

Programme

ADENAUER CONFERENCE

IX. "Adenauer Conference": Germany's Role in International Security Affairs

19 - 20 May 2021
Livestream, Zoom

Wednesday, 19 May

- 04:00 pm **Introduction**
Prof. Dr Norbert Lammert
Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung & Former President of the German Bundestag
- 04:05 pm **Keynote on German foreign and security policy**
Armin Laschet, MdL
Minister-President of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia & Head of the CDU
- 04:30 pm **In conversation**
Armin Laschet, MdL
Minister-President of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia & Head of the CDU
- Prof. Dr Norbert Lammert**
Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung & Former President of the German Bundestag
- Chair:**
Dr Anna Sauerbrey
Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Tagesspiegel
- 05:00 pm **End of first day**

Thursday, 20 May

- 11:00 am **Afghanistan 20 years after 9/11: What next at the Hindu Kush?**
The engagement in Afghanistan shaped the German debate on security policy like no other military mission. After almost 20 years at the Hindu Kush, the situation on the ground is disappointing and inner-Afghan peace talks have stalled. While the Istanbul Conference is supposed to give fresh impetus to the peace process, the US – and thus all NATO allies – have decided to withdraw their military forces from Afghanistan before the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. With the end of the deployment to Afghanistan nearing, the question of how to assess the mission as a whole arises. The engagement is a formative event that holds implications for German security policy as a whole. Which of its objectives has the international mission in Afghanistan reached in almost 20 years? What does the troop withdrawal mean for the political and military situation on the ground and for the fight against international terrorism?

Video message:

Ambassador Markus Potzel

Special Representative of the Federal Government for Afghanistan and Pakistan,
Federal Foreign Office

Input:

Prof. Dr Claudia Warning

Head of Division 3, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Comments:

Roderich Kiesewetter, MP

Chairman of the Parliamentary Oversight Panel, Speaker of the Advisory Council of
the Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS)

Omid Nouripour, MP

Bündnis 90/Die Grünen Spokesman on Foreign Affairs in the German Bundestag

Dr Ellinor Zeino

Head of Regional Programme South West Asia, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

Chair:

Dr Anna Sauerbrey

Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Tagesspiegel

12:00 pm

Break

01:00 pm

A restart for transatlantic relations?

In the past four months, the foreign and security policy priorities of the US administration have become clearer. Washington is using a different rhetoric towards its allies and is strengthening its alliances. NATO is even proclaimed the "crown jewel" in this context. The US new administration has improved ties with Germany and announced that it will increase the number of US forces stationed here instead of withdrawing troops. Nevertheless, Washington is still expecting its European allies to take more responsibility and increase their military capabilities – also to take some of the burden from the US, which faces an intensified strategic competition with China and Russia. What specific offers can Germany and Europe make to meet these expectations? What does this mean for the direction of NATO, which is currently going through a reflection process and is set to overhaul its strategic concept?

Video message:

General Christopher G. Cavoli

Commanding General, United States Army Europe and Africa

Input:

Dr Johann Wadephul, MP

Deputy Chairman of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag

Comments:

Ambassador Rüdiger König

Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany on the North Atlantic Council and Head of the Permanent Delegation to NATO

Dr Stormy-Annika Mildner

Director of the Aspen Institute

Paul Linnarz

Director, Office in Washington, D.C., Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

Chair:

Dr Anna Sauerbrey

Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Tagesspiegel

02:00 pm

End of second day