

***Effective Multilateralism in a globalized world –
The case of Europe and Asia Pacific***

Wednesday, 16 May 2018,
Palais Niederösterreich, Herrengasse 13, Vienna

Draft Agenda

9 -10 h High-level opening:

Keynote speech by Karin Kneissl, Austrian Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

Yury Fedotov, General Director of the Office of the UN in Vienna, Executive Director UNODC, tbc

Thomas Greminger, Secretary General of the OSCE

Natalia Gherman, Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia

Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary CTBTO

Moderation: Andreas Riecken, Director for International Organisations, Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria

10 – 10 20h Coffee break

10 20 – 12 45h First Session:

Regional approaches to security in Europe and Asia Pacific

Moderator: Walter Kemp, Head, OSCE Strategic Policy Support Unit

Simonetta Di Pippo, Director of the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)

Steven Everts, EEAS AsiaPacific Security Advise and ASEM Alternate Senior Official, EU Governor of the Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Dino Patti Jalal, Former Indonesian Vice FM and Head of "Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia"

Abhijit Singh, Observer Research Foundation India

Republic of Korea, tbn

12 45 – 14h Luncheon

13 15h Side event on Trafficking in Human Beings (a detailed concept note will follow)

Geoffrey Shaw, Australian Government Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking

Madina Jarbussynova, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Hannes Schreiber, Head of Division for Visa, Border, Residence, Asylum, Migration, Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria

14 – 15 45h Second Session:

Towards a Common Economic Space: – how to enhance economic connectivity and cooperation between the Euro-Atlantic and the Eurasian-Pacific Area

Moderator: **Vuk Žugić**, Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Roman Vassilenko, Deputy Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan

Yong Li, General Director of UNIDO

Najibullah Alikhil, Director General for Security Cooperation & Border Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan

Hannes Swoboda, President WIIW

Peter Bálás, Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), tbc

15 45 – 16h Closing Remarks

Florian Raunig, Head of OSCE Department, Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria

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Concept Note

The current global security environment is characterised by increasing instability: numerous complex threats, transnational challenges, regional conflicts and rapid technological change contribute to the erosion of existing security architectures. We are also witnessing a transfer and diffusion of power away from traditional structures and an increase in transnational and non-state actors. Moreover, the norms and principles on which the global security order is based are being disregarded and violated, both in Europe and Asia Pacific.

As a result there is an urgent need to better understand the trends and factors that are putting the international security order in our regions under stress, and to identify ways and means of enhancing collective security, in particular through effective multilateral cooperation.

The Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, in the framework of its Chairmanship of the OSCE Asian Contact Group and in cooperation with its partners in this group¹ is organising a conference that aims to reassess the major security challenges in Europe and Asia Pacific and to find answers to providing comprehensive security to states and their people, focusing on the role of multilateral organisations and actors.

The conference will start with a key note speech by Foreign Minister Karin Kneissl on the role of effective multilateralism in our two regions. The High-Level Opening will give major international organizations in this field—in particular, the OSCE and UN Institutions—the opportunity to present their positions.

In line with the comprehensive security approach the OSCE stands for, the conference will explore in two panels and a side-event all three dimensions of comprehensive security:

Session I will discuss **regional approaches to security** in place in our two regions and their responses to resolving the numerous new threats and challenges ahead of us. Particular emphasis will be given to examining the current threats to both geopolitical and human security and how to best overcome them by fostering multilateral cooperation and partnership between international organisations, civil society and academia.

¹ The OSCE Asian Partners for Cooperation are Afghanistan, Australia, Korea, Japan and Thailand.

A **side-event** at noon will discuss the role of cross regional alliances in **combatting trafficking** in human beings (a detailed concept note will follow) .

Session II will focus on fostering **economic connectivity** as a means of building trust and co-operation between partners. Multilateral trade agreements as well as regional cooperation initiatives can meaningfully contribute in an unstable atmosphere.

Different visions of the way towards a common economic space will be presented, given the current geo-political and economic context. The conference intends to look in particular into ways to improve links between the OSCE area and its Asian Pacific neighbours.

The conference will bring together politicians, diplomats, representatives of international organisations, military staff, academia as well as the public sector and civil society to exchange views on how the multilateral system can best respond to international security challenges. Drawing on Vienna's international reputation as a hub for security dialogue, this conference will offer an inclusive forum to bridge perspectives from the OSCE area and the Asia Pacific.