

Chairmanship: Switzerland

DETAILED PROGRAMME OF THE 2014 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 24 to 26 June 2014

Overall Theme of the Conference: Fostering security and stability

Tuesday, 24 June 2014

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Opening session**

- Addressing current security challenges and the role of the OSCE

Under the overall theme of “Fostering Security and Stability”, the opening session will set the strategic context for this year’s ASRC by addressing current security challenges and the role of the OSCE. Following keynote addresses by high-level guests, the session will provide an opportunity for participating States and other Conference participants to exchange views on relevant security issues and address ways to maximize the OSCE’s role. In this respect, account should be taken of the comparative advantages of the Organization and its co-operation with other international and regional organizations.

Opening address:

- H.E. Didier Burkhalter, Chairperson-in-Office, President of the Swiss Confederation, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Keynote speakers:

- H.E. Ivica Dačić, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Serbia
- Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General of the OSCE

Report by Ambassador Andrei Popov, Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation

Chairperson: Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

Rapporteur: Mr. Bojan Grba, Permanent Mission of Serbia to the OSCE

9.30–11 a.m.

Coffee available

1–3 p.m.

Buffet lunch hosted by the Swiss Chairmanship (Hofburg Vorsaal)

3–6 p.m.

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

Recent developments with respect to Ukraine have had a serious impact on security and stability in the OSCE region. The violations of the fundamental principles of the Helsinki Final Act, including the non-use of force, the inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity, non-intervention in internal affairs, respect for human rights and the peaceful settlement of disputes, have called into question the European security order. Although the OSCE has been actively contributing to reducing tensions and fostering peace, stability and security, its normative framework has been undermined, resulting in numerous threats to regional and European security and a significant erosion of mutual trust and confidence. This session could examine ways to de-escalate the situation and move from a logic of escalation to a logic of renewing implementation of OSCE principles and commitments and co-operation, and the role the OSCE could play in that process.

Keynote speakers:

- H.E. Pavlo Klimkin, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
- Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, Director, Europe Division, United Nations Department of Political Affairs
- Ms. Heidi Tagliavini, Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office

Moderator: Ambassador Fred Tanner, Senior Adviser to the OSCE Secretary General, Swiss Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Simon Deignan, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE

2.30–5 p.m.

Coffee available

8–11 p.m.

Concert of the Swiss Army Big Band followed by a reception (Hofburg, Grosser Festsaal)

Wednesday, 25 June 2014

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Working session I: Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation: Lessons learned and the way ahead

One of the OSCE's most significant comparative advantages is its ability to employ a comprehensive toolbox while pursuing a cross-dimensional, multi-track and multi-level approach during all phases of the conflict cycle. This session will provide the opportunity for participants to focus, *inter alia*, on strengthening the OSCE's capacities and effectiveness in early warning, dialogue facilitation and mediation, confidence building, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation. It will also examine the implementation of OSCE norms, principles and commitments in existing conflicts. In that context, particular attention will be paid to the OSCE's contribution to the prevention and solution of existing conflicts, also within agreed formats, including the Transnistrian conflict, the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the conflict in Georgia. Finally, this session will consider the impact of conflicts on regional and international peace, security, human rights, internally displaced persons and refugees, as well as ways of improving co-ordination with international actors throughout the conflict cycle.

Keynote speakers:

- Mr. Scott M. Weber, Director-General, Interpeace
- Dr. Walter Kemp, Director for Europe and Central Asia, International Peace Institute

Moderator: Mr. Claus Neukirch, Deputy Director Conflict Prevention Center, OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Ilkka Rentola, Permanent Mission of Finland to the OSCE

9.30–11 a.m. Coffee available

1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–6 p.m. **Working session II: Arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: Challenges and opportunities**

Arms control and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) are integral to the OSCE's comprehensive and co-operative concept of security. However, the current situation in respect of arms control in Europe has had a negative impact on security, and has led to an erosion of trust and confidence in the military field across the OSCE area. Military stability, transparency and predictability cannot be taken for granted indefinitely. In light of recent developments in the OSCE area, the session will focus, *inter alia*, on the OSCE's role in promoting openness and transparency, as well as in stimulating new thinking on arms control, non-proliferation and CSBM regimes.

Keynote speakers:

- Ambassador Alyson Bailes, Adjunct Lecturer, Faculty of Political Science, University of Iceland

- Col. (ret.) Wolfgang Richter, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Moderator: Ambassador Keith Azzopardi, Permanent Representative of the Delegation of Malta to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Robin Mossinkoff, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the OSCE

2.30–5 p.m. Coffee available

Thursday, 26 June 2014

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Working session III: Transnational threats and challenges**

In recent years, the OSCE has taken important steps in the areas of counter-terrorism, the combating of trafficking (in illicit drugs and precursors, arms and human beings), police-related activities, border management and cyber/ICT security-related confidence-building measures. The Organization is working to target areas where it has unique strengths and comparative advantages, to address transnational threats in a cross-dimensional manner, and to maintain complementarity and co-ordination with the activities of other relevant international and regional actors. The session will also allow for an exchange of views on how to address transnational threats between the OSCE and the Mediterranean region, with the aim of strengthening on-going co-operation. The session will further consider potential ways of tackling transnational threats with closer involvement and ownership by governments, businesses and civil society, while paying due attention to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Keynote speakers:

- Mr Gennady Nevyglas, Deputy Secretary General of the Collective Security Treaty Organization
- Ambassador Elizabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Director General for Legal and Consular Affairs and Austrian National Coordinator against Human Trafficking
- Mr. Ivan Koedjikov, Head of Action against Crime Department, Directorate Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Moderator: Mr. Alexey Lyzhenkov, Co-ordinator of activities to address transnational threats, OSCE Transnational Threats Department

Rapporteur: Ms. Anne Wagner-Mitchell, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

9.30–11 a.m. Coffee available

1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–5 p.m. **Working session IV: Supporting stability in the OSCE area during the ongoing transitions in Afghanistan**

Since 2007, the OSCE has been supporting increased border security between the Central Asian States and Afghanistan, in particular by intensifying the involvement of Afghan counterparts in relevant OSCE activities in Central Asia and the rest of the OSCE area. In addition, the OSCE has been focusing on co-ordinating its activities with the United Nations and other relevant regional and international organizations to the extent possible. Given the fact that Afghanistan has entered a crucial period of transition, the session will explore if and how the OSCE needs to adjust its engagement with Afghanistan to address the challenges of a new security environment and its implications for the OSCE area in general as well as for the Central Asian States in particular. Thus, the session will seek potential ways to enhance the OSCE's role as a platform for regional co-operation between States as well as with other relevant regional and international organizations.

Keynote speakers:

- Mr. James Appathurai, NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy and NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Ms. Shukria Barakzai, Member of the National Assembly of Afghanistan

Moderator: Amb. Gunaajav Batjargal, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Margaret Belof, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the OSCE

2.30–5 p.m. Coffee available

5–6 p.m. **Closing session**

Chairperson: Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

The Chairperson will draw initial conclusions and present recommendations made by participating States for follow-up, in line with Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3. This may, *inter alia*, serve as the basis for the Chairperson's subsequent written overview of the 2014 ASRC.