



2017 OSCE Asian Conference on Common Challenges and Common Opportunities

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Germany and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 19 June 2017

8–9.15 a.m. Registration of participants and welcome coffee

9.15 a.m. *Family photo with Heads of Delegations of OSCE Asian Partners*

9.20–9.50 a.m. **Opening remarks** (*open to the media*)

H.E. Dr. h.c. Gernot Erlner, Special Representative for the OSCE,
Federal Foreign Office, Germany

H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General of the OSCE

H.E. Amb. Désirée Schweitzer, OSCE Chairmanship, Austria

Technical break (directly following the opening)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Session I: Confidence-building in times of geopolitical changes**
(high-level political segment)

This session will provide an opportunity to address common security
challenges in the OSCE and Asia-Pacific regions.

Moderator: **H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier**, Secretary General of the
OSCE

Keynote speaker:

H.E. Adela Raz, Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Cooperation,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan

Mr. Jang-keun Lee, Director-General for International Organizations,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

Mr. Kevin Magee, Assistant Secretary of the Northern, Southern and Eastern Europe Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

H.E. Benedetto Della Vedova, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Italy

H.E. Amb. Bakhtiyor Khakimov, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

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

1–3 p.m. Lunch hosted by the OSCE Secretary General

3–5.15 p.m. **Session II: Connectivity and regional economic co-operation**

This session will focus on:

- Improving economic connectivity to enhance economic opportunities and to strengthen political confidence-building
- Identifying potential for (cross-border) connectivity, trade and economic co-operation
- Economic co-operation – the role of regional organizations

Moderator: **H.E. Amb. Dr. Norbert Riedel**, Director for Asia and the Pacific, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Keynote speaker:

Mr. Manabu Miyagawa, Deputy Director-General, European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Mr. Naser Ahmad Faiq, Deputy Director of the Regional Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan

H.E. Roman Vasilenko, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kazakhstan

Rapporteur: Ms. Chatvadee Chindawongse, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

5.30–6.30 p.m. **Side event: Engaging with Afghanistan and its Neighbours - OSCE's Contribution to Confidence Building by Empowering Women**

Moderator: **Ms. Amarsanaa Darisuren**, OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues

6.30-9 p.m. Reception at invitation of **H.E. Amb. Ina Lepel**, Director General for Asia and the Pacific, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Tuesday, 20 June 2017

9–11 a.m.

Session III: Regional contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals – the potential role of the OSCE and Asian Partners

This session will focus on:

- Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels (Goal 16)
- Ensuring inclusive and quality education for all and promoting lifelong learning (Goal 4)
- Achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls (Goal 5)

Moderator: **H.E. Amb. Vuk Žugić**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)

Keynote speaker:

Ms. Chanakod Chaisidpon, Prime Minister's Office/ Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board of Thailand

H.E. David Zalkaliani, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Georgia

Mr. Pierre Amilhat, Director Development Coordination, Asia, Central Asia, Middle East/Gulf and Pacific, European Union Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development

H.E. Amb. Ernst Peter Fischer, Deputy Director General for Energy & Climate Policy and Export Control, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Rapporteur: Mr. Andrea De Bono Sant Cassia, European Union Delegation to the International Organisations in Vienna

11.15 a.m.–
12.15 p.m.

Closing session (*open to the media*)

H.E. Amb. Désirée Schweitzer, OSCE Chairmanship, Austria

H.E. Dr. h.c. Gernot Erler, Special Representative for the OSCE, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

12.15–1.15 p.m.

Lunch

1:45-3:45 p.m.

Cultural programme: Boat Cruise (optional)

You will have the possibility to leave the boat half-way.