



THE MIDDLE EAST, ENERGY & SECURITY

INAUGURAL ANNUAL RETREAT
CO-ORGANISED BY
THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
AND THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE INSTITUTE

Qasr Al Sarab, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

November 5 – 8, 2010

AGENDA

FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Participants' arrival and check-in at the Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort

20:00 Welcoming Dinner

SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER

9:30 – 9:45 Opening Remarks by Hosts

Introduction

HH Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates*

Terje Rød-Larsen, *President, International Peace Institute*

9:45 – 10:00 Video Presentation: "Local Change, Global Impact: The Middle East & The World"

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote Address

HE Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, *President of the Palestinian National Authority*

10:30 – 12:30 Session 1. Interdependence: The World and the Middle East

A session on emerging geopolitical and global security, economic, development and media trends and their impact on the Middle East. The Foreign Ministers will be joined by:

Daniel Yergin, *Chairman, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates*

Gilles Kepel, *Professor, Sciences Po Paris; Senior Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science*

Claire Spencer, *Head, Middle East & North Africa Programme, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House*

HRH Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, *Chairman, Saudi Research & Marketing Group*

Plenary Discussion Moderated by: Lyse Doucet, *Correspondent and Presenter, BBC World News*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Session 2. The Middle East Peace Process

Where is the Israeli-Palestinian peace process going? What can be done? The session will begin with a presentation of a public opinion survey of politics and policy in Palestine, Israel and Lebanon by Craig Charney, President of Charney Research and IPI Senior Adviser. The Foreign Ministers will be joined by:

Yasser Abed Rabbo, Secretary-General of the Palestine Liberation Organization

Dan Meridor, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel and Minister Responsible for Intelligence Services and the Atomic Energy Commission (via video-link)

Martin Indyk, Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

Robert Malley, Middle East and North Africa Program Director, International Crisis Group

Plenary Discussion Moderated by: *Hala Gorani, Reporter and Anchor, CNN International*

16:00 – 19:00 Bilateral Meetings and Recreational Activities

19:00 – 22:00 Dinner and Evening Program

Keynote Address

Arianna Huffington, Co-Founder and Editor-in-Chief, The Huffington Post

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER

10:00 – 12:00 Session 3. Geopolitics: Iran and the Middle East

What are the prevailing geopolitical dynamics in the Middle East and what is the role of Iran? The session will begin with a presentation of the results from a public opinion poll in Iran by Craig Charney, President of Charney Research and IPI Senior Adviser. The Foreign Ministers will be joined by:

Robert Kagan, Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Program, Brookings Institution

Joschka Fischer, Former Foreign Minister of Germany and Managing Partner, Joschka Fischer & Company

Ghassan Salamé, Dean of PSIA, the Paris School of International Affairs and professor at Sciences Po (Paris) and Columbia University (NY)

Bruce Riedel, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution

Plenary Discussion Moderated by: *Lyse Doucet, Correspondent and Presenter, BBC World News*

12:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 16:00 Session 4. Energy, Security and the Middle East

Meeting the growing demand for energy, securing access to resources, and developing alternative sources are just a few of the challenges that the world has to face in the area of energy. What are the implications of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East? Is there space for security cooperation in the region? The Foreign Ministers will be joined by:

Vali Nasr, Professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

Anthony Cordesman, Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Jeroen van der Veer, former CEO, Shell

Lady Barbara Judge, Chairman Emeritus, United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

Plenary Discussion Moderated by: *James P. Rubin, US President of Atlantic Partnership*

16:00 – 19:00 *Bilateral Meetings and Recreational Activities*

19:00 – 22:00 *Dinner and Evening Program*

MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER

10:00 – 10:45 Special Address

Tony Blair, Quartet Representative

10:45 – 11:00 Wrap-Up by Hosts

This concluding session will reflect on the retreat conversations and discuss the way forward in the Middle East.

HH Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates

Terje Rød-Larsen, President, International Peace Institute

11:15 – 16:00 *Bilateral Meetings and Recreational Activities*

17:00 *Check-out and Departure*