



**REFOCUSING MIGRATION AND SECURITY:
BRIDGING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RESPONSES**

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA

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Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, La Farnesina, International Hall

8:30-9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00-9:20 OPENING REMARKS

Paolo Gentiloni Silveri, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

9:20-9:50 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Gjorge Ivanov, President, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser on the Millennium Development Goals

[Keynote speakers are invited to remain on stage and join the first panel]

9:50-11:10

I. 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: Nasser Judeh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jordan

Aleksey Y. Meshkov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation

Ole Schroeder, Deputy Federal Minister of the Interior, Germany

Elizabeth Collett, Director, Migration Policy Institute Europe

Dimitri Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs, and Citizenship (TBC)

11:10-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00

II. 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: TBD

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

Benoit Brocart, Director for Migration, French Ministry of the Interior (TBC)

13:00-14:00 BUFFET LUNCH

14:00-15:30

III. ENGAGING SOCIETIES AND COMMUNITIES: LEVERS OF A LONG-TERM RESPONSE

The impact of migration flows on societies and communities, particularly when massive and unorderedly, 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: TBD

Speakers: Sameh Hassan Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt (TBC)

Ahmed Aboutaleb, Mayor of Rotterdam (TBC)

Beatriz Balbin, First Deputy Director, ODIHR

Sonja Licht, President, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

**Sonja Loosli, Varietà- Competence Centre Intercultural Dialogue,
Switzerland**

Delal Atmaca, Chairwoman, DaMigra (TBC)

15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:30

IV. 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

Ettore Greco, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), New-Med Network Coordinator

Gerald Knaus, Founding Chair, European Stability Initiative

Peter Sutherland, UN Special Representative for International Migration (TBC)

17:30-17:45 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

Eberhard Pohl, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council