

International conference

**GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY IN THE SAHEL:
TACKLING MOBILITY, DEMOGRAPHY AND
CLIMATE CHANGE**

ROME, 12 FEBRUARY 2019
09.00- 15.45

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PROGRAMME

08.30-09.00 **Registration of participants**

09.00-09.30 **OPENING REMARKS**

NICOLETTA PIROZZI, Head of the EU, Politics and Institutions Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

ULRIKE RODGERS, Program Director, Francophone West Africa, National Democratic Institute (NDI), Washington D.C.

ERNST STETTER, Secretary General, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), Brussels

GIUSEPPE MISTRETTA, Deputy Director General for Global Affairs/Principal Director for the Countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

09.30-11.00 **I SESSION- GOVERNANCE IN THE SAHEL: A REALITY CHECK**

Chair **FRANCESCA CARUSO**, Junior Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Speakers **YOUSOUF BÂ**, Independent Expert, Burkina Faso

LUCA RAINERI, Research fellow, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa

KARIM KEITA, President of the Committee for Defense and Security of the National Assembly of Mali

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **II SESSION- CLIMATE CHANGE, MOBILITY AND DEMOGRAPHY: LESSONS LEARNED IN BURKINA FASO AND NIGER**

Chair **GIOVANNI FALEG**, Senior Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris

Speakers **NANA ALASSANE TOURE**, Independent Consultant, Mali

ISSAKA MAGA, Independent Consultant, Niger

MAHAMADOU MANLA CHETIMA, Member of the Defense and Security Committee and President of the Parliamentary Network against Terrorism of the National Assembly of Niger

13.00-14.00 Buffet Lunch

14.00-15.30

III SESSION- SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE IN THE SAHEL: THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACTORS

Chair

LUCA BARANA, Research fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Speakers

ANCA-ELENA URSU, Research fellow, Clingendael Institute, The Hague

NATALINA CEA, Head of Regional Coordination Cell (RCC) to the missions in the Sahel region

DIEUDONNE SORGHO, Member of Parliament of Burkina Faso, Member of the Defense and Security Committee, Burkina Faso

15.30-15.45

CONCLUDING REMARKS

VASSILIS NTOUSAS, Senior International Relations Policy Advisor, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), Brussels

NICOLETTA PIROZZI, Head of the EU, Politics and Institutions Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

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