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AND THE JORDAN PARLIAMENT

FINAL PROGRAMME



WEDNESDAY 4 MAY**DEAD SEA - JORDAN**

Arrival of participants.

The Jordan parliament will organize transfer from airport to the hotel (Kindly provide Isabelle Arcis at the NATO-PA International Secretariat at iarcis@nato-pa.int with all travel details).

Accommodation: Participants will be accommodated in two hotels for the duration of the seminar. A bus will ensure regular transfer between Amman and the Dead Sea.

(Approximate journey time 35 mn)

Jordan Valley Marriott

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Rates:

JD 55.000 / USD 77.50 Single room

JD 60.000 / USD 84.50 Double room

Rates are per room per night and include breakfast.

Those rates are subject of all applicable service charge (currently at 10%) and government tax (7%)

Rates:

JD 68.000 (approx. 72 €) Single room

JD 78.000 (approx. 82€) Double room

Rates are per room per night and include breakfast but

those rates are subject of all applicable service charge (currently at 10%) and government tax (7%)

Early evening (time tbc): Registration of participants in the lobby of the Jordan Valley Marriott

THURSDAY 5 MAY

- 08:15 Departure by bus from Hotel le Royal, Amman –
(*Seminar registration in the bus*)
- 8.00 – 8.45 Registration of participants in the lobby of the Marriott Jordan Valley
(*continues*)

Meeting Venue: Vartaanii II Ball room, Jordan Valley Marriott

- 9.00 Opening of the seminar
(*All of the sessions will be chaired by the Chairman of the GSM along with an external moderator*)
- Welcome by **Senator Jehad Momani**, Head of the Jordanian delegation to the NATO-PA
- Opening remarks by **H.E Mr Abdulhadi Majali**, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Opening remarks by **H.E Mr Zaid Al Rifai**, Speaker of the Senate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Introductory remarks by **Mr Nicola de Santis**, Coordinator for Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative countries, NATO Public Diplomacy Division
- Introductory remarks by the chairman of the Special Mediterranean Group

9.30	Session 1: POST ELECTION SITUATION AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST
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Introductory remarks by the moderator:

- **Mr Robert Malley**, Director Middle East Programme, International Crisis Group

Presentations by:

- **Mr Mohamed Dahlan**, Minister for Civil Affairs, Palestinian Authority - *tbc*
- **H.E Mr Ambassador Marc Otte**, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process - *tbc*
- **H.E. Mr. Yacov Hadas Handlesman**, Ambassador of Israel to Jordan - *tbc*
- **Mr Francis G. Okelo**, Acting Special Coordinator, Office of the United Nations in the occupied Territories (UNSCO)
- **Mr John Chris Stevens**, Chief of the political section at the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem

12.30 **Break for Lunch** (*at participants' own expenses*)

14.00**Session 2: REGIONAL COOPERATION****FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, MIGRATION AND REFUGEES ISSUES*****Introductory remarks by the moderator:***

- **Mr Timothy Rothermel**, UN Resident Representative of the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian people (PAPP)

Presentations by:

- **Mrs Karen Koning Abuzayd**, Acting Commissioner-General for the United Nations relief and works agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
- **Mr Maen Erekat**, Director of the “Negotiation Support Unit” under the authority of the President of the Palestinian Authority
- **H.E. Dr. Abdullah Owiadat**, Minister of Social Development or relevant authority in charge of migration and refugee issues in Jordan - *tbc*

MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE REGION***Introductory remarks by moderator:***

- **Mr Stefan Deconinck**, researcher at the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD) of the University of Ghent

Presentations by:

- **Ambassador John Kjaer**, Head of the European Commission delegation to the West Bank and Gaza, on “Cooperation in the field of water management: the role of the EU?”
- **Dr Amjad S. Aliawi**, Palestinian hydrologist on “Water Management issues”
- **Mr. Yaacov Keidar**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel
- **H.E. Mr Raed Abul So'oud**, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Jordan - *tbc*

20:00 Dinner hosted by the Jordan parliament

FRIDAY 6 MAY

08:15 Meeting in the hotel lobby and departure by bus for delegations accommodated at Hotel le Royal, Amman –

Meeting Venue: Vartaanii II Ball room, Jordan Valley Marriott

9.00 Session 3: DEMOCRATISATION PROCESS IN THE REGION

Introductory remarks by the moderator:

- **Mr Nasser Atta**, Producer ABC news in Jerusalem

Presentations by:

- **Ms Hanan Ashrawi**, Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Secretary General of the NGO *Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy*, MIFTAH
- **Ms Colette Avital**, Chairperson of Committee for Immigration, Absorption and the Diaspora, Knesset
- **Mr Mark Stevens**, Deputy Chief of the European Union Election Observation Mission to the West Bank and Gaza 2005 and director of Electoral Reform International Services (ERIS), UK
- **Ms Wafa Amr**, Senior correspondent for Middle East, Reuters, Jerusalem
- **Dr Yasar Qatarneh**, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre at the Jordan Institute for Diplomacy
- *Name tbc* - Representative from the Jordan Ministry of Religious Affairs and Trust on the “ Religious tolerance and Government control of religious institutions in Jordan”
- *Name tbc* - Representative from the Jordanian’s Women’s Union: “Religion, tradition and role of women in Jordan”.

11.30 Session 4: NATO AGENDA IN THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST REGION**NATO: THE MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE AND THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST REGION*****Presentations by:***

- **Mr Nicola de Santis**, Coordinator for Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative countries, NATO Public Diplomacy Division
- **Dr. Mohammed Momany**, Professor of Political Science at Yarmouk University in Jordan

Discussion period

13.00 ***Lunch*** (at participants 'own expenses)

14.30 Session 4 (continues): NATO AGENDA IN THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST REGION**MILITARY COOPERATION, DEFENCE REFORM AND THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IN NATO'S MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE*****Presentation by:***

- **Mr. George Katsirdakis**, Head Defence Cooperation Section, NATO Defence Planning and Policy Division
- **Mr Gabriele Cascone**, PfP & Cooperation Programmes, Political Affairs and Security Division, NATO on "PfP tools for Mediterranean Dialogue"

Discussion period

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY CHALLENGES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND IN THE BROADER REGION***Presentations by:***

- **Mr. Jean Fournet**, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy
- **Mr. Fakhry Abu Shakra**, Executive Director, World Affairs Council, Amman

Discussion period

SATURDAY 7 MAY

Check out from Marriott Jordan Valley and departure by bus to Petra

Excursion organized by the Jordan parliament (Please register in advance with Isabelle Arcis at the NATO-PA International Secretariat – iarcis@nato-pa.int)

Early evening Return to AMMAN and **check in at Le Royal Amman Hotel** (see full contact details and rates page 2) - *(Please use NATO PA reservation form to proceed with booking)*

SUNDAY 8 MAY

Departure of participants from Amman Airport.

Transportation to the airport will be organized by the Jordan Parliament. Bus schedules will be advised at further notice when all travel details are known.
