



“Afghanistan to 2014 and beyond – Ask and Task”

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Palazzo de Carolis / Sala della Minerva
Via Lata, 3

Agenda

THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY

14.30-15.00 Arrival of participants - Registration

15.00-15.30 Welcome remarks

- **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome
- **Arne B. Dalhaug**, Commandant, NATO Defense College, Rome
- **Giuseppe Scognamiglio**, Executive Vice President for Public Affairs, Unicredit

15.30-17.00

SESSION 1

PRESENT SITUATION: WHERE ARE WE?

Chair: **Richard Hooker**, Dean, NATO Defense College, Rome

- **Maurits Jochems**, Senior Civil Representative NATO, Brussels
- **Anthony H. Cordesman**, CSIS, Washington
- **Ján Kubiš**, Head of UNAMA, Kabul
- **Emanuele Giordana**, Journalist, Speaker Afgana Network

General Discussion

17.15-17.30 Coffee/Tea break

17.30-19.00 **SESSION 2**
THE TRANSITION TOWARDS 2014 AND BEYOND. WHAT CHALLENGES?

Chair: **Alessandro Politi**, Director, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome

- **Abdul Rahim Wardak**, Political and Military Advisor to the President of Afghanistan
- **Daniele Riggio**, Press Officer, NATO HQ, Brussels
- **Todd Landman**, Director of the Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution, Colchester, UK
- **Mahmoud Karem**, Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs, Cairo

General discussion

19.00-20.00 Cocktail

FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY

9.30 Arrival of participants

9.45-11.15 **SESSION 3**
THE REGIONAL DIMENSION

Chair: **Stefano Silvestri**, IAI President, Rome

- **Maria Sultan**, Director-General SASSI, Islamabad
- **Amir Madani**, Author at Mardomsalari, Tehran
- **Ivan Safranchuk**, Deputy Director, Institute of Contemporary International Studies, Diplomatic Academy, Moscow
- **Güldener Sonumut**, Bureau Chief NTV Turkey, Brussels

General Discussion

11.30-11.45 Coffee/Tea break

11.45-13.15

SESSION 4
A VIABLE AFGHANISTAN WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Chair: **Istvan Gyarmati**, International Centre for Democratic Transition,
Budapest

- **Shukria Barakzai**, Member of Wolesi Jirga, Kabul
- **Charles A. Goohs**, Senior Strategic Initiatives Officer, Eximbank, Washington DC
- **Viorel Isticioaia Budura**, Managing Director for Asia and Pacific, EEAS, Brussels

General Discussion

13.30

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Giampaolo Di Paola, Italian Minister of Defence

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