Media in a Changing World: Perspectives from GCC and NATO

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Tuesday 5 June 2007

10:00 Opening Ceremony

Speeches by

- The Minister of Information, HE Dr. Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar
- NATO Assistant Secretary-General for Public Diplomacy, HE Mr. Jean Fournet

10:30 Break

10:45 NATO and Gulf Security in the New Strategic Environment

Moderator: Yusif Al Jassem

Mr. Nicola de Santis
(Head Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Countries Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division)

Dr Mohammed Noaman Jalal
(Consultant, Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research)

Khalid bin Fahad Al Khater
(Analysis strategist at the GCC Secretariat Genera)

Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa
(Shura Council Member)

Khaled M. Almaeena
(Editor in Chief, Arab News)

12:30 Break

12:45 The Istanbul Cooperation Initiative and the Gulf Countries

Moderator: Jamie Bowden (UK Ambassador to Bahrain)

Dr. Alberto Bin
(Head Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative and Contact Countries Section, NATO Political Affairs and Security Policy Division)

Turki Al Sudairi
(Editor in Chief, Ar-Riyadh newspaper)

Dr Haila Al Makiki
(Professor of Political Sciences, University of Kuwait)

Dr Mohammed Al Hajiri
(Media expert and researcher)

8:00 Dinner
(VIP Tower, Bahrain International Circuit)
Wednesday 6 June 2007

9:30     Media coverage of international and political organizations

Moderator: Sami Hijris

Dr Abdullah Al Kindi
(Dean of the Department of Media, University of Sultan Qaboos, Oman)

Turki Al Dakheel
(Anchorman, Al Arabiya)

Madhi Abdullah Al Khamees
(Secretary General, Arab Media Forum)

Nezar Mansoor Radhi
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bahrain

Ghassan Al Shihabi
(Assistant Editor, Al Waqt newspaper, Bahrain)

11:15     Break

11:30     The GCC and NATO: The Way Ahead

Moderator: Yusif Al Jassem

Dr Abdullah Al Shayji
(Political Science, University of Kuwait)

Dr Ibtisam Al Kotbi
Professor of Political Sciences, University of the UAE

Dr Mansoor Al Jamri
(Editor-in-Chief, Al Wasat newspaper, Bahrain)

H.E. Mr. Jean Fournet
(NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy)