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## NATO 2021: Rebuilding the consensus for a new era

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Venue: *Live streamed from the Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel*  
*Via Alberto Cadlolo, 101, Rome*

### WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2021

15,00 - 15,15 WELCOME REMARKS

- ❑ **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome \*\*\*
- ❑ **Olivier Rittmann**, Commandant, NATO Defense College, Rome \*\*\*

15,15 – 15,25 INITIAL INTERVENTION

**Baiba Braže**, Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy, NATO HQ, Brussels

15,25 - 16,40

### SESSION 1 HOW TO REFOCUS NATO?

*The world is very different from the one the Alliance has known during the Cold War and its aftermaths. Allies need to strengthen their cohesion and be more effective in decision making in a fast-changing strategic environment. More challenges must be addressed to guarantee peace, stability, and the rule of law in the Euro-Atlantic area. The cooperation between the Alliance and the European Union is also to be reinforced on issues of common interests, taking advantage of their different capabilities and tools. A new Strategic Concept should be in the making.*

Chair: **Adriana Cerretelli**, Journalist, Il Sole 24 Ore \*\*\*

- ❑ **Ian Lesser**, Vice President; Executive Director, Transatlantic Centre, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Brussels \*\*
- ❑ **Marta Dassù**, Senior Director of European Affairs; Editor-in-Chief, The Aspen Institute, Rome \*\*\*
- ❑ **Julian Lindley-French**, Senior Fellow, Institute of Statecraft, London \*\*
- ❑ **Benoît d'Aboville**, Vice-Président, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, Paris \*\*\*

Q&A

16,40 – 17,10 *Debate – The Importance of Allies and Multilateralism*

Moderator: **Hannah Roberts**, Journalist, Rome \*\*\*

- **Damon Wilson**, Executive Vice President, Atlantic Council, Washington D.C.
- **Benedetta Berti**, Head, Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary General, NATO HQ, Brussels

**END OF THE WORKING DAY**

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THURSDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2021

15,00 – 15,10 *Special Intervention*

**Benedetto Della Vedova**, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

15,10 – 16,30

**SESSION 2  
NATO WITH GLOBAL PARTNERS**

*NATO needs more than ever global partners to tackle the security challenges coming from different sides. The partnerships in the South (the Mediterranean Dialogues and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative) should be energised, strengthening the Alliance political engagement, promoting capacity building tools, and possibly engaging with civil society. A process of consultations should be put into place with Indo-Pacific partners to better define the perimeter of the security architecture of the Western world.*

Chair: **Stephen Mariano**, Dean, NATO Defense College, Rome \*\*\*

- ❑ **Younkyoo Kim**, Professor International Relations; Director Center for Energy Governance & Security, Hanyang University, Seoul \*\*
- ❑ **Rajendra Abhyankar**, Former Indian Secretary of External Affairs; Ambassador to the European Union \*\*
- ❑ **Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer**, Director of Research, Transatlantic Security; Director of the Paris Office, The German Marshall Fund of the United States
- ❑ **Oded Eran**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv \*\*
- ❑ **Karl-Heinz Kamp**, Special Envoy of the Political Director, Federal Ministry of Defence, Berlin \*\*\*

**Q&A**

16,30 – 16,40 - *Special Intervention*

**TBD**

16,40 – 16,50

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**Piero Fassino**, President, Foreign Affairs Committee, Chamber of Deputies, Rome \*\*\*

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