
Chairmanship: Serbia**DETAILED PROGRAMME OF THE
2015 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Vienna, 23 to 25 June 2015

**Overall Theme of the Conference:
Current Security Challenges and the Role of the OSCE****Tuesday, 23 June 2015****10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening session**

Under the overall theme of the conference, the opening session will set the strategic context for the conference. Following keynote addresses by high-level guests, the session will allow participating States and other Conference participants to exchange views on current security challenges applicable throughout the OSCE area and on how to maximize the Organization's role in addressing such challenges. In this context, specific attention will be given to the comparative advantages of the OSCE in its co-operation with other international and regional organizations.

Opening address:

- H.E. Ivica Dačić, Chairperson-in-Office, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Serbia

Keynote speakers:

- H.E. Igor Lukšić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Montenegro
- Ms. Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Actions Service
- Mr. Gernot Erler, Special Representative of the Federal Government for the OSCE Chairmanship 2016, Federal Republic of Germany
- Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General of the OSCE

Report by Ambassador Slavica Milačić, Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation

Chairperson: Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

Rapporteur: Kristina Farrugia, Delegation of Malta to the OSCE

1–3 p.m.

Lunch break

3–6 p.m.

Special session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of developments with respect to Ukraine

The crisis in and around Ukraine continues to seriously impact on security and stability in the OSCE region. In order to move towards a peaceful resolution which respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, full implementation of OSCE norms, principles and commitments and a willingness for dialogue need to be shown by all sides. The establishment and deployment of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine is an example of a positive outcome of a comprehensive dialogue among participating States. It also demonstrates that the Organization is capable of responding to a crisis in a relatively short period of time, as well as in an appropriate and flexible manner. At the same time, additional co-ordinated activities of the OSCE are necessary, aimed at addressing the root causes and de-escalating the crisis, establishing an inclusive dialogue and supporting the implementation of the Minsk agreements. Against this background, the session will examine how the OSCE and its participating States can contribute to the de-escalation of the situation and the peaceful resolution of the crisis, based on the implementation of OSCE norms, principles and commitments.

Keynote speakers:

- Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
- Ambassador Andrey Kelin, Permanent Representative of Russian Federation to the OSCE
- Mr. Pierre Cochard, Deputy Director General for Political and Security Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
- Lieutenant General Frederick Hodges, U.S. Army Commander in Europe

Moderator: Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General of the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Moritz Ehrmann, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE

6 – 7.30 p.m.

Reception hosted by Serbian Chairmanship (Hofburg, Vorsaal)

Wednesday, 24 June 2015

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **Working session I: Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation: lessons learned and the way ahead**

There is a need to continuously strengthen the OSCE's capacities to effectively and efficiently address the different phases of the conflict cycle. This session will thus allow participating States to exchange views on how to further strengthen the Organization's toolbox with regard to early warning, early action, crisis management, conflict resolution, dialogue facilitation and mediation, as well as post-conflict rehabilitation and reconciliation. It will also examine the implementation of OSCE norms, principles and commitments in existing conflicts, including the Transdniestrian conflict, the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the conflict in Georgia. The session will also explore how lessons learned from recent experiences of the OSCE could be utilized for developing more effective tools and activities aimed at the resolution of protracted conflicts through agreed formats and at preventing the reoccurrence of crises. In the same context, the session will give participating States the opportunity to discuss the OSCE's capacities to contribute to regional efforts at conflict prevention and conflict resolution, including through tailored peace operations with dedicated mandates, assets and resources. The role of women and youth will be given particular attention during this session.

Keynote speakers:

- Mr. David Harland, Executive Director, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
- Mr. Peter N. Due, Director, Europe and Latin America Division, Office of Operations, UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations

Moderator: Ambassador Katja Pehrman, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Georges Wegener, Permanent Representation of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg to the OSCE

12.30–2 p.m.

Lunch break

2–4 p.m.

Working session II: Transnational threats and challenges

Combating transnational threats constitutes one of the central commitments of the OSCE and its participating States in the first dimension. This commitment has been translated into a number of key decisions, with the most important task now being their efficient and effective implementation. At the same time, the Organization needs to be vigilant and prepared to address new threats and challenges whenever they arise. Against this background, the session will be an opportunity to take stock of the OSCE's capabilities to address key transnational challenges, in particular terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, cyber security, various forms of organized crime such as smuggling and trafficking in human beings. Discussion will focus on how to promote existing tools to counter such threats, including through co-operation with other international and regional organizations. This session will also address

the phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters, as well as violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism, particularly the radicalization of youth.

Keynote speakers:

- Mr. Zhang Xinfeng, Director, Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure, Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- Ms. Dolgor Solongo, Terrorism Prevention Branch, UNODC

Moderator: Ambassador Cristian Istrate, Permanent Representative of Romania to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Andrei Arama, Permanent Mission of Romania to the OSCE

4–6 p.m.

Working session III: The OSCE and its neighbourhood

The OSCE and its participating States remain committed to promoting strong links with neighbouring regions, in particular through active co-ordination and co-operation with the Organization's Partners for Co-operation. To that end, this session will focus on how to promote joint situational awareness and on how to address current and potential security challenges through complementary activities spanning all three dimensions of security. The OSCE's engagement with Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation in light of the evolving security situation in the Mediterranean region will be discussed in this session. Furthermore, the session will take a look at the OSCE's support to the on-going transition in Afghanistan, in particular with a view to promoting stability and security in Central Asia through effective co-operation on border security and management and on combating transnational threats.

Keynote speakers:

- Ambassador Khaled Shamaa, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the International Organizations in Vienna
- Ms. Florence Gaub, Senior Analyst, European Institute for Security Studies
- Mr. Pal Dunay, Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek
- Mr. Thanos Dokos, Director General, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy

Moderator: Ambassador Rüdiger Lüdeking, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Esther Osorio, EU Delegation to the International Organisations in Vienna

Thursday, 25 June 2015

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Working session IV: Arms control and confidence and security building measures: challenges and opportunities

Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures remain vital to the OSCE's comprehensive and co-operative concept of security. However, in light of significant technological changes, as well as new risks, challenges and threats at the beginning of the 21st century, there is a need to regularly update and modernize the key OSCE documents on conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures, including the Vienna Document. Compliance with the principles and obligations stemming from these documents remains essential. This session will therefore look into possibilities to revitalize and strengthen the OSCE politico-military commitments and their implementation in accordance with current military and security conditions in order to enhance military stability, predictability and transparency as well as to rebuild trust and confidence in the OSCE region.

Keynote speakers:

- Ambassador Patricia Flor, Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control, German Federal Foreign Office
- Ambassador Alexander V. Grushko, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to NATO
- Mr. Ueli Niklaus Robert Lang, Head of Euro-Atlantic Security Cooperation, International Relations Division, Swiss Armed Forces Staff
- Ms. Sanja Bujas-Juraga, Head of Sector for NATO and International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Croatia

Moderator: Ambassador Adam Kobieracki, Director OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre

Rapporteur: Col. Markus Widmer, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and the International Organizations

1–3 p.m.

Lunch break

3–5 p.m.

Special session: European security and the role of the OSCE

The crisis in and around Ukraine is often described as a major turning point for European security, with much consideration given to old and new fault lines between OSCE participating States. At the same time, there has been a major increase in attention for the OSCE in the current European security architecture, including growing recognition for its role as a platform for dialogue. In that context, the session will look at ways of strengthening the OSCE's role in European security, in particular by promoting the Organization's capacities to re-invigorate the promotion and full implementation of principles of the Helsinki Final Act. Accordingly, the session will also constitute an opportunity to contribute

to progress in the context of the "Helsinki + 40" process, aimed at tangible outcomes for a stronger OSCE.

Keynote speakers:

- Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE
- Stefan Lehne, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Europe
- Mr. Walter Kemp, Director for Europe and Central Asia, International Peace Institute

Moderator: Ambassador Fred Tanner, Special Advisor of the OSCE Secretary General

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Bekčić, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna

5–6 p.m.

Closing session

The Chairperson will outline initial conclusions based on the discussions during the conference. Furthermore, the Chairperson will present recommendations made by participating States for follow-up, in line with Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3. The conclusions and recommendations may, inter alia, serve as the basis for the Chairperson's subsequent written overview of the 2015 ASRC.

Chairperson: Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Chairperson of the Permanent Council