

CONFERENCE AGENDA

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November 6-7

Georgia Defence Security Conference



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
OF GEORGIA

Hilton Batumi Hotel

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

20:00-22:00 RECEPTION AT THE HILTON BATUMI HOTEL
Hosted by the Minister of Defence of Georgia
Mr. IRAKLI GARIBASHVILI
(Dress code: Business Casual)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

09:00-10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00-11:00 WELCOMING REMARKS

H.E. SALOME ZOURABICHVILI,
President of Georgia

H.E. GIORGI GAKHARIA,
Prime Minister of Georgia

Mr. ARCHIL TALAKVADZE,
Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia

Mr. IRAKLI GARIBASHVILI,
Minister of Defence of Georgia

Guest Speaker – Mr. ADAM KINZINGER,
Congressman, USA

Keynote speech by
Lt. GEN. CHRISTOPHER CAVOLI,
USAREUR Commander

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00 PANEL 1

RATIONALIZING THE EVOLVING SECURITY
ENVIRONMENT IN THE BLACK SEA REGION

Moderator: Ms. ROSARIA PUGLISI,
Head of the NATO Liaison Office in Georgia

Speakers: Lt. GEN. CHRISTOPHER CAVOLI, USAREUR
Commander
Mr. DAVIT TONoyAN, Minister of Defence
of the Republic of Armenia
Mr. YUNUS EMRE KARAOSMANOĞLU,
Deputy Minister of National
Defence of the Republic of Turkey
Lt. GEN. ATANAS ZAPRYANOV (Ret.),
Deputy Minister of Defence of
the Republic of Bulgaria

13:00-14:30 LUNCH

14:30-16:00 PANEL 2

GEORGIA ON THE RIGHT TRACK -
IN THE PURSUIT OF MEMBERSHIP

Moderator: Mr. ADAM REICHARDT,
Editor-in-Chief of New Eastern Europe

Speakers: Mr. LASHA DARSALIA, Deputy Minister
of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Mr. VYTAUTAS UMBRASAS, Vice-Minister
of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania

H.E. HUBERT KNIRSCH, Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of
the Federal Republic of Germany to Georgia

Mr. GEOFFREY VAN ORDEN,
Member of the European Parliament (TBC)

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:00 PANEL 3

HYBRID TACTICS AND HYBRID THREATS
– WALKING A TIGHTROPE
(the Chatham House Rule)

Moderator: Mr. EWAN LAWSON, Senior Research Fellow,
Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

Speakers: MAJ. GEN. (RET.) HARRI OHRA-AHO,
Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Defence
of Finland
H.E. IHOR DOLHOV, Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Georgia
Amb. EITVYDAS BAJARŪNAS,
Ambassador-at-Large for Hybrid Threats,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic
of Lithuania

20:00-23:00 DINNER (Invitation Only)
(Dress code: Official)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:00-11:30 PANEL 4

GEORGIA'S STRATEGIC READINESS:
FROM WORDS TO ACTIONS

Ms. ROSE GOTTEMOELLER,
Former NATO Deputy Secretary General
(Video Address)

Moderator: Ms. ELIZABETH ROOD, Chargé d'Affaires,
a.i. the Embassy of the USA to Georgia

Speakers: Mr. IRAKLI GARIBASHVILI,
Minister of Defence of Georgia

Mr. ADAM KINZINGER, Congressman, USA
Brigadier General RANDALL V. SIMMONS JR.
Commanding general Georgia Army
National Guard

Mr. MARC DI PAOLO, Director, Defence
Institution and Capacity Building, NATO

11:30-11:50 CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Mr. Irakli Garibashvili,
Minister of Defence of Georgia

12:30-14:00 CLOSING LUNCH