

November 1-2, 2018

Hilton Hotel Batumi

CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Arrival at Tbilisi/Batumi International Airport

20:00 – 22:00 Reception at the Hilton Hotel Batumi

Hosted by the Minister of Defence of Georgia **Dr. Levan Izoria**
(Dress code: **Business Casual**)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

09:00 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:45 Welcoming Remarks

H.E. Giorgi Margvelashvili, President of Georgia
H.E. Mamuka Bakhtadze, Prime Minister of Georgia
Dr. Levan Izoria, Minister of Defence of Georgia
Mr. Tornike Rizhvadze, Chairman of the Government Adjara

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 PANEL 1
Nations under Pressure - Deflecting the Threat

Hosted by the Penn Biden Center (PBC)

Moderator: **Dr. Michael Carpenter**, Senior Director, Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement, United States

Speakers: **Dr. Levan Izoria**, Minister of Defence of Georgia
Mr. Brian Whitmore, Director and Senior Russia Fellow, Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA), United States
H.E. Ihor Dolhov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Georgia
Mr. Radu Burduja, General State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence of Moldova
Ms. Elizabeth Rood, Chargé d'affaires of the United States of America to Georgia

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

PANEL 2

Modern complexities of the Total Defence – addressing challenges and opportunities while translating the concept into practice

Moderator:

Mr. Hannes Hanso, Chairman of the National Defence Committee,
Parliament of the Republic of Estonia

Speakers:

Dr. Richard Weitz, Director & Senior Fellow Center for Political-Military Analysis, Hudson Institute, United States

H.E. Arja Makkonen, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Finland to Georgia

Dr. Ariel Cohen, Founding Director at the Center for Energy, Natural Resources and Geopolitics (CENRG) at the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security (IAGS) and Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council U.S. Global Energy Center and Eurasia Center

H.E. Ulrik Tideström, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Sweden to Georgia

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30

PANEL 3

Challenges to Euro-Atlantic Community - Adapting to the Changing Security Environment

Hosted by Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

Moderator:

Dr. Ewan Lawson, Senior Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

Speakers:

Mr. Vakhtang Makharoblishvili, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia (TBC)

Mr. Raimundas Karoblis, Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania

Mr. Yunus Emre Karaosmanoğlu, Deputy Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Turkey

Mr. Nick Gurr, Director International Security Policy, Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom

20:00 – 23:00

Dinner at the hotel „Wyndham Batumi”

Hosted by the Government of Autonomous Republic of Adjara

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

09:00 – 10:30

PANEL 4**“Open Door” policy in the aftermath of 2018 Brussels Summit – Georgia’s Transformation on path to the membership**Hosted by the **Jamestown Foundation****Moderator:****Ms. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili**, State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality**Speakers:****Ms. Rosaria Puglisi**, Head of the NATO Liaison Office**Dr. Peter Brookes**, Senior Fellow, National Security Affairs Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy the Heritage Foundation, United States**H.E. Hubert Knirsch**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Georgia**Mr. István Balogh**, Deputy State Secretary, Political Director of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade**H.E. Fatma Ceren Yazgan**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to Georgia

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

PANEL 5**The Black Sea Geopolitics – facts, interests, prospects**In partnership with **Munich Security Conference**

Key Note Speech by:

Amb. Wolfgang Ischinger, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference (VTC)**Moderator:****Amb (ret.) Matthew Bryza**, the Jamestown Foundation, United States**Speakers:****H.E. Mrs. Dessislava Ivanova-Kozleva**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria to Georgia**BG Vasile Bucur**, Chief of the Policy, Planning and International Relations Department, Romania**Mr. Temur Kekelidze**, Head of the Border Police of Georgia**Dr. Ariel Cohen**, Founding Director at the Center for Energy, Natural Resources and Geopolitics (CENRG) at the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security (IAGS) and Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council U.S. Global Energy Center and Eurasia Center**COL Christian Barthlen**, Ministry of Defence Research Institute, France

12:30 – 13:30

Conference Summary

Key Note Speech by:

Dr. Michael Carpenter, Senior Director, Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement, United States**Dr. Levan Izoria**, Minister of Defence of Georgia

13:30 – 15:00 **Lunch**

19:00 – 22:00 **Closing Reception**