

# HALIFAX

## INTERNATIONAL SECURITY FORUM

# 2024 AGENDA



### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**15:00-16:15**

#### **WELCOME ON THE RECORD**

Mr. Peter Van Praagh, President, HFX

#### **OPENING REMARKS ON THE RECORD**

Minister Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence,  
Department of National Defence, Canada

#### **HALIFAX CHAT ON THE RECORD**

##### **America in the World: A Conversation With Senators Risch and Shaheen**

**SPEAKERS:** Senator Jim Risch, Senator for Idaho, United States Senate, United States; Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator for New Hampshire, United States Senate, United States

**MODERATOR:** Ms. Luiza Savage, Executive Editor, Growth, POLITICO, United States

#### **16:15-17:00 PLENARY 1 ON THE RECORD**

##### **2025: New Eras Arrive**

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Mohammed Abulauhoun, Chairman, Justice and Building Party, Yemen; Admiral Rob Bauer, Chair of the Military Committee, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Netherlands; Dr. Cochav Elkayam-Levy, Dvora Institute for Gender and Sustainability Studies; Civil Commission on Oct. 7th Crimes by Hamas against Women and Children, Israel; General. B. Chance "Salty" Saltzman, Chief of Space Operations, United States Space Force, United States

**MODERATOR:** Professor Janice Gross Stein, Professor, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, Canada

#### **17:00-17:30 COFFEE BREAK**

#### **17:30-18:30 PLENARY 2 ON THE RECORD**

##### **Era of Unity: Victory in Ukraine**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Mr. Ruslan Stefanchuk, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ukraine

**SPEAKERS:** President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, 4th President of the Republic of Croatia, Croatia; Dr. Hanna Hopko, Head of the ANTS, Co-founder of the ICUV, Civil Society, Ukraine; Minister Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Global Affairs Canada, Canada; Senator Mike Rounds, Senator for South Dakota, United States Senate, United States

**MODERATOR:** Mr. Garry Kasparov, Chairman, Renew Democracy Initiative, United States

#### **18:30 SHUTTLE TO PIER 21**

**LOCATION:** Lobby of the Westin Nova Scotian

#### **19:00-21:15 GALA DINNER**

**LOCATION:** Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDER AWARD TO Senator Jim Risch, Senator for Idaho, United States Senate**

**and Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator for New Hampshire, United States Senate**

#### **21:30 NIGHT OWLS**

##### **ALL SESSIONS OFF THE RECORD**

##### **Make America Great Again, Take Two**

**LOCATION:** Atlantic Ballroom

**SPEAKERS:** Ms. Rosa Brooks, Ginsburg Professor of Law & Policy, Georgetown University Law Center, United States; Ambassador Paula Dobriansky, Vice Chair, Atlantic Council Scowcroft Center for Strategy & Security, United States; Congresswoman Jane Harman, Former Member of Congress and Chair, Commission on the National Defense Strategy, United States; Ms. Alexandra N. Veitch, Director, YouTube Government Affairs & Public Policy, Google, United States Policy, Google, United States

**MODERATOR:** Mr. Ariel Moutsatsos, Journalist, Communicator and International Affairs Commentator, Televisa N+ and Radio Formula, United State

##### **T2 vs. Xi: the New President's Biggest Challenge**

**LOCATION:** Elements

**SPEAKERS:** Vice Minister Li-Kuo Chen, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan; Ms. Yun Sun, Director, China Program, The Stimson Center, United States; Professor Steve Tsang, Professor, SOAS China Institute, United Kingdom

**MODERATOR:** Ms. Bay Fang, President and CEO, Radio Free Asia, United States

##### **The Mullahs' Last Gasp (again): Building the New US Strategy for Middle East Peace**

**LOCATION:** Harbour B

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Mohammed Abulauhoun, Chairman, Justice and Building Party, Yemen; Mr. Ayman Mhanna, Executive Director, Samir Kassir Foundation, Lebanon; Mr. Mouaz Moustafa, Executive Director, Syrian Emergency Task Force, United States; Dr. Nancy Okail, President and CEO, Center for International Policy, United States

**MODERATOR:** Mr. Josh Rogin, Columnist, Washington Post, United States

# 2024 AGENDA (continued)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

### **6:00-8:00 BREAKFAST**

**LOCATION:** Seaport Social Restaurant at the Westin Nova Scotian

### **8:00 PRESENTATION ON THE RECORD**

**The John McCain Prize for Leadership In Public Service Presented by Mr. Jack McCain, CEO, Blue Sky Vantage, United States**

**Accepted by Mr. Vladimir Kara-Murza, Vice President, Free Russia Foundation, Russia**

### **HALIFAX CHAT ON THE RECORD**

#### **Democracy = Security**

**SPEAKER:** Ms. Masih Alinejad, President, World Liberty Congress, United States; Mr. Leopoldo Lopez, Freedom Activist, World Liberty Congress, Venezuela; Ms. Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, President-elect of Belarus, Head of United Transitional Cabinet, Belarus

**MODERATOR:** Mr. Vladimir Kara-Murza, Vice President, Free Russia Foundation, Russia

### **9:15-9:45 COFFEE BREAK**

### **9:45-10:45 PLENARY 3 ON THE RECORD**

#### **Era of Action: Sinking CRINK Inc**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Minister Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Global Affairs Canada, Canada

**SPEAKERS:** General Jennie Carignan, Chief of the Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces, Canada; Admiral Samuel Paparo, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, United States; Mr. Andrew Shearer, Director-General National Intelligence, Office of National Intelligence, Australia

**MODERATOR:** Mr. James Coomarasamy, BBC News Presenter, BBC, United Kingdom

### **10:45-11:15 COFFEE BREAK**

### **11:15-12:15 PLENARY 4 ON THE RECORD**

#### **Era of Adventure: Protecting Our Arctic from Russia and China**

**SPEAKERS:** Minister Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, Department of National Defence, Canada; Minister Espen Barth Eide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway; Admiral Linda Fagan, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, United States; Ms. Madeleine Redfern, COO, CanArctic Inuit Networks Inc., Canada

**MODERATOR:** Ms. Jeanne Meserve, CTV Analyst, Host NatSec Tech Podcast, United States

### **REMARKS ON THE RECORD**

**SPEAKER:** Mr. Ruslan Stefanchuk, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ukraine

### **12:30-13:45 MID-DAY MEAL**

**LOCATION:** Atlantic Ballroom

### **13:45-14:45 PLENARY 5 ON THE RECORD**

#### **Era of Opportunity: Immigrants Excel**

**SPEAKERS:** Ms. Roya Hakakian, Public Scholar, The Moynihan Center, City College, CUNY, United States; Senator Tim Kaine, Senator for Virginia, United States Senate, United States; Mr. Manfred Lindenbaum, Holocaust Survivor and Speaker, United States

**MODERATOR:** Mr. Mark J. Hetfield, President and CEO, HIAS, United States

### **14:45-15:15 COFFEE BREAK**

### **15:15-15:45 HALIFAX CHAT ON THE RECORD**

**WITH:** Mr. Kent Walker, President, Global Affairs, Google, United States

**MODERATOR:** Ms. Luiza Savage, Executive Editor, Growth, POLITICO, United States

### **15:45-16:45 PLENARY 6 ON THE RECORD**

#### **Era of Integrity: AI Applications Evolve**

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Dominic Delmolino, Vice President, Worldwide Public Sector Technology & Innovation, Amazon Web Services (AWS), United States; Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator for Minnesota, United States Senate, United States; Admiral Samuel Paparo, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, United States

**MODERATOR:** Ms. Heidi Vogt, Foreign Affairs Editor, POLITICO, United States

### **16:45-17:15 COFFEE BREAK**

### **17:15 PRESENTATION ON THE RECORD**

#### **The 2020 John McCain Prize for Leadership in Public Service**

**Presented by Mr. Jack McCain, CEO, Blue Sky Vantage, United States**

**Accepted by: Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, Former President of Taiwan**

### **HALIFAX CHAT ON THE RECORD**

**WITH:** Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, Former President of Taiwan

**MODERATOR:** Mr. Nick Schiffrin, Foreign Affairs and Defense Correspondent, PBS NewsHour, United States

### **18:15 PRE-DINNER RECEPTION**

**LOCATION:** VIA Rail Station

### **19:00-21:00 DINNER SESSIONS**

**ALL SESSIONS OFF THE RECORD**

#### **Ammunition Not Included: Deliver Weapons Faster**

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Nico Lange, Senior Fellow, Munich Security Conference, Germany; Major General Andrus Merilo, Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces, EST CHOD, Estonia; Ambassador Boris Ruge, Acting Deputy Secretary General of NATO, NATO, Germany

**HOST:** Mr. Andriy Shevchenko, Head of Mission in Ukraine, Ukrainian World Congress, Ukraine

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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

### **19:00-21:00 DINNER SESSIONS** ***ALL SESSIONS OFF THE RECORD***

#### **Arctic Answers**

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Johan Bergenås, Senior Vice President, Oceans, World Wildlife Fund, United States; Ms. Iris Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Arctic & Global Resilience, Department of Defense, United States  
**HOST:** Senator Peter M. Boehm, Chair of the Senate of Canada's Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Senate of Canada, Canada

#### **Bye, Bye Biden Blues: Ushering in a New Era for Transatlantic Relations**

**SPEAKERS:** General Onno Eichelsheim, Chief of Defence of the Netherlands, Ministry of Defence of the Netherlands, Netherlands; Minister Dragan Krapović, Minister of Defence, Montenegro; Minister Ejup Magedonci, Minister of Defense, Republic of Kosovo;  
**HOST:** Mr. Róbert Vass, President & Founder, GLOBSEC, Slovakia

#### **CRINKS: Out of Africa**

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Fonteh Akum, Executive Director, Institute for Security Studies, South Africa; Mr. Mvemba Phezo Dizolele, Senior Fellow and Director, Africa Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, United States  
**HOST:** Pastor Esther A Ibanga, Senior Pastor of Ignite House and Executive Director of Women Without Walls Initiative, Women, Peace and Security Network; Women Waging Peace Network, Nigeria

#### **Cyber Defense, Cyber Dominance**

**SPEAKERS:** Ms. Marie-Doha Besancenot, Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy, NATO, France; Mr. Sean Roche, Director, Global National Security, Amazon Web Services (AWS), United States; Mr. Rafal Rohozinski, Principal, SecDev, Canada  
**HOST:** Ms. Shari Bryan, Executive Director, Mines Advisory Group – US, United States

#### **Defending Israel's Democracy, Zionism's Hope**

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Cochav Elkayam-Levy, Dvora Institute for Gender and Sustainability Studies; Civil Commission on Oct. 7th Crimes by Hamas against Women and Children, Israel; Mr. Jürgen Hardt, Foreign Policy Spokesman, CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag, Germany; Dr. Alan Mendoza, Executive Director, The Henry Jackson Society, United Kingdom  
**HOST:** Dr. Luis Rubio, Chairman, México Evalúa, Mexico

#### **Elon Musk Has a Very Big Rocket: the Broligarchs' Growing Influence**

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Dean Fealk, Managing Partner, DLA Piper, United States; Dr. Rachel Kleinfeld, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, United States  
**HOST:** Mr. JJ. Omojuwa, Chief Strategist, Alpha Reach, Member, HFX Board of Directors, Nigeria

#### **Fighting Fair: Protecting Human Rights During War**

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Ayman Mhanna, Executive Director, Samir Kassir Foundation, Lebanon; Dr. Yosuke Nagai, Founder and Executive Director, Accept International, Global Taskforce for Youth Combatants, Japan  
**HOST:** Mr. C. Dixon Osburn, Executive Director, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, US, United States

#### **Mexico Courts, Disaster**

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Alejandro Poiré, VP, Engagement and Development, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico; Dr. Solange Márquez, Fellow, Canadian Global Affairs Institute (CGAI), Mexico  
**HOST:** Dr. Jerrold D. Green, Senior Fellow at the UCLA Burkle Center for International Relations, Cedar Sinai Health System and UCLA, United States

#### **New NATO Nimble**

**SPEAKERS:** President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, 4th President of the Republic of Croatia, Croatia; Congresswoman Jane Harman, Former Member of Congress and Chair, Commission on the National Defense Strategy, United States  
**HOST:** Mr. Bruce Weinrod, Adjunct Professor, American University, United States

#### **The Next War is Now: Future Conflict Arrives**

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of Estonia 2006-2016, Republic of Estonia; Ms. Annie Jacobsen, Investigative journalist, bestselling author, and Pulitzer Prize finalist, Author of NUCLEAR WAR: A Scenario, United States;  
**HOST:** Professor Janice Gross Stein, Professor, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, Canada

#### **Old Friends, New Leaders: North American Cooperation**

**SPEAKERS:** Ms. Heather Hurlburt, Associate Fellow, Chatham House, United States; Mrs. Sherry Romanado, Member of Parliament, Liberal Party of Canada, Canada  
**HOST:** Mr. Tom Clark, Consul General of Canada in New York, Consulate General of Canada in New York, Canada

#### **Peak Population: Help Wanted**

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Darrell Bricker, Global CEO, Ipsos Public Affairs, Ipsos, Canada; Mr. Robert Greenhill, Executive Chair, Global Canada Initiative, Canada  
**HOST:** Mr. François Lafond, President, BNO, France

#### **Race for Resources**

**SPEAKERS:** Ms. Rushan Abbas, Executive Director, Campaign for Uyghurs, United States; Ambassador Kirsten Hillman, Canada's Ambassador to the United States of America, Government of Canada, Canada; Mr. Robert Kang, Co-Founder & CEO, Blue Whale Materials, United States  
**HOST:** Dr. Ian Brodie, Professor, University of Calgary, Canada

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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

### 19:00-21:00 DINNER SESSIONS ALL SESSIONS OFF THE RECORD

#### Russia's Other Neighbors

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Leila Alieva, Associate, Russian and East European Studies, OSGA, University of Oxford, United Kingdom; Dr. Thornike Gordadze, Professor at Paris Institute of Political Sciences, Institut Gnomon Wise, France; Mr. Andrei Sannikov, Chairman, European Belarus Foundation, Belarus  
**HOST:** Dr. Eva Busza, Director, National Democratic Institute, United States

#### Space: Supremacy

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Peter Marquez, Head of Global Space Policy, Amazon Web Services (AWS), United States; Colonel Nicole Petrucci, Commander, Mission Delta, United States Space Force, United States  
**HOST:** Mr. Michael Svetlik, Chief Operating Officer, HFX

#### Taiwan's Friends: What to Do?

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Vincent Yi-hsiang Chao, Councilor, Taipei City, Taiwan; Mr. Jeffrey C. H. Ngo, Senior Policy and Research Fellow, Hong Kong Democracy Council, United States  
**HOST:** Professor Steve Tsang, Professor, SOAS China Institute, United Kingdom

#### Urgent: Democracy Equals Security

**SPEAKERS:** Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt, U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, U.S. Department of State, United States; Mr. Falah Mustafa, Special Assistant to the President of the Kurdistan Region, Kurdistan Region Presidency, Iraq  
**HOST:** Ms. Rosa Brooks, Ginsburg Professor of Law & Policy, Georgetown University Law Center, United States

#### Venezuela: CRINKs Out, Democracy In

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Christopher Sabatini, Senior Research Fellow for Latin America, Chatham House, United States; Ambassador Carlos Vecchio, Ambassador of Venezuela to the United States (2019-2023), Embassy of Venezuela to USA, Venezuela  
**HOST:** Mr. David Smolansky, SNF Agora Institute Fellow Johns Hopkins University, Johns Hopkins University, Venezuela

#### Victory in Ukraine: For As Long As It Takes

**SPEAKERS:** Ms. Daria Kaleniuk, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Anti-Corruption Action Center, Ukraine; Minister Hanno Pevkur, Minister of Defence of Estonia, Estonian Reform Party, Estonia  
**HOST:** Mr. Peter MacKay, Strategic Advisor, Deloitte, Canada

#### The Will to Win Wars: Required

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Evelyn N. Farkas, Ph.D., Executive Director, McCain Institute at Arizona State University, United States; State Secretary Nils Hilmer, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Defence, Germany; Mrs. Alicia Kearns, Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee of the UK Parliament, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom  
**HOST:** Mr. Randall Scheunemann, Strategic Counselor, HFX, United States

#### Winner Takes It All: the Sino-American Tech Race

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. James Baker, Director of the Office of Net Assessment, United States Department of Defense, United States; Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones, Member, UK House of Lords, United Kingdom; Mr. Tsuneo "Nabe" Watanabe, Senior Fellow, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan;  
**HOST:** Ambassador Mark Lippert, Vice Chairman, HFX Board of Directors, United States

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

### 7:00 5K RUN

**WITH:** General Jennie Carignan, Chief of the Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces

### 8:30-9:45 BREAKFAST SESSIONS OFF THE RECORD

#### Danger: Disinformation

**LOCATION:** Harbour B  
**SPEAKERS:** Mr. John Hultquist, Chief Analyst, Mandiant Intelligence - Google Cloud, Google, United States

#### More Secure: When Women Lead

**LOCATION:** Atlantic Ballroom  
**SPEAKERS:** Colonel Alison Gonzalez, Director of Staff, United States Space Force, United States; Major Anna Novak, Head of Logistics Department (S4) 58th Detached Motorized Brigade, Land Forces, Armed Forces of Ukraine, Ukraine

#### Ready for Take Off: Industrial Policy for the Democratic World

**LOCATION:** Elements  
**SPEAKERS:** Professor Deepthi Chana, Managing Director, NATO DIANA, United Kingdom; Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN (ret), Senior Advisor, Brunswick Group, United States;

### 10:00-11:15 PLENARY 7 ON THE RECORD

#### Era of Innovation: Tomorrow's Technologies Rebuilding Ukraine's Grid

**SPEAKERS:** Mr. Tobias Lindner, Minister of State, Federal Foreign Office, Germany; Mr. Laurent Ruseckas, Executive Director, S&P Global, United Kingdom; Ms. Nancy C. Southern, Chair & Chief Executive Officer, ATCO and Canadian Utilities, Canada  
**MODERATOR:** Mr. Josh Rogin, Columnist, Washington Post, United States

### 11:15-11:45 COFFEE BREAK

### 11:45-12:45 PLENARY 8 ON THE RECORD

#### Era of Optimism: Now It's Up to Us.

**SPEAKERS:** Ms. Michèle Flournoy, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, WestExec Advisors, United States; Mrs. Evgenia Kara-Murza, Advocacy Director, Free Russia Foundation, Russia; Dr. Vjosa Osmani Sadriu, President of the Republic of Kosovo, Office of the President of the Republic of Kosovo, Kosovo  
**MODERATOR:** Mr. Michael Serapio, Anchor and Journalist, CPAC, Canada

### 13:00-14:00 CLOSING LUNCH

**LOCATION:** Atlantic Ballroom

