

The Arab Foresight Group

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EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris and Brussels

Programme

Wednesday 30 April 2014: Taking Stock: the Arab World in a time warp

10:00-10:30	Introductory remarks Florence Gaub, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris
10:30-11:30	Session 1: Domestic politics <i>Chair</i> Florence Gaub, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris <i>Input</i> Jamal Abdullah, Al Jazeera Studies Center, Doha
11:30-11:45	Coffee break
11:45-13:00	Session 2: The economic dimension <i>Chair</i> Edward Burke, FRIDE, Madrid <i>Input</i> Florence Gaub, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Session 3: Regional politics <i>Chair</i> Wolfgang Muehlberger, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki <i>Input</i> Wafa Al-Sayed, International Institute for Strategic Studies Middle East, Manama
15:00-16:00	Session 4: Security developments <i>Chair</i> Eduard Soler i Lecha, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, Barcelona <i>Input</i> Jean-Loup Samaan, NATO Defense College, Rome
16:00	End of Taskforce

Friday 13 June 2014: 'Towards scenario-building: laying the groundwork'

- 10:00-11:30 **How to foresight: an Introduction**
Chair Edgar Göll, Institute for Future Studies, Berlin
- 11:30-11:45 **Coffee break**
- 11:45-12:30 **Discussion: Defining the benchmarks**
- 12:30-13:15 **Lunch**
- 13:15-14:30 **Discussion: Defining the benchmarks (continued)**
- 14:30-14:45 **Coffee break**
- 14:14:45 **Discussion: Defining the benchmarks (continued)**

Wednesday 30 July 2014: Long-term trends: what we don't know about 2025

- 9:00-10:00 **Reviewing the acquis of the previous two sessions**
Chair Florence Gaub, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris
- 10:00-10:15 **Coffee break**
- 10:15-11:45 **Scenario 1: And they lived happily ever after**
Chair Edward Burke, Associate Fellow, FRIDE, Madrid
- 11:45-12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45-14:15 **Scenario 2: Muddling through**
Chair Eduard Soler i Lecha, Research coordinator, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, Barcelona
- 14:15-14:30 **Coffee break**
- 14:30-16:00 **Scenario 3: When it rains, it pours**
Chair Jean-Loup Samaan, Researcher, NATO Defense College, Rome
- 16:00 **End of the Taskforce**