



The Group of 78
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Group of 78 Annual Policy Conference

Brittany Salon, Cartier Place Suite Hotel, 180 Cooper St., Ottawa
September 28 – 30, 2012

Armed Intervention: Lessons from Afghanistan

PROGRAM

Friday September 28

5:45 – 6:30 p.m. Cash bar and registration

Welcome and introduction of keynote speaker: Richard Harmston, G78 Chair

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Keynote Address: *The Afghan & Other Interventions – Lessons for History*

An overview and identification of the issues

Ferry de Kerckhove

Former Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan and former Ambassador to Egypt and Indonesia

Saturday September 29

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Session I: *The Road to Kandahar and Why It Was Taken*

Alternative approaches that were available to the international community and to Canada

Moderator: Peggy Mason

Panelists: Hon. John McCallum

Ernie Regehr

Discussant: Ghulam Farouq Samim

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Session II: *Stuck in the Sand? Where is Afghanistan Now?*

Assessing the intervention, the successes and failures, and possible alternatives.

Moderator: Gerald Ohlsen

Panelists: Michael Byers

Nipa Banerjee

Sadiqa Basiri Saleem

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. *Introduction of Luncheon speaker: George Jacoby*

Luncheon Address: *Iran: Current Crises and Regional Context*

Philip MacKinnon

Former Canadian Ambassador to Iran and Egypt

2:30 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Session III: *Afghanistan, Central Asia and a Troubled World: Future Engagement*

What responsibilities do Canada and the West have in light of a costly twelve year commitment to Afghanistan? Can we commit to a comprehensive peace process? What are the implications for both immediate action and broader policy?

Moderator: Manfred Bienefeld

Panelists: Peggy Mason

Hussain Ramoz

Daryl Copeland

4:45 p.m. Concluding Comments

Sunday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Session IV: *Wrapping Up: Conference Conclusions & Recommendations for the Government of Canada and the ISAF Partners.*

Moderator: Richard Harmston

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Group of 78 AGM

12:30 p.m. Conclusion