

70th General Assembly

Defining the world strategic priorities
in uncertain times:

THE ROLE OF OUR ALLIANCE

4-5 December 2024

NATO HQ Press Conference Room Brussels



DRAFT PROGRAM

Tuesday 3 December 2024

Meeting of Youth Participants On the occasion of 70th General Assembly of ATA,

CLUB PRINCE ALBERT, rue des Petits Carmes 20,
1000 Brussels,
Conference room Madou 2

17:30

Introductory Remarks, Ms. Selin Yilmaz, President of YATA, Youth Section of the Atlantic Treaty Association

17:40

ATA Remarks, ATA Board Representative tbc

17:50

A vision for ATA-YATA, Dr. Simone Zuccarelli, Senior Fellow of ATA for Youth issues and Former President of YATA

18:00

Keynote speech, Professor Dr. Aliko Mitsakos, President Women in International Security - Hellas and Member of the BoD of ATA (TBA).

18:10

Q&A and free discussion, with brainstorming from young participants

18:25

Coffee Break

18:40

NATO at 75: Roundtable on key transatlantic security, Moderated by Dr. Simone Zuccarelli



Wednesday 4 December 2024

Informative visit to SHAPE (only Delegates)

9:00	Arrival, In-Processing, Welcome
10:00	Welcome remarks by Supreme Allied Commander Europe, SACEUR General Christopher Cavoli (recorded)
10:15	Concept for Deterrence and Defense of the Euro-Atlantic Area (DDA) (Office of the Strategic and International Affairs Advisor (SIA))
11:00	Strategic Warfighting Headquarter (SWHQ) (Strategic Communication Implementation Guidance (SIG))
11:30	Current Operations (OPS) /NATO response to war in UKR
12:00	Lunch
13:30	Cyber/Hybrid Threats
14:00	Partnerships (Partnership Directorate (PD))
14:30	Strategic Communication (STRATCOM) J10
15:00	Closing remarks by Chief of Staff (COS) SHAPE/ Group Photo and farewell
15:30	Departure
17:30	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSEMBLY Hotel Bristol Stefanie, Brussels (only Heads of Delegations plus one delegate)



“The Forum of the Assembly”

Thursday 5 December 2024

NATO Press Briefing Room

10:05

Welcome remarks by the President of ATA, Mr. Theodossios Georgiou

Official Opening

by H.E. The Secretary General of NATO Mr. Mark Rutte (TBC)

10:30

The Military Dimension of the Alliance

A conversation with Admiral Rob Bauer, Chairman, NATO Military Committee

Moderator: Ms. Anna Van Zoest, Member of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Treaty Association, Director of the Netherlands Atlantic Association

11:00

Transatlantic Partnership in the 21st century

A conversation with Mr. Mikuláš Dzurinda, former Prime Minister of Slovakia, President, Wilfred Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES)

Moderator: Dr. Werner Fasslabend, Vice President of the Atlantic Treaty Association, President of Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES), Former Minister of Defence of Austria.

11:30

Panel: Policies in partnership with the Organized Citizens: Defining and Building Support for the Alliance

A conversation with Mrs. Marie-Doha Besancenot, Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy NATO HQ

Discussants:

- Mrs. Terhi Suominen, Vice President of the Atlantic Treaty Association, Secretary-General of the Atlantic Council of Finland
- Prof. Dr. Aliko Mitsakos, President, Women in International Security-Hellas, Secretary General Greek Association for Atlantic and European Cooperation
- Ms. Selin Yilmaz, President of the Youth Section of the Atlantic Treaty Association (YATA)

12:00

Panel: Need for continued support to Ukraine: Why it matters.

- Ambassador Nataliia Galibarenko, Head of Mission of Ukraine to NATO
- Mr. Patrick Turner, Senior Representative of NATO in Ukraine
- Ambassador Rastislav Káčer, Vice President of the Atlantic Treaty Association, Honorary Chairman of GLOBSEC, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia
- Prof. Dr. Iulian Chifu, President of the Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center Bucharest, Former Advisor of the Romanian Presidency

Moderator: Mrs. Kate Hansen Bundt, Secretary-General, Norwegian Atlantic Committee



12:30

Panel: The Human security approach and the role of emerging and disruptive technologies

- **Mrs. Irene Felin**, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security (TBC)
- **Mr. Nikos Loutas**, Director Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber Division, HQ NATO

Moderator: - **Mrs. Nad'a Kovalčíková**, Senior Analyst European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

13:00

Lunch Break

14:00

Western Balkan's fragile resilience: keep the Balkan ghosts at bay A conversation with Mr. Christian Schmidt, High Representative for Bosnia -Herzegovina, President of the German Atlantic Association (DAG)

Moderator: **Ambassador Elena Poptodorova**, Member of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Treaty Association, Vice President Atlantic Club of Bulgaria

14:30

Panel: Security and Cooperation with NATO's partners

- **Mr. Javier Colomina**, Special Representative for Southern Neighborhood and Acting Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs (TBC)
- **Mr. Élie Tenenbaum**, Director of the Security Studies Center & Coordinator of the Defense Research Laboratory, IFRI, Member of the Reflexion group on neighbourhood countries of NATO
- **Prof. Dr. Luis Simón**, Director of the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy of the Brussels School of Governance (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Moderator: **Dr. Fabrizio Luciulli**, President Italian Atlantic Committee, former President of ATA

15:15

The Ambassadors FORUM "National Perspectives on NATO's Present and Future Challenges"

- **Ambassador David Konecký**, Permanent Representative of Czechia to NATO
- **Mr. Scott M. Oudkirk**, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Mission to NATO (TBC)
- **Ambassador Marco Peronaci**, Permanent Representative of Italy to NATO

Moderator: **Nicola De Santis**, Head, Engagements, NATO PDD

16:15

Panel: The Great Powers competition: what lies ahead? The future of Transatlantic relations - American and European challenges - Geopolitical and economic implications

- **Ambassador Paula J. Dobriansky**, Vice Chair, Atlantic Council Scowcroft Center for Strategy & Security and former Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs (2001-2009)



- **Ambassador Hüsein Diriöz**, Former Assistant Secretary General of NATO for Defense and Policy Planning
- **Ambassador George Prevelakis**, Professor Emeritus Panthéon-Sorbonne

Moderator: **Mr. David Keating**, American-European journalist, Brussels Correspondent for France 24... He is ranked as the number one EU social media influencer for 2023

17:15

Wrap-up

by **Nicola de Santis**, Head, Engagements, NATO PDD

17:35

Closing remarks by President of ATA

17:45

End

18:00

Award Ceremony and Reception for the 70th Anniversary of the ATA

Honoring **Dr. Solomon Passy**, Founding President, Atlantic Club of Bulgaria
Dr. Solomon Passy, among his other credentials, is the Minister of Foreign Affairs (2001-2005) of Bulgaria who negotiated and signed the Agreements of his country for memberships in both, NATO and the EU.
We are honoring him as a dynamic example of how far the vision of an Atlantic Association can reach.
Additionally, we are honoring **Mr. Antonio Borges De Carvalho**, Founder of Atlantic Committee of Portugal and Treasurer and Secretary General of ATA 1994-2003