



## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS DAY 2015

### Agenda

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Tuesday, March 24, 2015

8:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Atlantic Council

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**Location:** Atlantic Council, 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC

### Young Professionals Day 2015

- 8:45 a.m.**                    **Arrival and coffee reception at the Atlantic Council**
- 9:00 – 9:05 a.m.**           **Atlantic Council Welcome and Introduction**  
Mr. Damon Wilson, *Executive Vice President, Atlantic Council*
- 9:05 – 9:15 a.m.**           **Welcome Remarks**  
Brigadier General Matthew L. Brand, *Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Policy, NATO*
- 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.**           **Keynote**  
General Jean-Paul Paloméros, *Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, NATO*
- 9:45 – 9:50 a.m.**           **Housekeeping and expectations**  
Mr. Daniel Bennett, *Assistant Director, Millennium Leadership Program, Atlantic Council*
- 9:50 – 10:00 a.m.**         **Coffee Break**
- 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.**       **Working group breakout sessions, Part I (senior mentors join participants)**  
Exploring the issues, framing the problem, and identifying objectives  
**Working Group Discussion Topics:**  
**NATO’s Strategic Perspective: Rising Challenges in Europe’s East**  
***Objective: Consider the strategic context in which NATO operates and the political and military implications for the Alliance, its Strategic Concept and Political Guidance***  
**Senior Mentor: Dr. Alina Polyakova, Associate Director, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council**  
**NATO’s Strategic Perspective: Rising Challenges in NATO’s South – North Africa, and the Middle East**  
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**Senior Mentor: Dr. Lisa Aronsson, Visiting Fellow, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security/RUSI, Atlantic Council**



## **Preparing NATO to Meet its Ambitions**

*Objective: Prioritize the capabilities and corresponding investments required to address current and future threats and to better leverage multinational cooperation and partnering.*

*Senior Mentor: Mr. Ian Brzezinski, Resident Senior Fellow, Brent Scowcroft Center of International Security, Atlantic Council*

## **Innovation as a Game-Changer for the Alliance: Optimizing Allied Reinvestment Pledges, Formulating NATO's Innovation Roadmap**

*Objective: Determine how best to use increased investments ('2/20 pledges') and innovation to ensure NATO is prepared to meet current and future challenges*

*Senior Mentor: Mr. Daniel Y. Chiu, Deputy Director, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, Atlantic Council*

## **Hybrid Warfare and its Implications for NATO**

*Objective: Analyze hybrid warfare, asymmetry, and consider implications for NATO, its cyber, other capabilities, and the utility of partnership*

*Senior Mentor: Hon. Franklin D. Kramer, Atlantic Council Board Member*

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch break (delegates collect lunch in lobby)**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Working group breakout sessions, Part II (design thinking exercise)**

Developing solutions and strategies to reach objectives

### **Exercise Facilitators:**

**Mr. Joshua Marcuse**, *Senior Advisor for Policy Innovation, Leadership Development, and Organizational Change, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, US Department of Defense*

**Mr. Zvika Krieger**, *Senior Advisor, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, US Department of State*

**3:00 – 3:05 p.m.**

**Coffee Break**

**3:05 – 4:10 p.m.**

**Presentation of final recommendations from breakout sessions, Part II (senior expert panel provides feedback)**

**BG Matthew L. Brand**, *Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Policy, NATO*

**Lt Gen Mark Schissler**, *Deputy Chairman of the Military Committee, NATO*

**Ambassador Karen Stewart**, *Political Advisor to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, NATO*

**4:10 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Final edits to recommendations and recording of recommendations in writing (participants incorporate feedback from senior experts and record their final suggestions in writing for organizers to collect)**

**5:00 – 5:15 p.m.**

**Submission of final written suggestions and concluding remarks**

**5:15 – 6:00 p.m.**

**YP Day Reception (wine, beverages, and snacks will be served)**

**6:00 p.m.**

**End of YP Day program**