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May 28 – 30, 2018

Monday, May 28

Participants arrive, check into the hotel, and reach the conference venue

16:00 – 16:30 **Opening Remarks**

Ian Lesser, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the United States
Mohamed Loulichki, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center
Vasco Rato, President, Luso-American Development Foundation

16:30 – 18:00 **1st Session: Atlantic Politics in a Time of Turmoil**

Moderator: Elena Lazarou, Policy Analyst, European Parliament Research Service

Chaotic politics around the Atlantic basin, north and south, signal the end of complacency about sovereignty, globalization and stability. How should these developments, including mounting nationalism and protectionism, and the revolt against established parties, be interpreted? Is political risk increasing? What are the implications for stakeholders in Atlantic stability?

19:30 – 21:30 **Opening Dinner, Waterfall Terrace, Olissippo Lapa Palace**

Tuesday, May 29

10:00 – 11:30 **2nd Session: Strategic Risks and Atlantic Stakes**

Moderator: Steven Erlanger, Chief Diplomatic Correspondent Europe, New York Times

Against a backdrop of conflict and chaos in key regions, great power competition is back. Tension with Russia has taken on an Atlantic dimension, once again. China is acquiring a deeper economic, political and security stake in the Atlantic. Europe seeks a more active role in international affairs, with an Atlantic dimension, even as American engagement looks less predictable. Flashpoints in Asia could easily transform this equation. How are global developments affecting strategic risk in the Atlantic – and the centrality of the Atlantic in global geopolitics?

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 13:30 3rd Session: New Dynamics in Atlantic Geo-Economics

Moderator: Alfredo Valladão, Professor, Science Po Paris

Rapid changes in technology, manufacturing, infrastructure and shipping are reshaping Atlantic geo-economics. Expansion of the Panama and Suez canals and port development around the Atlantic basin are relatively traditional elements of change. But changes in manufacturing and global supply chains, as well as energy trade and information technology could bring sweeping changes, affecting economies north and south. Efforts to develop the “blue economy” hold further promise. What is happening? What is on the horizon? How will governments and businesses adapt?

13:30 – 15:00 Networking lunch

15:00 – 16:15 4th Session: Mobility and Maritime Security

Moderator: Michael Franken, Former Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

The Atlantic may be free of large-scale animating conflicts. But it is not a zone of stability. The maritime dimension of irregular migration presents enormous challenges for human security. Trafficking routes across the Atlantic link the security interests of North, Central and South America, the Caribbean, West Africa and Europe. Piracy and maritime crime remain a reality in an environment where many states lack the capacity for surveillance and interdiction. What are the realities, and what are the implications for maritime and coastal security?

Free evening

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Wednesday, May 30

10:00 – 11:30 **5th Session: Putting the Atlantic Back in Transatlantic Relations**

Moderator: Len Ishmael, Former Ambassador, Eastern Caribbean States

In recent decades, the Atlantic itself has not figured prominently in transatlantic relations. Stability and the absence of geopolitical competition have been taken for granted. Today, many elements of this Atlantic equation, from trade to security – including human and environmental security are in flux. New actors, from inside and outside the Atlantic basin, are making their presence felt. To what extent can leading transatlantic institutions, including NATO, adopt a more active posture toward the Atlantic itself? What are the promising themes? What are the likely constraints?

11:30 – 12:00 **Conclusions and Next Steps**

Moderator: Ian Lesser, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the United States

Organized transport from the hotel to the airport for participants upon departure

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