



NATO Foundation
Defense College



Fondazione
Compagnia
di San Paolo



ENERGY STRATEGIES 2024 *Africa, NATO and energy security of supply*

Advanced Research Workshop

Organised by the **NATO Defense College Foundation**
in co-operation with the **NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme**,
the **Policy Center for the New South**, the **Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo**,
the **NATO Defense College** and the **Middle East Institute Switzerland**.

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 *
- **Stefano La Tella**, Counsellor, Office of the Diplomatic Advisor, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Rome *

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**, Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome *
- **Ahmet Evin**, Founding Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Professor Emeritus, Sabancı University, Istanbul *
- **Massimo Amato**, Associate Professor, Bocconi University, Milan *
- **Claudia Gazzini**, Senior Libya Analyst, International Crisis Group, Tripoli *



This workshop
is supported by:

The NATO Science for Peace
and Security Programme

Q&A Session

16,00 – 16,30 *Coffee Break*

16,30 – 17,30

SESSION 2

AU-NATO: FURTHERING A PRAGMATIC COLLABORATION

The cooperation 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 both 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: **Andrea Cellino**, Senior Fellow, Middle East Institute Switzerland, Geneva *

- **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 *
- **Abdellatif Aboualatta**, Permanent Observer, Permanent Delegation of the African Union to the United Nation, Geneva

Q&A Session

17,30 – 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 ensuring 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*

- **Richard D. Hooker**, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C. *

* CONFIRMED



*This workshop
is supported by:*

The NATO Science for Peace
and Security Programme