

REFOCUSING MIGRATION AND SECURITY: BRIDGING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RESPONSES

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8:30-9:00 **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

9:00-9:15 **OPENING REMARKS**

Paolo Gentiloni Silveri, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

9:15-9:30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

Gjorge Ivanov, President, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

9:30-11:00 **DEFINING THE CHALLENGE: ADDRESSING SECURITY WHEN DEALING WITH MIGRATION**

Security in the context of migration applies to both the physical security and human rights of migrants and protection of national borders. Debates on migration policy are increasingly taking on an alarmist and even xenophobic tone. Public perceptions as well as the policy response increasingly reflect a defensive stance. Even mainstream positions often posit that the costs of receiving and integrating migrants into new societies outweigh opportunities opened by the same process. This session will explore how approaches to security can protect the interests of both states and individuals. Some of the questions that will be addressed may include:

- *Who fears migration and why? To what extent are receiving societies' concerns legitimate and supported by evidence?*
- *What are the defining features of the current migration-security nexus and what should be the main components of a balanced approach reconciling human and state security?*
- *How should regional and international organizations define and operationalize security when addressing migration-related issues?*

Moderator: **Walter Kemp**, Director, International Peace Institute

Panelists: **Aleksey Y. Meshkov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
Ole Schroeder, Deputy Federal Minister of the Interior, Germany
Mohamed Ghoneim, Deputy Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
Elizabeth Collett, Director, Migration Policy Institute Europe
Hefedh Chekir, Former Regional Director, UNFPA, Tunisia

11:00-11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15-12:45 **REVIEWING SECURITY APPROACHES AND TOOLS OF MIGRATION MANAGEMENT**

The current migration and refugee crisis has exposed shortcomings and gaps in global, regional and national security systems and added to tensions between states and groups of states. The security sector of affected countries – from border authorities to other law enforcement structures –

is under stress in coping with the scale and complexity of the challenge. At the same time, the human security of migrants is often the first casualty of a highly adverse environment which pushes many people, including vulnerable migrants such as unaccompanied minors and women, into the hands of criminal organizations. Some of the questions to be addressed may include:

- *What are the main weaknesses in today's security responses to migration flows? Are challenges mainly of an operational or conceptual nature?*
- *What best practices and lessons learned can be shared to prevent human suffering, safeguard human rights, promote states' security and combat criminal networks along migratory routes, especially in times of crisis?*
- *What are the challenges and opportunities that the current emergency presents for the policy response, at the national as well as regional level, particularly as regards border management, the fight against human smuggling and trafficking, and strategies to address transnational threats?*

Moderator: **Roderick Parkes**, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers: **Javier Carbajosa**, Ambassador at Large for Migration Affairs, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Michael Spindelegger, Director General, ICMPD
Isabel Santos, Chair of the Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions, OSCE PA
Julien Gentile, Head, Central Office for Repression of Illegal Immigration and Employment of Untitled Foreigners (OCRIEST), French Ministry of the Interior

12:45-14:00 BUFFET LUNCH

14:00-14:30 **A CONVERSATION WITH**

Jeffrey Sachs, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser on the Sustainable Development Goals (*via video conference*)

14:30-16:00 **ENGAGING SOCIETIES AND COMMUNITIES: LEVERS OF A LONG-TERM RESPONSE**

The impact of migration flows on societies and communities, particularly when massive and unorderly, can be challenging, especially in the short term. However, the record shows that countries that have been able to receive and effectively integrate foreigners have grown more prosperous and resilient. The link between migration, development, and stability should be appreciated beyond the present emergency. Some of the questions that will be addressed may include:

- *What should effective and comprehensive migration governance look like in today's changed environment? What new elements are needed to maximise the long-term benefits of integration?*
- *What role do education, the media, and cultural and religious dialogue play in equipping societies, both sending and receiving, with the knowledge and means to deal with the impact of migration?*

- *How should international and regional organizations that have a track record in areas such as youth engagement, women empowerment, tolerance and non-discrimination, and countering radicalization, adjust or refocus their work in light of the new demands posed by the migration and refugee crisis?*

Moderator: **Bram van Ojik**, Special Envoy on Migration, Netherlands

Speakers: **Beatriz Balbin**, First Deputy Director, ODIHR
Henrik Villadsen, Director, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
Sonja Licht, President, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence
Sonja Loosli, Varietà- Competence Centre Intercultural Dialogue, Swiss National Youth Council (SNYC), Switzerland
Berschkei Ferhad, Coordinator, Neue Deutsche Organisationen

16:00-16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15-17:45 **THE WAY FORWARD: THE ROLE OF THE OSCE AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

The OSCE has been involved in the international movement of persons since its establishment. However, the size, composition, and direction of migration flows within, from, and into the OSCE area have been evolving in unforeseen ways in recent years, calling for greater internal coherence of efforts as well as enhanced co-operation with external national, regional and international actors. In light of the ongoing crisis and an ever more complex migration-security nexus and projected impacts of climate change on increased human mobility, some of the questions that will be addressed may include:

- *What is the OSCE recognized expertise? What is its specific space and added value as a security organization in a crowded policy field, especially at a time of crisis?*
- *What priorities and policy areas should the OSCE executive structures, including the OSCE institutions and field operations, be focused on? Does the OSCE need a more formal strategy on migration management?*
- *What should be done to improve coordination and expand the OSCE's agenda of cooperation with other actors, such as international agencies, regional organizations, partner countries in the Mediterranean region and Asia, and civil society?*

Moderator: **Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General

Speakers: **William Lacy Swing**, Director General, International Organization for Migration
Dora Bakoyannis, Member of the Greek Parliament, former Foreign Minister of Greece, former OSCE Chairperson-in-office
Tomáš Boček, Special Representative on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe
George Okoth-Obbo, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner – Operations
Ettore Greco, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), New-Med Network Coordinator
Gerald Knaus, Founding Chair, European Stability Initiative

17:45-18:00 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

Eberhard Pohl, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council