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## IISS BAHRAIN BAY FORUM

### **MENA economies: Positioning for a "new world (dis)order" 16–17 September 2017, Kingdom of Bahrain**

#### OUTLINE SPEAKER AGENDA

#### SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

- 19.00 – 20.00 OPENING RECEPTION
- 20.00 – 22.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND OPENING DINNER

Moderator: Sir John Jenkins, Corresponding Director, IISS-Middle East

Speaker: Dr Christof Rühl, Global Head of Research, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority;  
former Group Chief Economist and Vice President, BP

#### SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

- 8.30 – 10.00 FIRST PLENARY SESSION

***NAVIGATING EMERGING RISKS: ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS IN A NEW WORLD  
(DIS)ORDER***

Moderator: Ms Alia Moubayed, Director of Geo-Economics and Strategy, IISS

Speakers:

- Mr Carl Bildt, former Prime Minister, Sweden; Member of the Council, International Institute for Strategic Studies
- Prof. Gao Haihong, Director, Research Center for International Finance, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- Mr John Knight, Executive Vice President, Global Strategy and Business Development, Statoil
- Prof. James Steinberg, Professor, International Affairs and Law, Syracuse University; former Deputy Secretary of State, United States

10.00– 11.30      SECOND PLENARY SESSION

*ADJUSTING TO A NEW REALITY: THE FUTURE OF ENERGY AND THE CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDA*

Moderator: Dr Nick Redman, Director of Editorial; Editor, Adelphi books and Strategic Survey, IISS

Speakers:

- HE Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Oil, Kingdom of Bahrain
- Mr Neil Atkinson, Head, Oil Industry and Markets Division, International Energy Agency
- Dr Simon Buckle, Head of Climate, Biodiversity and Water Division, Environment Directorate, OECD
- Dr Ken Koyama, Managing Director and Chief Economist, Strategy Research Unit, Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

11.30 – 12.00      COFFEE BREAK

12.00– 13.30      THIRD PLENARY SESSION

*MEETING THE MACRO CHALLENGE: DOMESTIC REFORMS FOR SUSTAINABILITY*

Moderator: Ms Alia Moubayed, Director of Geo-Economics and Strategy, IISS

Speakers:

- HE Mr Amr Al-Garhy, Minister of Finance, Arab Republic of Egypt
- Dr Ibrahim Babelli, Acting Deputy Minister for Sectoral Development, Ministry of Economy and Planning, Saudi Arabia
- Dr Aasim Husain, Deputy Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund
- Dr Nasser Saidi, founder and President, Nasser Saidi & Associates; former Minister of Economy, Lebanon

13.30 – 14.30      LUNCH

14.30-16.00      FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

*FINANCING THE TRANSFORMATION: MOBILISING CAPITAL IN A COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE*

Moderator: Dr Nick Redman, Director of Editorial; Editor, Adelphi books and Strategic Survey, IISS

Speakers:

- HE Mr Khalid Al-Rumaihi, Chief Executive, Bahrain Economic Development Board
- Dr Amer Bisat, Managing Director, Head of Emerging Markets Crossover Team and Portfolio Manager, BlackRock
- Dr Hafez Ghanem, Vice President, Middle East and North Africa, World Bank
- Ms Janet Heckman, Managing Director, Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Region, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

16.00 – 16.30      COFFEE BREAK

16.30 – 18.00      FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

*HARNESSING THE BENEFITS OF ASIA'S GEO-ECONOMIC SHIFTS*

Moderator: Ms Alia Moubayed, Director of Geo-Economics and Strategy, IISS

Speakers:

- HE Yahya Said bin Abdullah Al-Jabri, Chairman, Special Economic Zone Authority of Duqm, Sultanate of Oman
- Dr Alicia García Herrero, Chief Economist for Asia Pacific, Natixis
- Dr Joachim von Amsberg, Vice President, Policy and Strategy, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- Prof. Xiang Lanxin, Director, Centre for One Belt and One Road Studies, China National Institute for SCO International Exchange and Judicial Cooperation

18.00 – 18:10      CLOSING REMARKS

Sir John Jenkins, Corresponding Director, IISS-Middle East