

# Global Briefing 2012 Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 18 October, 2012

08:30–09:00 Registration

09:00–09:10 **Welcome and Overview**

By Thomas Pickering, Crisis Group Board Chair, former U.S. Undersecretary of State, Former Ambassador to the UN, Russia, India, Israel, Jordan, El Salvador and Nigeria.

09:10–10:30 **Successions, Secessions and Transitions:**

**A review of 2012 and a look ahead to 2013**

*Plenary session, 27th Floor*

An interactive discussion, introducing many of the themes which will feature in subsequent sessions, led by Andrea Böhm, *Die Zeit*; Lyse Doucet, BBC; Wadah Khanfar, Crisis Group Board member, Co-Founder, Al Sharq Forum; Former Director General, Al Jazeera Network; Natalie Nougayrède, *Le Monde*. Moderated by Louise Arbour, President & CEO.

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:30 **Africa and the International Criminal Court**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 1*

Comfort Ero, Africa Program Director; Pablo de Greiff, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence of serious crimes and gross violations of human rights, Director of Research at the International Center for Transitional Justice; Nick Grono, Deputy President & COO. Moderated by Ayo Obe, Crisis Group Board Vice-Chair, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Gorée Institute, Legal practitioner in Nigeria.

**Europe: A Force for Conflict Prevention?**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 3*

Micheline Calmy-Rey, Crisis Group Board member, Former President of the Swiss Confederation and Foreign Affairs Minister of Switzerland; Javier Solana, Crisis Group Board member, Former EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, Former NATO Secretary-General and Former Foreign Minister of Spain; Pär Stenbäck, Crisis Group Board member, Former Foreign Minister of Finland. Moderated by Afsané Bassir-Pour, Director, UN Regional Information Centre.

12:30–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:30 **Turkey's Zero Problem World?**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 1*

Morton Abramowitz, Crisis Group Board member, Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State and Ambassador to Turkey; Hugh Pope, Turkey/Cyprus Project Director. Moderated by Sabine Freizer, Europe Program Director.

**The Triumph of Constructive Engagement? Myanmar and ASEAN's Developing Role in Conflict Prevention**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 3*

Jim Della-Giacoma, South East Asia Project Director; Karim Raslan, Crisis Group Board member, Founder, Managing Director and CEO of KRA Group. Moderated by Jonathan Prentice, Senior Policy Adviser.

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:30 **Violent Extremism in West Africa and the Sahel**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 1*

Comfort Ero, Africa Program Director; Gilles Yabi, West Africa Project Director. Moderated by Richard Atwood, Director of Research.

**Trouble Brewing: Developments in the Caucasus**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 3*

Lawrence Sheets, South Caucasus Project Director; Ekaterina Sokirianskaia, North Caucasus Project Director. Moderated by Sabine Freizer, Europe Program Director.

18:00–20:00 **Optional evening dinners at nearby restaurants for an additional cost**

**Day 2: Friday, 19 October, 2012**

09:00–10:30 **Afghanistan and Pakistan**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 1*

Samina Ahmed, South Asia Project Director; Asma Jahangir, Crisis Group Board member, President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan, Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Freedom of Religion or Belief; Candace Rondeaux, Afghanistan Senior Analyst; Francesc Vendrell, Former EU Special Representative and Former UN Envoy to Afghanistan. Moderated by Paul Quinn Judge, Acting Asia Program Director.

**Syria and the Limits of Intervention**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 3*

Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Crisis Group Board member, Former UN-Arab League Deputy Joint Special Envoy for Syria; Former UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; Robert Malley, Middle East and North Africa Program Director; Ghassan Salamé, Crisis Group Board Vice-Chair, Former Senior Advisor to the UN Secretary-General, Former Minister of Culture of Lebanon, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences-Po. Moderated by Jonathan Prentice, Senior Policy Adviser.

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:30 **Breaking Up is Never Easy: Challenges Facing the Sudans**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 1*

EJ Hogendoorn, Horn of Africa Project Director; Wu Jianmin, Crisis Group Board member, Executive Vice Chairman of China Institute for Innovation and Development Strategy, Member of the Foreign Policy Advisory Committee of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Former Ambassador of China to the UN (Geneva) and France; and Rosalind Marsden, EU Special Representative for Sudan and South Sudan. Moderated by Mark Schneider, Senior Vice President/Special Adviser on Latin America.

**Heavy Waters: Emerging Issues in North East Asia**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 3*

Stephanie Kleine-Ahlbrandt, North East Asia Project Director/Adviser on China; Daniel Pinkston, North East Asia Deputy Project Director. Moderated by Paul Quinn Judge, Acting Asia Program Director.

12:30–14:00 Lunch

**Succession Challenges in Venezuela, Zimbabwe and Ethiopia**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 1*

Javier Ciurlizza, Latin America and Caribbean Program Director; EJ Hogendoorn, Horn of Africa Project Director; Piers Pigou, Southern Africa Project Director. Moderated by Sheila Coronel, Crisis Group Board member, Director, Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism, Columbia University, U.S.

**Transition in North Africa: Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Algeria**

*Parallel discussion, 26th Floor, Room 3*

Nabil Fahmy, Crisis Group Board member, Former Ambassador of Egypt to the U.S. and Japan; Founding Dean, School of Public Affairs, American University in Cairo; Wadah Khanfar, Crisis Group Board member, Co-Founder, Al Sharq Forum; Former Director General, Al Jazeera Network; William Lawrence, North Africa Project Director. Moderated by Robert Malley, Middle East and North Africa Program Director.

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

**In Heavy Waters: Iran and the Nuclear File**

*Parallel discussion, 27th Floor*

Nahum Barnea, Crisis Group Board member; Chief columnist, Yedioth Ahronoth; Samuel Berger, Crisis Group Board member; Chair, Albright Stonebridge Group LLC; Former U.S. National Security Adviser; Ali Vaez, Iran Senior Analyst. Moderated by Joost Hiltermann, Middle East and North Africa Deputy Program Director.

17:30–18:00 Closing Session

18:00–20:00 Joint Global Briefing and Board of Trustees Reception Remarks from Louise Arbour, President & CEO (19:00), Palais d'Egmont, 8 bis Place du Petit Sablon, Brussels 1000