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Advanced Research Workshop

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Rome | Tuesday, 16th of April 2024

Venue: Rome | Sala Visconti – Le Méridien Visconti Hotel (via Federico Cesi, 37)

14,00 – 14,30 CEST *Participants arrival*

14,30 – 14,45 *Welcome remarks*

- **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome *
- **Max Nielsen**, Commandant, NATO Defense College, Rome *
- **Nicolò Russo Perez**, Head, International Affairs, Compagnia di San Paolo, Turin

14,45 – 15,00 *Opening remarks*

- **Nouzha Chekrouni**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat *

15,00 – 16,00

SESSION 1

AFRICA: MAPPING ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION

An energy portfolio diversification between European importers and regional producers is a complex endeavour, also in the context of an ongoing war and, in the medium-term, the EU Green Deal. The newest exploitable resources are owned by at least a dozen countries across the African Continent, while additional six countries are among those with the biggest reserves. What are the opportunities and the risks? How to protect essential infrastructure? How to weave in renewables?

Chair: **Mehmet Ögütçü**, Chairman, London Energy Club, London *

- **Giuseppe Mistretta**, Deputy Director, Directorate General for Global Affairs, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rome *
- **Ahmet Evin**, Founding Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and Professor Emeritus, Sabanci University, Istanbul *
- **Massimo Amato**, Associate Professor, Bocconi University, Milan *
- **Claudia Gazzini**, Senior Libya Analyst, International Crisis Group, Tripoli *



Q&A Session

16,00 – 16,15 *Special Intervention - A Business Perspective*

16,15 – 16,45 *Coffee Break*

16,45 – 17,45

SESSION 2

AU-NATO: FURTHERING A PRAGMATIC COLLABORATION

The collaboration between the African Union and the Atlantic Alliance is gradual and pragmatic. The new energy needs suggest a common reflection on energy security of supply in a continent characterised by a high competition for primary resources and instability (Sabel, Horn of Africa, etc.). How to take into account geopolitical and geoeconomic variables in terms of energy security of supply? What are the best means and formats?

Chair: **Nicola Graziani**, Journalist, Agenzia Giornalistica Italia, Rome

- **Julian Wieczorkiewicz**, Policy Officer, Climate and Energy Security Section, Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber Division, NATO HQ, Brussels *
- **Andrea Grazioso**, Senior Analyst, NATO Strategic Direction-South HUB, Naples *
- **Johan van den Berg**, Head of Secretariat, Africa-EU Energy Partnership, Bonn *
- **Andrea Cellino**, Senior Fellow, Middle East Institute Switzerland, Geneva *

Q&A Session

17,45 – 18,00 *Coffee Break*

18,00 – 19,00

SESSION 3

THE CHALLENGE OF MARKET INTEGRATION

Market integration in Africa has started at least in 2018 but, in order to ensure North-South and South-South exchanges, it also needs a cooperative security framework to achieve stability. How do market actors interact among themselves and with (inter)governmental bodies assuring energy security? How to shape market regulation?

Chair: **Jessica Obeid**, Senior Non-Resident Fellow, Middle East Institute Switzerland, Geneva *

- **Leonardo Bellodi**, Adjunct Professor, Luiss Business School, Rome *
- **Afaf Zarkik**, Senior Economist, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat *
- **Giacomo Luciani**, Scientific Advisor, SciencesPo, Paris *

Q&A Session

19,00 – 19,15 *Concluding Remarks*

- **Pier Ferdinando Casini**, Honorary President, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva

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