

Visit to NATO HQ of the NATO Regional Cooperation Course (NRCC-9)

26-27 March 2013

Programme

Tuesday 26 March 2013 - Brosio

- 08:30 Arrival at NATO Headquarters and security procedures
- 08:45 Welcome Remarks and Discussion on *NATO's Current Political Agenda* by **H.E. Ambassador Dirk Brengelmann**, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy.
- 09:15 Address and Q&As by **General Knud Bartels**, Chairman of the North Atlantic Military Committee.
- 09:45 Coffee Break
- 10:30 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's New Strategic Concept, the Mediterranean and the Middle East* by **Mr. Nicola de Santis**, Head, Middle East and North Africa Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division.
- 11:30 Meeting and Discussion with **H.E. Ambassador Alexander Vershbow**, NATO Deputy Secretary General.
- 12:30 Working Lunch on *NATO's Military Cooperation in the Framework of the Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative* with **Commodore Emil Eftimov**, Deputy Director Cooperation and Regional Security Division, NATO International Military Staff (in the NATO Staff Center)
- 15:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO-Russia relations* with **Dr. Petr Lunak**, Deputy Head, Engagement Section, Public Diplomacy Division.
- 16:00 Meeting and discussion with **H.E. Ambassador Gabriele Checchia**, Permanent Representative of Italy on the North Atlantic Council and **H.E. Ambassador Philippe Errera**, Permanent Representative of France on the North Atlantic Council.
- 17:00 Depart NATO HQ to Hotel
- 19:00 Reception with MD and ICI Ambassadors, hosted by Ambassador Dirk Brengelmann (Hotel Royal Windsor)

Wednesday 27 March 2013 – Room (to be announced on day of visit)

- 08:30 Arrival at NATO Headquarters and security procedures
- 09:00 Briefing and discussion on *New Emerging Security Challenges* by **Mr Michael Ruehle**, Head Energy Security Section, Emerging Security Challenges Division.
- 10:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's Operation in Afghanistan* by **Major General Marcel Druart**, Director Operations Division, NATO International Military Staff.
- 11:00 Meeting with **Mr Manuel Acerete**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Spain on the North Atlantic Council, and with **Mr Ekkehard Brose**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany on the North Atlantic Council.
- 12:00 Lunch in the NATO Restaurant (self).
- 13:00 Depart NATO HQ to SHAPE
- Afternoon programme at SHAPE
- 18:00 Return to Hotel