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“Alternative Avenues of Engagement with North Korea and for Peace in Northeast Asia”

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Abstract: Over time, countries have tried various approaches for solving problems with North Korea. Engagement with North Korea has consisted of bilateral negotiations, multilateral formats like the Six-Party Talks, track two discussions with experts, and meetings with non-governmental organizations. Countries even tried to get at difficult issues like nuclear weapons disarmament by discussing other issues like food aid or energy. Just this year, we have seen some of these alternative pathways to engaging North Korea. Japan and North Korea talked via their respective Red Cross organizations. There was a track two dialogue between U.S. think tank experts and North Korea officials in Singapore in late July. Ralph Cossa, President, Pacific Forum CSIS, has seen and analyzed many of these events, and the Pacific Forum also organizes events bringing together experts and officials from the countries involved in Northeast Asia. Come listen to a discussion on the ways countries try to engage North Korea and bring about peace in Northeast Asia.

Bio: Ralph Cossa is president of the Pacific Forum CSIS in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is also senior editor of the Forum’s quarterly electronic journal, *Comparative Connections*. Mr. Cossa is a board member of the Council on U.S.-Korean Security Studies and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. He is also a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies and the ASEAN Regional Forum Experts and Eminent Persons Group, as well as a founding member of the Steering Committee of the multinational Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP). He is a political/military affairs and national security specialist with more than 30 years of experience in formulating, articulating, and implementing U.S. security policy in the Asia-Pacific and Near East–South Asia regions. He previously served as deputy director for strategic studies at the National Defense University’s Institute for National Strategic Studies and earlier as a national security affairs fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Mr. Cossa holds a B.A. in international relations from Syracuse University, an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University, and an M.S. in strategic studies from the Defense Intelligence College