



# “Afghanistan to 2014 and beyond – Ask and Task”

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**ROME, 7-8 FEBRUARY 2013**

Venue: Palazzo de Carolis, Via Lata 3

## Draft Agenda

### THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY

14,30-15,00 Arrival of participants - Registration

15,00 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 at Unicredit

15,30-17,00

**SESSION 1**  
**PRESENT SITUATION: WHERE ARE WE?**

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

- **Maurits Jochems**, Senior Civilian Representative NATO, Afghanistan
- **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

20,30-23,00 Dinner – *Casina Valadier*  
Keynote speaker: **Staffan de Mistura**, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

## 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
- **Daniele Donati**, Chief, Emergency Operations Service Asia, Near East, Europe and Special Emergencies, FAO, Rome

13,30 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**Giampaolo Di Paola**, Italian Minister of Defence