

**NATO, the Mediterranean and the Middle East:  
The Successor Generation**

Draft Programme

29 November 2004

0845 - 0915	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>
0915 - 1115	<b>Opening Session: NATO &amp; Mediterranean and Middle East Security - The Next Step</b> Chair: Field Marshal the Lord Vincent of Coleshill, GBE KCB DSO
0920	<u>Keynote Address:</u> Ambassador Alessandro Minuto Rizzo, Deputy Secretary General, NATO
1000	<u>Keynote Address:</u> H.E. Sir Peter Ricketts, KCMG, Permanent UK representative to NATO
1040	<u>Keynote Address:</u> H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Shaaban, Advisor to the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs
1115 - 1145	<i>Morning Tea and Coffee</i>
1145 - 1300	<b>Session Two: The Context of NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative</b> Chair: Dr Jonathan Eyal, Director of Studies, Royal United Services Institute  <u>Recent Developments in the NATO Mediterranean Dialogue:</u> Nicola de Santis, Information and Press Officer for Mediterranean and Partner Countries, NATO  <u>New Missions and New Roles for NATO in the Middle East:</u> Dr Stephen Larrabee, Senior Analyst, RAND Corporation
1300 - 1415	<i>Lunch</i>
1415 - 1530	<b>Session Three: NATO Expertise - A Resource for the Mediterranean and the Middle East?</b>

	<p>Chair: The Rt. Hon Bruce George MP, Chair, House of Commons Select Committee on Defence</p> <p><u>Defence Reform in NATO Partner Countries</u> George Katsirdakis, Head Defence Cooperation, Defence Policy and Planning Division at NATO</p> <p><u>A Changing Alliance: NATO in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</u> Chris Donnelly, Senior Research Fellow, UK Defence Academy, Shrivenham</p>
1530 - 1600	<i>Afternoon Tea &amp; Coffee</i>
1600 - 1730	<p><b>Session Four: What do the Mediterranean Partner Countries want from NATO?</b></p> <p>Chair: Maitre Saad Djebbar, Deputy Director, Centre for North African Studies, University of Cambridge</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Ma'rouf al-Bakhit, Jordanian Ambassador to Turkey</p> <p>Professor Gerald Steinberg, Senior Research Associate, Begin-Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies, Israel</p> <p>Dr Mohammad L. Ould Haless, Vice Dean, Faculty of Human Sciences, University of Nouakchott, Mauritania</p>
1730 - 1900	<i>Drinks and Canapé Reception</i>

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	<p>Yahia H Zoubir, Professor of Global Business &amp; International Relations at Thunderbird, The Garvin School of International Management, USA</p> <p><u>Addressing Public Opinion in the Mediterranean:</u> Dr Assia Bensalah Alaoui, Director of Research, Centre d'Etudes Strategiques, Rabat, Morocco</p> <p><u>NATO Public Diplomacy in the Mediterranean and the Middle East:</u> Jean Fournet, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy</p>
1115 - 1145	<i>Morning Tea</i>
1145 - 1315	<p><b>Session Six: New Security Debates and NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative</b></p> <p>Chair: Daniel Neep, Associate Fellow, Middle East &amp; North Africa Programme, Royal United Services Institute</p> <p><u>Current US Policy Debates and their Implications for the NATO Mediterranean Dialogue:</u> Ellen Laipson, President and CEO, Henry L. Stimson Center, USA</p> <p><u>Evolving European Perspectives on Mediterranean Security:</u> Dr Maria do Rosario de Moraes Vaz, Head, Defence Programme, Instituto de Estudos Estrategicos e Internacionais, Portugal</p> <p><u>Shifts in the South's Perceptions of Mediterranean Security:</u> Dr Bechir Chourou, Professor of International Relations, University of Carthage-Tunis I, Tunisia</p>
1315 - 1430	<i>Lunch</i>
1430 - 1600	<p><b>Session Seven: Next Steps in the Future of the NATO Mediterranean Dialogue</b></p> <p>Chair: Sir Harold Walker, Chairman, Royal Society for Asian Affairs</p> <p><u>The Future of the NATO Mediterranean Dialogue</u> Ambassador Ioannis Bourloyannis-Tsangaridis,</p>

	<p>Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of National Defence, Greece</p> <p><u>NATO - GCC Cooperation</u>  H.E. Khaled al-Mansouri, Director, European and American Dept, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar.  <i>(Invited)</i></p> <p><u>Implementing NATO's Mediterranean Partnership and the Istanbul Co-operation Initiative</u>  Dr Patrick Hardouin, NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Regional, Economic and Security Affairs</p>
1600	<p><b>Close of Conference</b></p> <p>Jean Fournet, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy</p>