
Chairmanship: Germany

**DETAILED PROGRAMME OF THE
2016 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Vienna, 28 – 30 June 2016

**European Security:
Persistent challenges – new impetus?**

Tuesday, 28 June 2016

10 a.m.–12 noon **Opening session: European security quo vadis?**

The opening session will set scene for the Conference by addressing the strategic context of European Security. Following the opening and keynote addresses as well as the contribution by the chairperson of the Forum for Security Cooperation, all of which will be open to the media, the session will allow participating States and other Conference participants to exchange views on key security issues and the OSCE's contribution in addressing related challenges.

Opening address:

- Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General of the OSCE
- Message of the Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon delivered by Mr Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Dr h.c. Gernot Erler, Special Representative of the German Federal Government for the 2016 OSCE Chairmanship

Keynote speaker:

- H.E. Dr José Ramos-Horta, 1996 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former President of Timor-Leste (East Timor)

Special contribution by Ambassador Adam Bugajski, Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation

Chairperson: Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

Rapporteur: Ms Carolin Poeschke, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

12 noon Buffet lunch hosted by the German OSCE Chairmanship
Venue: Hofburg, Vorsaal

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2 – 4 p.m.

Special session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of developments with respect to Ukraine

The crisis in and around Ukraine remains the most important security challenge within the OSCE area. The Organization continues to play an essential role with regard to de-escalation and dialogue. Against this background, the session will examine how the OSCE can further contribute to peaceful conflict resolution. Furthermore, the session will be aimed at looking into the wider impact of the crisis in and around Ukraine on security in Europe.

Keynote speakers:

- Ambassador Martin Sajdik, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office to the Trilateral Contact Group on the implementation on the peace plan in the East of Ukraine
- Dr Celeste Wallander, Special Assistant to the President of the United States and National Security Staff Senior Director for Russia & Eurasia
- Mr Luc Devigne, Deputy Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, European External Action Service
- Ms Florence Mangin, Director for Continental Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France

Moderator: Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

Rapporteur: Ms Carla Niediek, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

4 – 6 p.m.

Working session I: Conflict situations in the OSCE area – security aspects

Regional conflicts remain a significant challenge for the OSCE and its participating States. They impact negatively on affected societies, specifically by limiting the potential for sustainable and co-operative development and by posing a constant threat for the evolution and maintenance of peaceful and constructive relations. This session will provide an opportunity for participants to address the Transdniestrian conflict, the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the conflict in Georgia. Particular attention will be paid to the implementation of OSCE norms, principles and commitments and OSCE's role in resolving existing conflicts, in particular through more substantial support to the respective conflict settlement mechanisms. The session offers an opportunity to highlight cooperation between international organizations and to address specific conflict-related security aspects, such as the role of confidence-building measures, the impact of existing conflicts on international peace, human rights and displaced persons.

Keynote speakers:

- Ambassador Cord Meier-Klodt, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process
- Ambassador Herbert Salber, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia
- Ambassador Antje Leendertse, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany

Moderator: Dr Walter Kemp, Vice President of the International Peace Institute (IPI)

Rapporteur: Ms Amélie Delaroche, Permanent Representation of France to the OSCE

3 – 5 p.m. Coffee available

6.30 p.m. Reception hosted by the German OSCE Chairmanship
Venue: Hofburg, Schweizer Hof

Wednesday, 29 June 2016

10 a.m.–12 noon **Special session: Challenges arising from current migration trends**

In 2015 the number of international migrants worldwide was the highest ever recorded. Migration and refugee flows have had an increasing impact on OSCE participating States many of which have been affected as countries of transit and/or destination. Finding solutions to migration-related concerns and security challenges is indispensable for ensuring political stability and security throughout the OSCE area and beyond. Against this background, the special session will address current migration trends and ways to meet related challenges.

Keynote speaker:

- Mr Peter Sutherland, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration

Special contribution by Ambassador Claude Wild, Chairperson of the Informal Working Group focussing on the issue of migration and refugees flows

Moderator: Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

Rapporteur: Mr Emiliano Alessandri, Office of the Secretary General

12 noon Buffet lunch hosted by the German OSCE Chairmanship
Venue: Hofburg, Seitengalerie

3 – 5 p.m.

Working session II: Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: problems and prospects

Conventional arms control and CSBMs have crucially contributed to the post cost-war European security order. However, trust among participating States has dropped significantly and today's security risks together with changes in the strategic set-up have amplified the need to re-invigorate existing mechanisms and their implementation. This session will therefore be focused on fostering a meaningful and constructive dialogue on shortcomings as well as future prospects for CAC and CSBM.

Keynote speakers:

- Ambassador Dr Patricia Flor, Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control of the German Federal Government
- Dr Michael Carpenter, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
- Ambassador Mikko Kinnunen, Director, Unit for Security Policy and Crisis Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland

Moderator: Ambassador Marcel Peško, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Rapporteur: Mr Michalis Gavriilidis, Permanent Mission of Greece to the OSCE

Thursday, 30 June 2016

10 a.m.–12 noon

Working session III: Bolstering the OSCE's conflict cycle toolbox

In line with Vilnius Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 (2011), the Chairmanship and participating States have a responsibility to continuously strengthen the Organization's capabilities to address all phases of the conflict cycle. Hence, the session will examine possible means to further strengthen the OSCE's toolbox with regard to early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation. Particular attention will be paid to increasing the capacities for crisis response through closing the early warning – early action gap and to fostering the capabilities for conflict resolution through dialogue facilitation and mediation.

Keynote speakers:

- Ms Heidi Grau, Head of Human Security Department, Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Brigadier General Philippe Rio, Permanent Headquarters Commander, European Gendarmerie Force, Vicenza

Moderator: Dr Claus Neukirch, Senior Political Advisor, Permanent Delegation of Germany to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr Moritz Ehrmann, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE

12 noon

Buffet lunch hosted by the German OSCE Chairmanship
Venue: Hofburg, Seitengalerie

2 – 4 p.m.

Working session IV: Countering terrorism – transnational threats in the OSCE area

During the 2015 Ministerial Council in Belgrade, international terrorism was identified as high-priority issues. A great deal of groundwork has been done by Serbia, Switzerland and other previous OSCE Chairmanships and the German Chairmanship wants to build on these foundations. In line with that, the session will be focused on enhancing border security in order to prevent the movement of foreign terrorist fighters (FTF). This topic features prominently on the global agenda, and is increasingly a focus for the OSCE, particularly in the context of current security concerns.

Keynote speakers:

- Mr Hassan Baage, Deputy Head of the Assessment and Technical Assistance Office, UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate
- Mr Bob Davidson, IATA Head of Aviation Facilitation

Special contribution by Ambassador Cristian Istrate, Chairperson of the Security Committee

Moderator: Ambassador Khaled Shamaa, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr Andrei Arama, Permanent Mission of Romania to the OSCE

4 – 4.30 p.m.

Closing session

Chairperson: Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

The Chairperson of the Permanent Council will outline initial conclusions based on the discussions during the conference and present recommendations made by participating States for follow-up. Conclusions and recommendations may, *inter alia*, serve as the basis for the Chairperson's subsequent written overview of the 2016 ASRC and the preparations of the OSCE Ministerial Council in Hamburg in December 2016.