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