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Over a Decade of US- German Collaboration and Challenge

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8:00 am Registration and Coffee

8:30 am Welcome

- Ambassador Bill Taylor, Executive Vice President, U.S Institute of Peace
- Dr. Jackson Janes, President, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS), Johns Hopkins University
- Brigadier General Dirk Backen, Defense Attaché, German Embassy in Washington, DC

8:45 am – 9:15 am Opening Remarks

- Ambassador James B. Cunningham
Former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan (2012-2014)
Zalmay Khalilzad Chair on Afghanistan, Atlantic Council

9:15 am – 11:15 am Lessons Learned – A Transatlantic Debate

ISAF was a major project of transatlantic cooperation both in military and political terms, in which the US-German relationship was nested. Development cooperation took place through the Afghanistan Compact and Security Sector Reform (where Germany was responsible for police training and the US for training the Army). What lessons can be learned from these efforts for future joint endeavors? Did conflicts emerge among the Western allies, and how did they overcome their differences?

- Dr. Philipp Ackermann, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, German Embassy
- Lieutenant General Jürgen Bornemann, Director General, NATO International Military Staff NATO (2010 - 2013)
- Ambassador James Dobbins, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan (2013-2014)
- Ali Ahmad Jalali, former Interior Minister of Afghanistan (2003-2005)
- John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction

- *Panel Chair:* Dr. Henning Riecke, Head of Transatlantic Relations program, German Council of Foreign Relations (DGAP)

11:15 am – 11:30 am Coffee Break

11:30 am – 1:15 pm Economic and Security Lessons from the Transition

The panel will address the transfer of responsibility for security from international forces to Afghan national security forces. It will also look at the parallel effort to build Afghanistan's economy so that it can eventually assume financial responsibility for its own security. The recent decision by both Germany and the United States (and other members of Resolute Support Mission) to retain a military presence in Afghanistan beyond 2016 signifies a re-adjustment of expectations. What needs to change—for the international community and for Afghans—to consolidate the economic and security foundations of Afghanistan?

- Hila Nawa Alam, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Afghanistan
- Paul Fishstein, former Director, Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit
- Dr. Stefan Oswald, Head of Afghanistan/Pakistan Division, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Matthias Riesenkampff, Resident Representative to Afghanistan, Konrad Adenauer Foundation

- *Panel Chair:* Scott Smith, Director of Afghanistan & Central Asia Program, USIP

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm Buffet Luncheon

2:30 pm – 4:15 pm Challenges During the Upcoming “Decade of Transformation”

This panel will assess the continued development of the rule of law, good governance, human rights, and other sector development, with a special attention as to what the Afghans themselves would see as important. What is the longer term viability of current assistance programs in Afghanistan? What activities have had the greatest impact and should have priority in funding and manning? What programs have proven less successful and should be given lower priority or cancelled all together? What institutional structures have been necessary to assure that the gains for the Afghan population can be maintained? What should be the respective roles of UN, NATO, EU?

- Prof. Dr. Dr. Hans Joachim Giessmann, Executive Director Berghof Foundation Berlin
- William Hammink, Afghanistan Mission Director, USAID
- Ambassador Dr. Klaus Scharioth, State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office (2002-2006)
- Andrew Wilder, Vice President of Asia Programs, USIP

- *Panel Chair:* Dr. Gale A. Mattox, Senior Fellow, AICGS and Professor, US Naval Academy

4:15pm Closing Remarks