



## EXPERT ROUNDTABLE

# “Rethinking the Comprehensive Approach: A Nexus Partnership to achieve political and security goals?”

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## **Context:**

Whereas the EU and its 28 Member States are the largest donor in development assistance (total of 55.1 billion EUR in ODA), Japan remains after the US still the second largest bilateral donor.

Both, the EU and Japan, have recognised that conflicts not only destroy the products of long-term development, but also hinder future development of partner countries. In the aim to address the root causes of conflicts, Japan favours an approach addressing issues such as human security and poverty reduction. Particularly prominent has become in this context the Ogata Initiative, "Enabling a "seamless transition" in Afghanistan (a regional comprehensive development assistance program), which has been highly appreciated by the Afghan government and the UN. In addition, Japan has incorporated the concept of human security into its foreign policy as one of its principal pillars and exploring a strategic link between security and development assistance.

Over the last years, the EU has started to develop a comprehensive approach in order to integrate the different strands of foreign engagement into one approach overseen by the EEAS. In its methodological approach it moves beyond a crisis management tool implemented through civil-military cooperation. Although the comprehensive approach is not limited to complex emergencies and crisis situations only, it has proven to be an effective tool for conflict ridden regions. Certainly a best-practice has become the situation at the Horn of Africa. There, the EU's first maritime mission, Operation Atalanta has been launched in 2008 and has been successful in protecting WFP and AMISOM shipments to Somalia. It established useful partnerships with the International Maritime Organisation, UNODC, UNDP and also third parties such as South Korea and Japan expressed their interest to join hands.

However, what proved effective in the case of combating maritime piracy, has proven less successful in the fight against terrorism and destabilizing forces in the Horn. The attack on the West Gate Shopping Mall is only one indicator which highlights the need to strengthen further the development of state functions in fragile states but also in their immediate neighbourhood.

The expert roundtable will critically review the comprehensive approach applied by the EU, its Member States and Japan. It will identify key challenges, and suggest a way forward from the policy level. Experts and practitioners will share their lessons learned in civil-military cooperation as well as on the operations such as the ones underway in the Horn of Africa, and their potential for further cooperation amongst the EU, EU Member States, NATO and Japan.

# PROGRAMME

## Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013

- 09:00 Registration of participants
- 09:30 **Welcome address** by
- Andrea E. Ostheimer*, Programme Director, Multinational Development Policy Dialogue, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- Tsuneo Watanabe*, Director and Senior Research Fellow, Tokyo Foundation
- 9:45 **Panel I: Civil Military Cooperation as a core element of a comprehensive approach – an operational and strategic view**  
Moderator: *Jörg Wolff*, former KAS-Representative in Japan
- *Dr. Jamie Shea*, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges Division, NATO
  - *General Walter Huhn*, Senior Military Adviser, EEAS
  - *Denisa-Elena Ionete*, Head of Unit, DG DEVCO, EC
  - *Dr. Michito Tsuruoka*, Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Japan; Visiting Fellow, RUSI
  - *Tsuneo Watanabe*, Director and Senior Research Fellow, Tokyo Foundation
- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:30 **Panel II: Challenges of coordination and implementation – reviewing the comprehensive approach in security and development cooperation including its implications for humanitarian assistance**
- Moderator: *Prof. Axel Berkofsky*, University of Pavia and EJARN
- *Olivier Jenard*, Deputy Director, Red Cross EU Office
  - *Sarah Rinaldi*, Assistant to Mr Cornaro Deputy Director for Geographic Coordination DG DEVCO
  - *Heino van Houwelingen*, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peace-Building and Mediation Instruments, EEAS
  - *Ambassador Jiro Okuyama*, Deputy Chief of Mission of Japan to the EU
  - *Dr. Akiko Fukushima*, Senior Fellow, Tokyo Foundation
  - *Aiichiro Yamamoto*, Principal Representative of JICA to the EU
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 **Panel III: The Comprehensive Approach – lessons from the Horn of Africa and the way forward**
- Moderator: *Masahiko Kiya*, Minister, Embassy of Japan in Belgium
- *Jeremy Lester*, Adviser on Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding, Africa Department, EEAS
  - *Ahmed Soliman*, Assistant Researcher, Africa Programme, Chatham House
  - *Ippeita Nishida*, Research Fellow, Tokyo Foundation
- 15:30 Summary of Conference Proceedings by Session Moderators and Closure by the Organizers