

Building security in the Sahel: European, regional and local approaches

Conference held under the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the EU

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Parc Léopold, rue Belliard 137, 1040 Brussels

PROGRAMME

- 08.30** **Registration**
- 09:00** **Introductory remarks**
Luxembourg Presidency
Antonio Missiroli, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies
- 09:15** **Opening speeches**
Hiroute Guebre Sellassie, UN Special Envoy for the Sahel
Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary General for the External Action Service (EEAS)

09:45-11:15 Panel 1: Security challenges in and around the Sahel

- Chair:** **Cristina Barrios**, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies
- Panellists** **Richard Zink**, Former EU Ambassador, Former Head of EU Delegation to Mali
Gilles de Kerchove, Counter-terrorism Coordinator, Council of the EU
Jean-Herve Jezequel, Sahel Senior Analyst, International Crisis Group
Francesco Strazzari, Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI)

11:15-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:00 Roundtable discussion: common challenges and common interests (African and European perspectives)

Joelle Jenny, Director, Security Policy and Conflict Prevention, European External Action Service (EEAS) will animate the roundtable discussion between

Hiroute Guebre Sellassie, UN Special Envoy for the Sahel
Pierre Buyoya, African Union High Representative for the Sahel
Michel Reveyrand de Menthon, EU Special Representative for the Sahel
Marc Angel, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs, Defence, Development cooperation and Immigration

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:30 Panel 3: Capacity-building: how effective is the EU?

Chair: **Thierry Tardy**, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

Panellists **Bernard Rambaud**, Head of Division, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate (CMPD), European External Action Service (EEAS)
Filip de Ceuninck, Head of Mission, EUCAP Sahel Niger
Birame Diop, General, Chief of Staff, Air Force, Senegal
Denisa-Elena Ionete, Head of Unit – Fragility and Resilience, DG DEVCO

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Panel 4: Engaging with regional and local partners: what prospects?

Chair: **Georges Ternes**, Chargé d’Affaires Niger and Burkina Faso, Luxembourg

Panellists **Hans-Peter Schadek**, Head of Division, West Africa, European External Action Service (EEAS)
Emilie Jourdan, Political Advisor, Security-Development, EU Delegation, Mali
Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte, Head of Unit, Africa & Middle-East, OECD-Development Centre
Mathieu Pellerin, Researcher at the French Institute on Foreign Relations and special adviser at the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue

17:30 Concluding remarks

Cristina Barrios, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies
Pierre Buyoya, African Union High Representative for the Sahel
Michel Reveyrand de Menthon, EU Special Representative for the Sahel
Stephan Müller, Ambassador, Luxembourg PSC Representative

18:15 End of conference