

Global Security Forum 2023

Reshaping the Global Order: Conflict, Crises, and Cooperation

March 13-15, 2023 | Doha, Qatar

DAY 1 | Monday, March 13

9:00 – 9:30

OPENING SESSION

H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar

9:30 – 10:00

FIRESIDE CHAT (V)

H.E. Paul Kagame, President, Republic of Rwanda

This session will offer reflections on Rwanda's experiences in post-conflict reconciliation and development, including fostering dynamic socioeconomic progress, and on regional and international security dynamics that shape Rwanda's diplomacy, development, and defense priorities

Moderator: **Mr. Steve Clemons**, Founding Editor-at-Large, Semafor **(M)**

10:00 – 10:10

COFFEE BREAK

10:10 – 11:10

PANEL (Parallel Panel)

War in Ukraine: Impacts & Implications

This session will reflect the current state and future prospects of the ongoing war in Ukraine following the one-year anniversary of the Russia's full-scale invasion. In addition to the traditional military dimensions of the conflict, participants will also discuss the role and impact of various state and non-state actors and the implications for global security.

Mr. Jason Blazakis, Senior Research Fellow, The Soufan Center **(M)**

Ambassador Nathan Sales, Senior Fellow, The Soufan Center

Dr. Kacper Rekawek, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oslo Center for Research on Extremism

Dr. Bilyana Lilly, Chair of the Resilience Track, Warsaw Security Forum

10:10 – 11:10

PANEL (Parallel Panel)

Global Perspectives on the State of the Jihadist Threat

This session will examine the state of the threat posed by jihadist groups like Al-Qaida and Daesh in Africa, Europe, and South Asia, and include a focus on how counterterrorism and prevention efforts can focus on the current iterations of the threat, and their implications for global security.

Dr. Colin Clarke, Senior Research Fellow, The Soufan Center **(M)**

Dr. Daisy Muibu, Assistant Professor, University of Alabama
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Dr. Amira Jadoon, Assistant Professor, Clemson University
Department of Political Science

Dr. Tore Refslund Hamming, Director, Refslund Analytics

Ms. Tanya Mehra, Senior Research Fellow and Programme Lead, ICCT

11:15 – 11:30

REMARKS

Hon. Sheikh Imran Abdulla, Minister of Home Affairs,
The Republic of the Maldives

This session will reflect on the experiences of the Maldives in preventing and combatting terrorism, and in managing the risks posed by traveling and returning foreign terrorist fighters, and developing measures to support their rehabilitation and reintegration.

11:35 – 11:50

IN CONVERSATION

H.E. Mohammed Al-Darraji, Advisor to the Prime Minister,
Republic of Iraq **with Mr. Peter Bergen**

11:50 – 12:50

PANEL

The Invasion of Iraq: 20 Years On (New America)

This session will reflect on the 20-year anniversary of the 2003 war in Iraq and how it has shaped contemporary global security and the lives of its people. This session is organized in partnership with New America.

Mr. Peter Bergen, Vice President for Global Studies & Fellows,
New America **(M)**

Ms. Simona Foltyn, Special Correspondent, PBS NewsHour

Mr. Ioannis “Gianni” Koskinas, Chief Executive Officer, Hoplite Group

Ambassador Fareed Yasseen, Former Climate Envoy and Advisor to the Prime Minister on Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Republic of Iraq

Dr. Omar Mohammed, Founder, “Mosul Eye”

12:55 – 13:35

FIRESIDE CHAT

Ms. Larissa Knapp, Executive Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

This session will consider the changing threat landscape and implications for U.S. national security. The discussion will center on the FBI’s work addressing current challenges in countering threats such as international terrorism, nation-state actors, domestic violent extremist actors, economic espionage and transnational repression from state actors, as well as lessons learned and good practices for inter-agency cooperation and public-private partnerships to address these challenges.

Dr. Karen J. Greenberg, Director, Center on National Security, Fordham University and Senior Visiting Fellow, The Soufan Center **(M)**

13:35 – 14:15

LUNCH

14:20 – 15:20

PANEL

Fostering Energy Security Amidst Shifting Geopolitical Dynamics

This session will reflect on the global energy crisis and the implications of regional dynamics and implications of the ongoing war in Ukraine for Europe, the Middle East, and other actors. Amidst a burgeoning climate crisis, the efforts of the energy sector to address these threats and develop sustainable approaches will be critical.

Mr. Paul Wallace, Middle East Energy & Commodities, Bloomberg **(M)**

Dr. Carolyn Kissane, Assistant Dean, New York University Center for Global Affairs

Mr. Scott Modell, Chief Executive Officer, Rapidan Energy Group

Hon. Frank Fannon, Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources, United States

Dr. Damilola Olawuyi, Professor and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, HBKU College of Law

15:20 – 15:50

FIRESIDE CHAT

Hon. Robert C. O'Brien, Co-Founder & Chairman, American Global Strategies, LLC and former U.S. National Security Advisor

This session will reflect on the evolution of the security threats that have confronted the United States, including transformations of the terrorist threat, and national security responses.

Mr. Steve Clemons, Founding Editor-at-Large, Semafor

DAY 2 | Tuesday, March 14

8:30 – 9:00

FIRESIDE CHAT (V)

H.E. Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Singapore

This session will reflect on the changing dynamics on the global stage from Singapore's perspective, including the impact of the war in Ukraine on China and the Asia-Pacific region, strategic competition between U.S. and China, and the importance of international cooperation and coordination.

Mr. Bobby Ghosh, Bloomberg Opinion Editor, Bloomberg **(M)**

9:00 – 9:40

FIRESIDE CHAT

H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson, African Union Commission

African states are confronting diverse and complex challenges even as a young, vibrant, and entrepreneurial population creates and shapes new and exciting opportunities for the future. This session will offer reflections on the complex and interconnected challenges facing Africa, including terrorism and conflict; challenges to good governance and development; and the critical contributions made by the African Union to international peace and security through its missions and partnerships with the United Nations.

Mr. Bobby Ghosh, Bloomberg Opinion Editor, Bloomberg **(M)**

9:45 – 10:00

FRAMING REMARKS

Reflections on Qatar Experiences in Mediations and Conflict Resolutions

H.E. Dr. Mohammed Al-Khulaifi, Assistant Foreign Minister for Regional Affairs, State of Qatar

10:00 – 11:00

PANEL (Parallel Session)

Africa & The Spectrum of Conflict

The panel will discuss African security issues falling below the threshold of direct geopolitical conflict or kinetic action, such as the soft power-based influence of global and regional powers on the continent, as well as the spread of private military companies and proxy forces.

Dr. Daisy Muibu, Assistant Professor, University of Alabama Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice **(M)**

Mr. Rami Khouri, Journalist & Director of Global Engagement, American University of Beirut

Mr. Wassim Nasr, Journalist, *FRANCE 24*

Mr. Idriss Lallali, Acting Director, African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism

10:00 – 11:00

FRAMING REMARKS

Mr. Sebastian Neave, Trustee, Airey Neave Trust

10:00 – 11:00

PANEL (Parallel Session)

Exploring International Violent Far-Right Movements and Measures Taken by States and International Organizations

The evolution of the violent far-right movement is of increasing concern to many states and international actors, with iterations of the threat looking different in various regions even as many states seek a collective international response, as was the case with other transnational groups. This session will consider how the threat has evolved globally as well as measures to address the narratives and financing of these groups.

Mr. Michael Isikoff, Chief Investigative Correspondent, Yahoo!
News (M)

Dr. Bethan Johnson, Ernest May Fellow, Harvard University

Ms. Jessica Davis, President, Insight Threat Intelligence and
Senior Visiting Fellow, The Soufan Center

Mr. Irfan Saeed, Head of Anti-Terrorism Unit, OSCE, Vienna

Ms. Maya Mirchandani, Senior Fellow, Observer Research
Foundation

11:00 – 11:05

COFFEE BREAK

11:05 – 11:45

FIRESIDE CHAT

Hon. Ambassador Timmy T. Davis, U.S. Ambassador to Qatar

The U.S. has been a strong and longstanding partner with Qatar in efforts to promote regional security and cooperation. This session will reflect on the mutual interests of both states and the strategic priorities they share amidst complex conflicts and challenges in terms of global and regional security.

Mr. Ali Velshi, Host of "Velshi" and Chief Correspondent, *MSNBC* (M)

11:50 – 12:50

PANEL

Conflict Prevention and Mediation Amidst Shifting Geopolitical Challenges

This session will examine lessons learned and good practices developing in mitigating conflicts – including through mediation, conflict prevention mechanisms, and defense and diplomatic engagement, with reflections on diverse regional dynamics, including in Africa and the Middle East

Mr. Ali Velshi, Host of "Velshi" and Chief Correspondent, *MSNBC* (M)

Mr. Aaron Nuutinen, Director for South & Central Asia & the Middle East, U.S. Department of State Bureau of Counterterrorism, United States

H.E. Djibril Bassolé, former Foreign Minister, Burkina Faso

H.E. Dr. Monica Juma, National Security Advisor to the President, Republic of Kenya

12:50 – 13:20

LUNCH

13:25 – 14:25

PANEL

The Roles of Cities in Fostering Resilience and Preventing Violent Extremism (Strong Cities Network)

Mayors and the cities they lead are playing an increasingly critical role in extremism prevention and building resilience, including through localized and tailored approaches that leverage the trusted relationships they often have with local communities. Sharing experiences, lessons learned, and good practices developed, including in the aftermath of terrorist attacks and other crises, has created an important platform for cooperation and collaboration among local governments. This panel is organized in partnership with the Strong Cities Network.

Mr. Eric Rosand, Executive Director, Strong Cities Network and Senior Visiting Fellow, The Soufan Center **(M)**

Ms. Souad Abderrahim, Mayor, City of Tunis

Dr. Jean-Yves Camus, Special Counsel of Department of International Relations, City of Paris

14:30 – 15:30

PANEL

Evolving Security Challenges and Threat Landscapes

Global security threats have changed significantly over the past two decades. Concerns about the potential of groups like Al-Qaida and ISIL to motivate and inspire attacks remains a persistent concern, but there is also increased focus on domestic violent extremism, racially and ethnically motivated actors, including with international connections, and evolving partnerships on counterterrorism in regions like the Sahel. This session offers a range of reflections on the evolution of the terrorist threat and also of U.S. strategic security priorities.

Mr. Mark Mazzetti, Washington Investigative Correspondent, New York Times **(M)**

Ms. Rebecca Weiner, Assistant Commissioner of the Intelligence & Counterterrorism Bureau, New York City Police Department

Mr. Gregory LoGerfo, Deputy Coordinator for Regional and Multilateral Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Ms. Anjana Rajan, Assistant National Cyber Director for Technology Security, The White House

Col. Chris Costa (Ret.), Executive Director, International Spy Museum and former Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for Counterterrorism, U.S. National Security Council

15:30 – 16:00

FIRESIDE CHAT

H.E. Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan, Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University Singapore and former Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Singapore

This session will focus on China’s growing role in the Middle East, particularly in economic, diplomatic, and security issues, as well as consider the geopolitical implications of China’s expansion in the region.

Mr. Peter Bergen, Vice President for Global Studies & Fellows, New America (M)

16:00 – 16:30

FIRESIDE CHAT

Dr. Joshua Geltzer, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Homeland Security Advisor, U.S. National Security Council

This session will focus on “Transnational Dimensions of the Evolving Threat Posed by Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremists,” examining the evolving landscape in the United States, including the proactive responses on the policy and law enforcement side, and on the transnational dimensions and implications

Mr. Mark Mazzetti, Washington Investigative Correspondent, New York Times (M)

DAY 3 | Wednesday, March 15

8:30 - 9:10

FIRESIDE CHAT

Hon. Christopher Miller, Author and former Acting Secretary of Defense, United States

This session will focus on U.S. national security and foreign policy concerns and on how the U.S. defense establishment and the Pentagon should move forward, including highlights from Mr. Miller's

recent book, "Soldier-Secretary: Warnings from the Battlefield and the Pentagon About America's Most Dangerous Enemies."

Mr. Ali Velshi, Host of "Velshi" and Chief Correspondent, MSNBC **(M)**

9:15 – 9:55

FIRESIDE CHAT

Major General Michel Friedling (Ret.), former Commander of the French Joint Space Command, French Republic

The session will address the stakes and challenges of space security and sustainable development in space, with considerations on the role that public and private actors have to play on this subject.

Dr. Colin Clarke, Senior Research Fellow, The Soufan Center **(M)**

10:00 – 10:15

IN CONVERSATION

Reflections on U.S. Experiences in Addressing the Practice of Hostage- Taking by State and Non-state Actors

Ambassador Roger Carstens, Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, United States with **Mr. Ali Velshi**

10:15 – 11:15

PANEL

Addressing the Practice of Hostage-Taking by State and Non State Actors

The practice of hostage-taking by state and non-state actors is of increasing concern today. Global power shifts create an enormous challenge to those advocating for hostages and wrongful detainees, while also creating opportunities for international cooperation. Speakers in this session will present the challenges, explore ways to better support hostages and their families, and share lessons learned and insights that can inform critical national and international efforts to stem this cruel practice.

Mr. Ali Velshi, Host of "Velshi" and Chief Correspondent, MSNBC **(M)**

Mrs. Diane Foley, President & Founder, James W. Foley Legacy Foundation

Mr. Christopher O’Leary, Director of Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Sam Goodwin, Advisory Board Member, James. W. Foley Legacy Foundation

Ms. Vina Nadjibulla, Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia

11:15 – 11:25

COFFEE BREAK

11:25 – 12:25

PANEL

Afghanistan: Current Challenges and Future Prospects

Afghanistan has experienced tremendous transformation since the departure of the United States and international forces and the Taliban’s de facto takeover of government, which has severely curtailed education and employment prospects for nearly half the population and exacerbated governance and humanitarian crises. International partners have had to navigate interactions with the government and negotiate around sanctions and public opprobrium. This session will reflect on developments in Afghanistan and prospects for the future, including in terms of security, governance, and human rights.

Mr. Bobby Ghosh, Bloomberg Opinion Editor, Bloomberg **(M)**

H.E. Hekmat Karzai, Chairman, Center for Conflict and Peace Studies and former Deputy Foreign Minister, Afghanistan

H.E. Fawzia Koofi, Former Second Deputy Speaker of Afghan Parliament and Leading Women’s Rights Activist

Mr. Saad Mohseni, Co-Founder & Chairman, MOBY Media Group

12:25 – 12:45

COFFEE BREAK

12:45 – 13:25

FIRESIDE CHAT

H.E. Hassan Al-Thawadi, Secretary General of the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar.

Mr. Kevin Baron, Executive Editor, Defense One **(M)**

13:25 – 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00

PANEL

Terrorism & Technology in a Post-COVID World (CTED Global Research Network)

The panel will explore how emerging tech and CT tools were used and abused during COVID-19; potential human rights implications of use and abuse of emerging tech in a post-COVID world; misinformation/disinformation, conspiracy theories; online abuse; and its intersections

with gender; and consider future challenges for policymakers, practitioners, and communities. This session is organized in partnership with the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED).

Dr. David Scharia, Chief of Branch, UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) **(M)**

Mr. Malik Samuel, Researcher, Institute for Security Studies Africa

Dr. Laura Courchesne, Future of Conflict Fellow, International Crisis Group

Ms. Rachel Fielden, International Campaigns Manager, Moonshot

Mr. Priyank Mathur, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mythos Labs

15:05 – 16:05

PANEL

Countering Extremism, Hate & Disinformation Online

Countering extremism, hate and disinformation is a critical priority for states and organizations confronting malicious adversaries or seeking to mitigate the influence of violent extremists and terrorist groups, through measures that range from tackling the technical aspects of disinformation to the narratives and strategies used by violent groups, including terrorists, to garner support and recruits. This session will reflect on the current nature of the threats and the kinds of measures taken by governments, communities, and the private sector.

Mr. Michael Isikoff, Chief Investigative Correspondent, Yahoo! News **(M)**

Ms. Amy Larsen, Director of Strategy and Business Management, Microsoft

Ms. Dina Hussein, Global Head of Policy Development and Expert Partnerships, Meta (Facebook)

Mr. Zach Schwitzky, Co-Founder, Limbik

16:05

CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Lori Wachs, Board Member, The Soufan Center