



AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN & THE REGION: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES & ANALYSTS VIEWS

“Sources of Tension in Afghanistan and Pakistan: Stakeholder Expectations”

Presentation of feedback from Afghanistan , Pakistan & Europe on expectations going forward on sources of tension with regional implications, and inputs to future policymaking, from the CIDOB policy research project
Sources of Tension in Afghanistan & Pakistan: A Regional Perspective (STAP RP)

“Afghanistan as an Arena of Regional Insecurity”

Presentation of analysis in forthcoming book by
Dr. Kristian Berg Harpviken and Dr. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh
and discussion of Afghanistan and the region

Thursday 23 June 2016

Co-hosted by CIDOB and PRIO

with the support of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Venue: PRIO, Hausmanns Gate 3, Oslo

Coffee, tea from 08:45

09:00 **Welcome and opening remarks** by PRIO Director Dr. Kristian Berg Harpviken

Brief introduction to the CIDOB STAP RP project by Dr. Emma Hooper, Project Director

09:15 **Feedback from stakeholders in Pakistan and Kabul** on addressing sources of tension with regional implications including expectations from Europe, the West and the five key involved regional powers (Russia, China, Iran, India, Saudi Arabia); and perspectives on key influencing events from 2015.

Presentation by STAP RP Project Team members.
Moderated by Dr. Kristian Berg Harpviken

- Afghanistan: Mr. Gabriel Reyes & Mr. Malaiz Daud, CIDOB Project Team

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- Pakistan: Dr. Emma Hooper, Project Director CIDOB STAP RP & Mr. Gabriel Reyes, CIDOB Project Team
- Discussion with and feedback from participants

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10:30 **Feedback from stakeholders in Madrid and Brussels** on findings from Pakistan and Afghanistan. Presentation by STAP RP Project Team members.

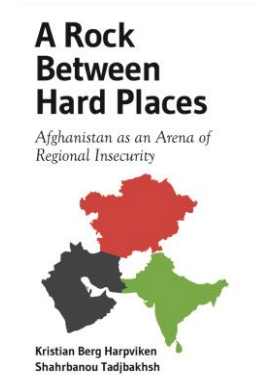
Moderator [TBD]

- Madrid: Mr. Gabriel Reyes & Dr. Emma Hooper
- Brussels: Dr. Emma Hooper & Mr. Malaiz Daud
- Discussion with and feedback from participants

11:45 **Lunch** (will be provided)

12:15 **A Rock Between Hard Places: Afghanistan as an Arena of Regional Insecurity**, presentation by Dr. Kristian Berg Harpviken and Dr. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh based on forthcoming book by the same title.

Followed by Q&A



Coffee, tea

13:15 **Discussion on Afghanistan and the Region**

Lead Discussant: Ambassador Roberto Toscano, CIDOB STAP RP

Moderated by Mr. Michael Semple, Afghanistan and Pakistan expert, member of STAP RP Network of Experts

14:30 **Closing Remarks** by Directors Mr. Jordi Bacaria (CIDOB) and Dr. Kristian Berg Harpviken

The programme ends at 15:00

Participants/invitees

Afghanistan Ambassador to Norway, Ms. Shukria Barakzai
Pakistan Ambassador to Norway, Ms. Riffat Masood
Tine Mørch Smith, Director General, Department for Regional Affairs, MFA
Tone Bækkevold Allers, Deputy Director General, head of Section for Peace and Reconciliation, MFA
Espen Lindbæck, deputy head of Section for Peace and Reconciliation, MFA
Lasse Bjørn Johannessen, Deputy Director General, head of Section for South Asia and Afghanistan, MFA
Lisa Golden, deputy head of Section for South Asia and Afghanistan, MFA
Elisabeth Drøyer, Senior Adviser, Section for South Asia and Afghanistan, MFA
Kai Eide, Norwegian Ambassador to Stockholm
Mari Skåre, Norwegian Ambassador to Afghanistan from autumn-16
Johan Vibe, Norwegian Ambassador to Spain
Petter Bauck, Senior Advisor, Norwegian Agency for Development
Dr. Astri Suhrke, Research Professor, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)
Arne Strand, Deputy Director, CMI
Kjetil Selvik, Senior Researcher, CMI; Associate Professor, University of Oslo
Ståle Ulriksen, Adjunct Professor, Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI) and the Norwegian Naval War Academy
Anne Stenersen, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI)
Mariano Aguirre, Director, Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre (Noref)
Marco Mezzera, Senior Adviser, Noref
Henrik Thune, Deputy Director Noref
Cecilie Hellestveit, Researcher, International Law and Policy Institute (ILPI)
Stina Torjesen, Associate Professor, University of Agder

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Kristian Berg Harpviken, Director
Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh, Associate Researcher
Kaja Borchgrevink, Researcher

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Gabriel Reyes, Research Associate, STAP RP Team Member
Malaiz Daud, Research Associate, STAP RP Team Member
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Jordi Bacaria, Director CIDOB
Michael Semple, Visiting Research Professor, Queens University Belfast, independent associated expert