workshop to provide a forum for the DoD, inter-agency community, and the science academies to learn and discuss the potential of remotely sensed physical and environmental data in a surrogacy or complimentary role for operational metrics in stability operations (tactical), and/or using these data as a long-term indicator of political durability (strategic).

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