

NEXUS²⁵ Conference

RESPONDING TO COMPLEX CRISES: DISCUSSING NEXUS CHALLENGES IN THE SAHEL

ROME, 8 MAY 2023

17.00-18.30

ISTITUTO AFFARI INTERNAZIONALI (IAI)

VIA DEI MONTECATINI, 17

Simultaneous translation English/French is provided

The convergence of risk factors across the nexus between climate change, human mobility and security presents a unique problem for many local and regional actors, particularly in contexts marked by institutional and societal fragilities. Multi-dimensional and transnational in nature, nexus challenges require integrated responses cross-cutting different policy spaces, and call for enhanced coordination among all relevant actors operating at local, national, regional and international levels. As one of the regions where such interplay across the nexus is particularly relevant, matching the complexity of overlapping and border-crossing risk factors in the Sahel stands out as a key challenge for multilateral governance.

Against this background, and in the framework of the project "[Nexus25](#) Shaping Multilateralism", Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) organizes a high-level event debating the interplay between climate, migration and security challenges in the Sahel. The event will host a high-level panel discussion moderated by IAI Director Nathalie Tocci with representatives from regional and multilateral organisations working on various dimensions of nexus challenges in the Sahel region. On this occasion, IAI will also inaugurate a permanent exhibition composed of photographs by the two-time "World Press Photo Award" winner photographer Riccardo Venturi (Akronos), and a video-reportage directed by IAI research Fellow Lorenzo Colantoni, both developed in Senegal, in the framework of the Nexus25 project.

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PROGRAMME

17.00-17.05 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

NATHALIE TOCCI, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

17.05-17.20 **SCREENING OF THE VIDEO-REPORTAGE: “NEXUS: Along the Senegal River**

17.20-17.30 *Discussion on the video reportage: Local perspectives on nexus challenges*

ABDOU TOURÈ, Environmentalist

LORENZO COLANTONI, Researcher, Energy, Climate and Resources Programme, IAI,
Director of the video-reportage

RICCARDO VENTURI, Photographer (Akronos)

17.30-18.15 **HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION: Multi-stakeholder, multi-dimensional and multi-level responses to nexus challenges in the Sahel**

BAYE MOCTAR DIOP, Ambassador of Senegal to the European Union

EMANUELA DEL RE, EU Special Representative for the Sahel

SYLVIA LOPEZ-EKRA, Deputy Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

FATMA AHMED, Capacity Building Specialist, UNDP Regional Programme for Africa

Moderator: Nathalie Tocci, Director Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

18.15 - 18.30 **Q&A SESSION**

18.30 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

MICHAEL WERZ, Co-coordinator Nexus25 and Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress

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