

The Cyber Secret SoS

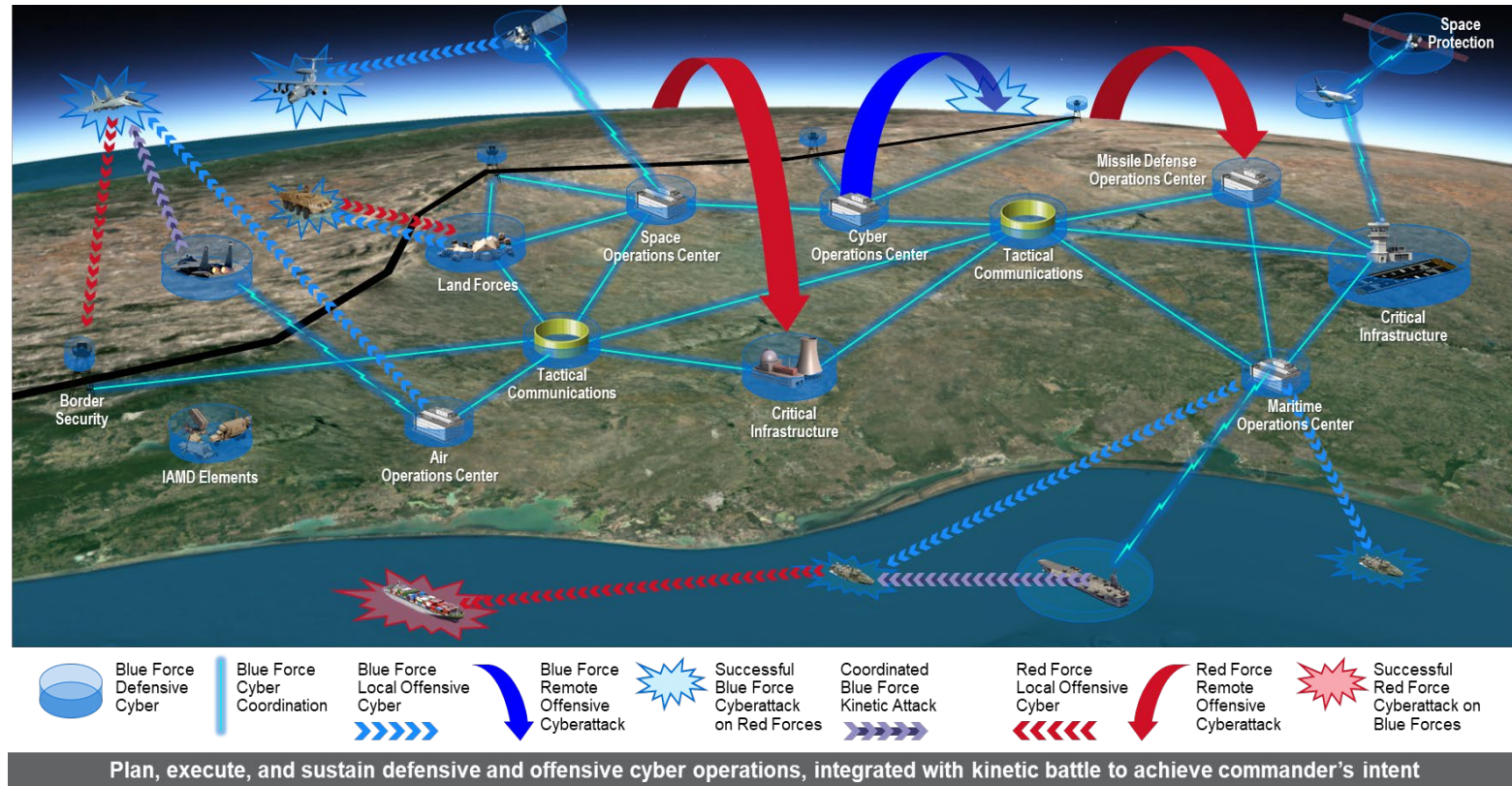
Cyber Resiliency Across Foreign System of Systems

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OVERVIEW

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- Battlespaces are evolving into interconnected System of Systems (SoS) for mission management
 - Coalition partners
 - Regional partner nations
- With each interconnected Foreign SoS the threats increase
 - Each system is reliant on others to protect boundaries or distributed networks
- Unified Cyber Resiliency approach is needed for consistency and assured interoperability
 - Flexible high-level approach to achieve cyber resiliency
- Not all SoS environments are the same
 - What works for one solution may not work for another



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POLICY: DEVELOPMENT AND STANDARDIZATION

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- **Definition of standards and requirements flow is critical to Foreign SoS cybersecurity alignment**
- **Overarching requirements and commonality must be established**
 - **Extremely critical for atypical deployments like in many Foreign Partners**
 - **Disparate requirements between nations (RMF, ISO 27000 series, NATO NCF, etc)**
- **Identify boundaries and gain alignment of common enterprise services/requirements (must be documented and well understood by all stakeholders)**
 - **Establish classifications and identify where Cross Domain Solutions (CDS) are required and owners of such devices**

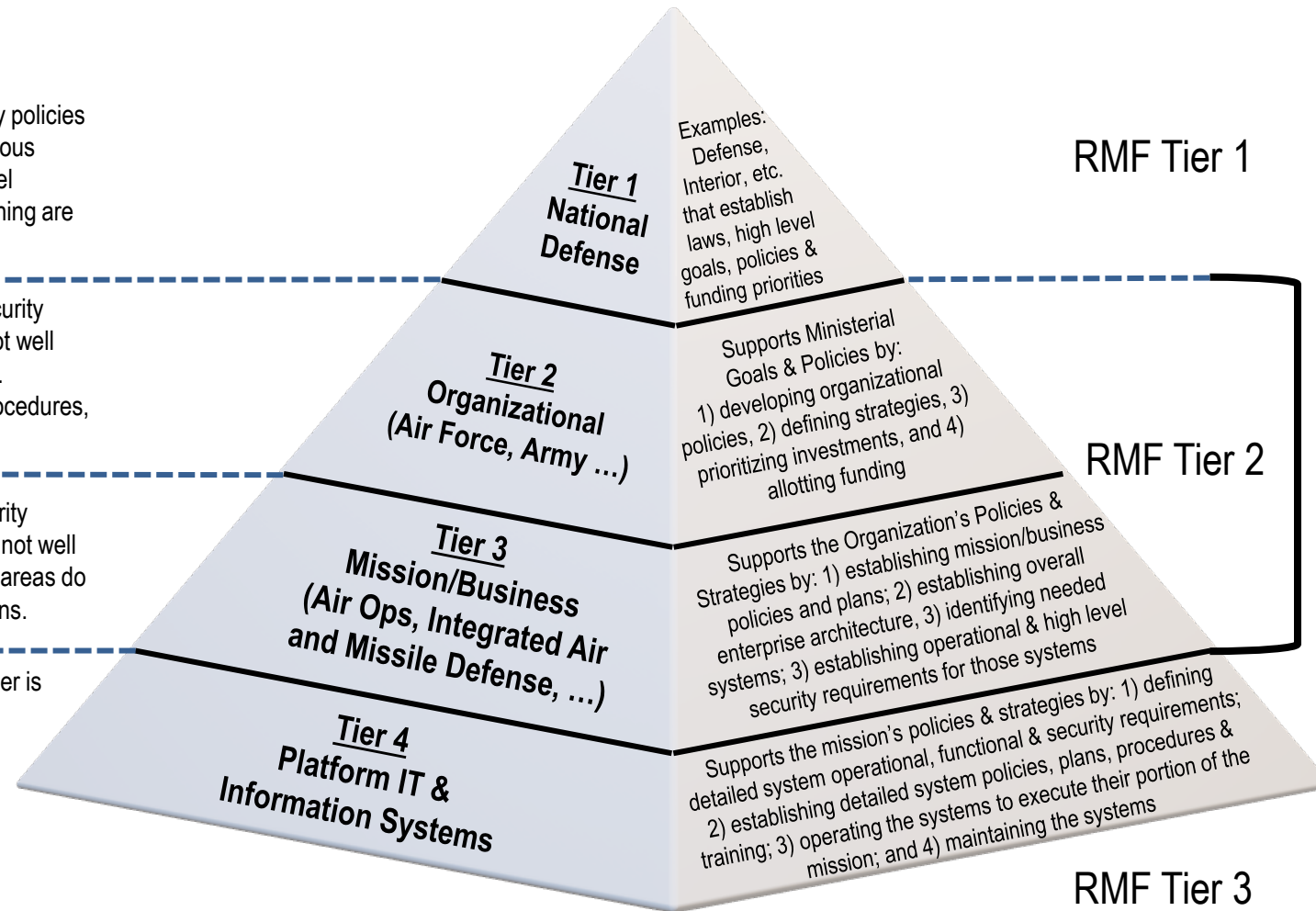
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High level National Defense security policies and strategies typically exist for various armed forces. Typically no lower level security plans, procedures, and training are developed.

The existence of Organizational security policies and plans, in general are not well understood in foreign environments. Typically no lower level security procedures, and training are developed.

The existence of Mission level security policies and plans are, in general is not well understood. Some nations' Mission areas do have a few security policies and plans.

This the level that each system owner is developing Security Policies, Plans, Procedures and Training



Cybersecurity Governance for Mission Systems atypical of standard DoD Structures

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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION

Common Controls Set Across all SoS Entities

- **Establish requirements and overarching documents for SoS**
 - Even if only Minimum Viable Product (MVP)
- **Establish the criteria and the risk assessment used for the environment**
 - Identify Critical Components (CC) and Critical Program Information (CPI)
- **Establish a SoS System Security Plan or Cybersecurity Implementation Plan identifying the key requirements and approach**
 - Identify and establish common security controls and capabilities that all systems can leverage
- **Identify tailoring process for different types of mission systems**
 - Tailor to organizational structure

Cyber Resiliency on Multiple Levels

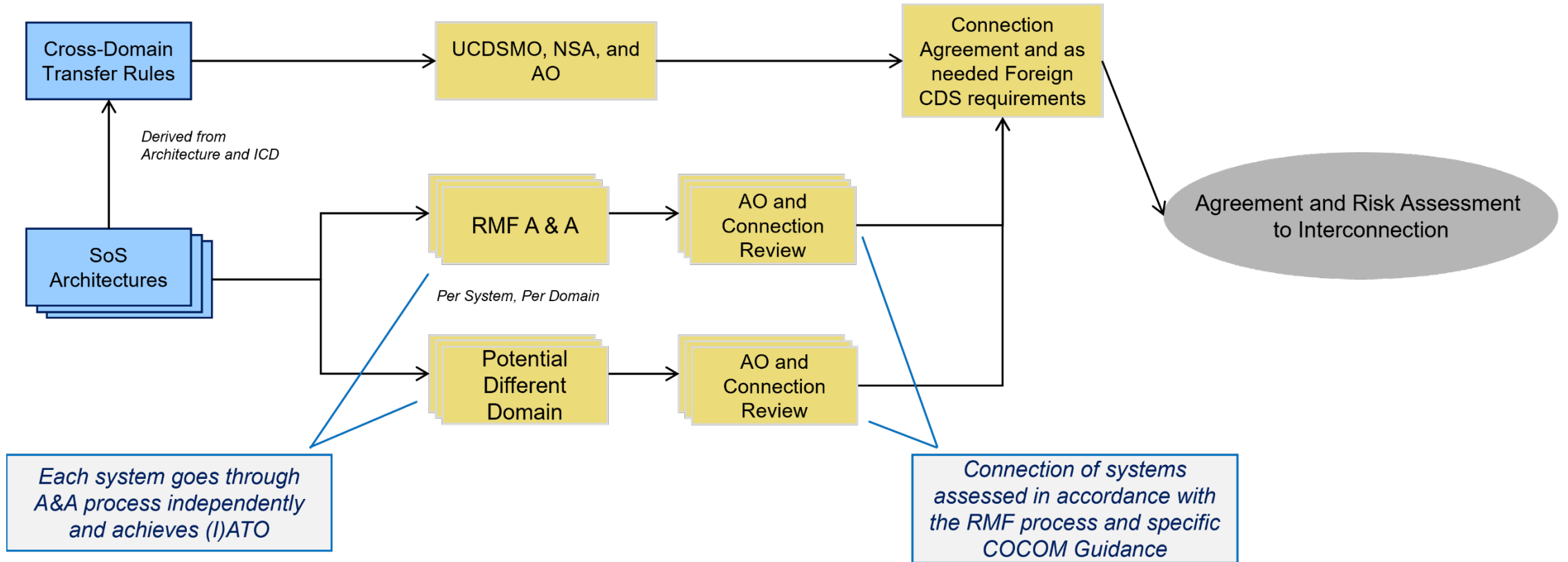
- **Policy Governance across different types of systems**
- **Technical implementation**
 - A threat to one system is a threat to all in a SoS model
 - Cybersecurity governance/Security Oversight is critical in this model
- **Partner Mission Systems must protect the SoS environment and their own systems**
- **Common understanding of layers and protection**
- **Threats must be evaluated both at the SoS layer and correlated at each individual system**
- **Coordinate system wide and individual system vulnerability assessments to understand risk and best practices**

The Cyber Secret SoS – Technical Implementation



- Overarching approach follows DODI 8500.01 Cybersecurity Policy
- Employs DoDI 8510.01 DoD IA Risk Management Framework (RMF) for DoD Information Technology (IT)
- Employs the CNSSI 1253 Security Controls as the “standard”
- Includes tailored inputs from NATO National Cyber Security Framework and ISO 27001/27032
- Assess and Authorize (A&A) (Formerly C&A) is done independently for each domain (classification level)
 - Each system implements Cyber protections and is independently assessed and then authorized by the corresponding Approval Authority (AO) with SoS direction and final risk acceptance
 - Connections between systems are mutually authorized by the corresponding AOs, in accordance with a risk management assessment process
- SoS Owner needs to provide common services and governance to the rest of the systems
- This process is not commonly aligned across different countries

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It is through the System Connection process that we apply the DODI 8500.01 and COCOM Direction Cybersecurity process across the SoS

Each system is different, the process remains the same

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TRAINING APPROACH

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Unified Training Approach for Success

- Establish Fundamental Training Requirements and Roles
- Understand Roles and Responsibilities
- All Nations Receive Same Training Curriculum
- Simulate Day-to-Day activities
- Real World Scenarios for Training
- Identify external training requirements and pre-requisites



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Unified training approach ensures operational success

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Example Learning Objectives by Role Type

Learning Objective	Role Type
LO1: Types of Cyber Attacks	Cyber Analyst, Cyber Operator, Cyber Leadership
LO2: Common Threat Vectors	Cyber Analyst, Cyber Operator, Cyber Leadership
LO3: Network Defense Techniques	Cyber Analyst, Cyber Operator, Network Analyst
LO4: System Defense Techniques	Cyber Analyst, Cyber Operator
LO5: Distributed Cyber Defense Strategies	Cyber Analyst, Cyber Operator Cyber Analyst, Cyber Operator
LO6: Responding to Single Cyber Events	Cyber Analyst, Cyber Operator
LO7: Responding to Distributed Cyber Events	Cyber Analyst, Cyber Operator
LO8: Advanced Topics	Cyber Analyst, Cyber Operator, Cyber Leadership

All nations receive common training curriculum to ensure cohesive collaboration

The Cyber Secret SoS – Training Approach



- Cyber for Foreign SoS takes time and planning
- When done right and aligned to a centralized methodology, it can reduce risk for all connected systems



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