

# Re-mapping the Sahel: Transnational challenges and international responses

## Sahel Task Force – Final Conference

A conference organised by the EU Institute for Security Studies

Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 June 2014

Maison de la Recherche  
54 rue de Varenne, Paris

### Programme

#### Tuesday 24 June

- 19:00            **Welcoming remarks**  
Antonio Missiroli, Director, EUISS
- 19:15 - 19:45    **Opening speech**  
Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga, former Defence Minister of the Republic of Mali
- 19:45 - 20:45    **Cocktail de bienvenue**

#### Wednesday 25 June

- 08:45            **Registration and welcoming coffee**
- 09:15 - 09:30    **Introduction and presentation of the Report**  
Antonio Missiroli, Director, EUISS  
Cristina Barrios, Senior Analyst, EUISS
- 09:30 - 10:15    **Opening speeches**  
Hiroute Guebre Sellassie, UNSG Special Envoy for the Sahel  
Nick Westcott, Managing Director for Africa, EEAS
- 10:15 - 11:30    **Panel 1: Trans-border challenges**  
*This panel will discuss trans-border challenges, including terrorism and radicalisation.*
- Chair**            Thierry Tardy, Senior Analyst, EUISS
- Speaker 1**        Bakary Sambe, Coordinator of the *Observatoire des Radicalismes et Conflits religieux en Afrique*, Gaston Berger University
- Speaker 2**        Philippe Prévost, Chief Joint Mission Analysis Center, MINUSMA, United Nations
- Comments**        Christiane Höhn, Adviser to the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, Council of the EU

- 11:30 - 12:00 **Coffee break**
- 12:00 - 13:30 **Panel 2: From country to regional security**  
*This panel will discuss:*
- *Sahel States' capacities to deal with security challenges and initiatives to strengthen regional cooperation;*
  - *Regional conflict spillover – trends, planning, prevention.*
- Chair** Cristina Barrios, Senior Analyst, EUISS
- Speaker 1** General Bruno Guibert, former Chief of the EU Training Mission in Mali (EUTM Mali)
- Speaker 2** Giacomo Durazzo, Coordinator of the Inter-service Working Group on security in the Sahel-Sahara & Head of the Coordination Division, Crisis Management and Planning Division, EEAS
- Speaker 3** Paul Melly, Associate Fellow, Chatham House
- Comments** Yaye Ndaw Coulibaly Kane, Senator of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- 13:30 - 14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30 - 16:00 **Panel 3: Challenges of cooperation**  
*This panel will discuss the challenges of comprehensive approach, both regarding development-security policies and the coordination of actors (international, regional, national and local).*
- Chair** Hugo Sada, Special Adviser, *Fondation pour la recherche stratégique*
- Speaker 1** Jean-Christophe Gayrand, Geographical Coordination Mauritania and Burkina Faso, European Commission
- Speaker 2** Laurent Bossard, Director of the Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat, OECD
- Comments** Carmen Hagenaaars, Political Advisor of the EU Special Representative for Mali and the Sahel, EEAS
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee break**
- 16:30 - 17:00 **Closing speech**  
 Justin Vaisse, Director, Centre for Analysis, Planning and Strategy, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 17:00 **End of conference**