
Chairmanship: Slovakia**DETAILED PROGRAMME OF THE
2019 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

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*For People, Dialogue and Stability**Strengthening Comprehensive Security in the OSCE Area***Agenda****Tuesday, 25 June 2019**

9.00 a.m.–12 noon

Opening Session

The OSCE was founded to ensure security and stability, to facilitate dialogue and co-operation among participating States, and above all, to provide for a safer and more secure future for people in the OSCE area. Today, the principles and commitments enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act are more relevant than ever. The opening session will set the scene for discussions at the 2019 Annual Security Review Conference by addressing the role of the OSCE as a regional platform for inclusive dialogue, trust building, and multilateral co-operation in a dynamically changing global security environment.

Opening address:

- **H.E. Miroslav Lajčák**, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Keynote speakers:

- **H.E. Dr. Heinz Fischer**, Co-Chair of the Ban Ki-moon Centre and 11th State President of the Republic of Austria
- **Rt Hon Baroness Catherine Ashton**, Former EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
- **Amb. Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General

Moderator: **Amb. Radomír Boháč**, Chairperson of the Permanent CouncilRapporteur: **Cianna O’Connell**, Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE

12 noon

Buffet lunch hosted by the Slovak OSCE Chairmanship
Venue: Hofburg, Vorsaal

2.30 - 4.30 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 one of the main challenges to the security in Europe – jeopardizing the OSCE’s agreed principles and commitments and undermining stability in the OSCE area. The OSCE continues to play a vital role in the efforts to achieve progress with regard to a peaceful resolution of the conflict. The session will look into the Organization’s efforts to reduce tensions, facilitate dialogue and stabilize the situation on the ground, aiming at fostering a durable and verifiable ceasefire in line with the Minsk agreements. Special attention will be given to the humanitarian impact of the crisis and coordinated approaches to improve the situation of the people living in conflict-affected areas. The session will also aim at looking into the wider impact of the crisis in and around Ukraine on the security in Europe.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Martin Sajdik**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group
- **Vasyl Bodnar**, Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine
- **Osnat Lubrani**, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine
- **Amb. Michael Siebert**, Director for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, German Federal Foreign Office
- **Amb. Kurt Volker**, US Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations (video intervention)

Moderator: **Amb. Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General

Rapporteur: **Jerzy Gierasimiuk**, Permanent Mission of Poland to the OSCE

Wednesday, 26 June 2019

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

Special session: The Structured Dialogue

The Structured Dialogue, launched by the OSCE Foreign Ministers in their Hamburg Declaration on the 20th anniversary of the OSCE Framework for Arms Control, has proven to be a meaningful platform to discuss the current and future challenges to security in the OSCE area. In this framework, discussions took place on “transparency, risk reduction and incident prevention”.

Although there are diverging views, many participating States mentioned that concerns exist related to predictability and risk of miscalculation stemming from certain military activities. Some participating States also felt that voluntary measures provide a utility for transparency, risk reduction and incident prevention, but they cannot replace mandatory measures, full implementation or modernisation of existing frameworks. Reciprocity was also mentioned as a condition for the future process.

In this special session the concept of incident prevention and risk mitigation, in particular related to military aircrafts and vessels over and in the high seas, will be further discussed. Although certain bilateral and international agreements and protocols are applicable, voluntary additional methods of providing clarification to prevent possible misunderstandings that may lead to an incident could be considered. In this context, participating States could reflect on the following:

- In order to prevent incidents and mitigate risks, timely and accurate communication between different parties seems to be key. What kind of communication is necessary to prevent incidents? Could you share your practice on how and when communication takes place in the field of incident prevention, e.g. routine, annual, headquarters level, on-site coordination?
- The use of new communication technologies and media coverage could help to prevent incidents. However, these can also be used to disseminate disinformation. Could you share your practice?

Introduction: **Amb. Katarína Žáková**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE

Moderator: **Amb. Jeroen Boender**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the OSCE and Chairperson of the IWG Structured Dialogue

Rapporteur: **Claire Vegter**, Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the OSCE

12 noon

Lunch break

2.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Working session I: Effective multilateral approaches to early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post conflict rehabilitation: lessons learned and the way ahead

In line with Vilnius Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/11 on 'Elements of the Conflict Cycle', there is the constant need to

enhance the OSCE's capacities to address all phases of the conflict cycle in an effective manner through a comprehensive toolbox. This session will highlight lessons learned and good practices for multilateral approaches to early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management, post-conflict rehabilitation and peace building. Special attention will be given to current developments in making use of the OSCE's toolbox in a dynamically changing international landscape. The session provides an opportunity to discuss ways of enhancing multilateral co-operation, for example, by strengthening synergies between the OSCE and other international organizations in the area of conflict prevention, crisis management and conflict resolution.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Marcel Peško**, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre
- **Mô Bleeker**, Special Envoy of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and Chair of the Global Alliance Against Mass Atrocity Crimes (GAAMAC)

Moderator: **Walter Kemp**, Head of Strategic Policy Support Unit, Office of the Secretary General

Rapporteur: **Fabian Richter**, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OSCE

3.30 - 5.00 p.m.

Working session II: Conflict and crisis situations in the OSCE area: building security and confidence

Since its early stages, the OSCE has dealt with conflicts and crises in Europe. They are characterized by unique aspects and still remain a significant challenge for the Organization and its participating States nowadays.

Back in 1992, during the CSCE Chairmanship of Czechoslovakia, several meetings on Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, including the Preparatory Meeting of the Conference on Nagorno-Karabakh under the auspices of the CSCE, were convened. Today the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group spearhead the OSCE's efforts towards a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Long-term international engagement has also been crucial in other contexts: the OSCE continues to support the resolution of the conflict in Georgia (Geneva International Discussions), where forced internal displacement remains one of the major challenges.

Developments concerning the Transdniestrian Settlement Process over the past months have demonstrated that agreements can be reached and implemented, under active OSCE involvement, when there are shared interests and benefits.

Against this backdrop, this session will provide an opportunity to reflect on conflict-related security aspects, the essence of building trust as well as which measures can be pursued to address the serious humanitarian effects of existing conflicts. Special attention will be paid to the implementation of OSCE norms, principles and commitments and the OSCE's role through its comprehensive approach to security, in particular through more substantial support to the established conflict settlement mechanisms.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Terhi Hakala**, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations Office, WTO and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Amb. Rudolf Michalka**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus
- **Wolf-Dietrich Heim**, Special Representative of the 2017 Austrian OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process

Moderator: **Amb. Luca Fratini**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Isa Ghivarelli**, Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE

Thursday, 27 June 2019

10.00 a.m. – 12 noon

Working session III: Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: challenges and opportunities

Conventional arms control and CSBMs have crucially contributed to the Post-Cold War European security order. However, the existing mechanisms need to be reinvigorated and fully implemented to restore trust and confidence among participating States and reverse the erosion of the European security architecture. Increasing transparency and predictability through the enhancement of CAC and CSBMs is essential to ensure comprehensive and co-operative security throughout the OSCE area. The session will focus on challenges as well as opportunities for reinvigorating CAC and CSBMs in Europe, including by updating and modernizing existing mechanisms, such as the Vienna Document.

Chair: **Amb. Idibek Kalandar**, Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the OSCE and Chairperson of the FSC

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Jarmo Viinanen**, Senior Advisor on Arms Control affairs, Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
- **Miguel Golmayo Fernández**, Captain (Navy), Chief of Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Branch, Directorate for Defence Policy, Spanish Ministry of Defence
- **Nikolai Ovsyanko**, Head of the Department of International Security and Arms Control, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus

Moderator: **Amb. Claude Wild**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Col. Michael Kiernan**, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

12 noon

Lunch break

2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Working session IV: Transnational threats - current and future trends in the OSCE area and beyond

In today's world, transnational threats are growing both in number and in complexity. Phenomena such as violent

extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism (VERLT) continue to pose serious challenges to regional security in the OSCE area. In light of its role as inclusive platform for regional co-operation, the OSCE is well placed to address such challenges by promoting co-operative and comprehensive approaches to increase community-level resilience, based on the protection of human rights and the promotion of fundamental freedoms, as well as through active participation of women and youth. The session will focus on new opportunities to enhance the OSCE's effective approach in response to transnational threats. In line with that, discussions will provide an opportunity to take stock of and discuss current trends and developments in the area of countering VERLT.

Keynote speakers:

- **Mauro Miedico** Director, Special Advisor to the Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism
- **Dr. Marc Sommers**, Visiting Scholar, African Studies Centre, Boston University
- **Dina Iglíkova**, Resident Coordinator of the Mampassi Collective of Central Asia

Moderator: **Georgia Holmer**, Senior Advisor, Action Against Terrorism Unit, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE Secretariat

Rapporteur: **Vincent Venturotti**, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the OSCE

4.00 - 4.30 p.m.

Closing session

- **Amb. Radomír Boháč**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council