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The Wider Atlantic Economy An Integrated Space at Risk?

The Atlantic Strategy Group (ASG) aims to strengthen the ability of countries around the Atlantic basin, north and south, to assess shared challenges and to achieve common objectives.

This fourth edition of the ASG will focus on the outlook for economic interdependence in the Atlantic region at a time when globalization and trade regimes are under growing pressure.

Changes in technology and geo-economics are part of the equation, but so are economic nationalism and moves to limit the movement of people, goods and services.

The political conversation around global trade and investment has hardened, with protectionism rising on both sides of the Atlantic. The implications go well beyond prosperity narrowly defined, with potential spillovers affecting migration and security.

As a highly connected economic space, societies around the Atlantic basin have a great deal at stake.

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AGENDA

Wednesday, February 20

Location: Hotel *The View*

19:00 – 21:00: Welcome reception and dinner at the Legend Club restaurant, Hotel *The View*

Thursday, February 21

Location: Policy Center for the New South

09:00 Participants gather in the hotel lobby for short walk to the Policy Center for the New South

09:30 Introductory remarks:

- **Ian Lesser**, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the United States
- **Karim El Aynaoui**, Managing Director, Policy Center for the New South
- **Rita Faden**, President, Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD)

10:00 – 11:00 Session 1 | Mapping a Connected Atlantic

Moderator: Peter Chase, Resident Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States

What are key trade and investment patterns today? What are key transport and communication routes? How has connectivity changed over time and what does it mean for the Atlantic economy?

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

Atlantic 2025 | Alternative Futures

Moderators:

- **Ian Lesser**, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the United States
- **Laura Basagni**, Program Coordinator, German Marshall Fund of the United States

AGENDA

11:30 – 12:30 Session 2 | What Will Stay the Same, What Will Shake the System?

What are the main trends and drivers that will shape political and economic cooperation in the wider Atlantic region?

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Session 3 | Painting the Future: A Scenario Exercise

Alternative scenarios for the Atlantic in 2025 will be presented and discussed. How likely are these scenarios? How durable are their consequences? What can be said about winners and losers? What is missing?

17:00 – 19:00 Free time

19:00 Participants gather in the lobby to take the shuttle bus to the dinner venue

19:30 – 21:30 Dinner at Restaurant Al Marsa

21:30 Participants gather to take the shuttle bus back to the hotel The View

Friday, February 22

Location: Policy Center for the New South

09:30 - Participants gather in the hotel lobby for short walk to the Policy Center for the New South.

Atlantic 2025 | Alternative Futures (continued)

10:00 – 12:00 Session 4 | Preparing for the Future: Shaping and Edging

Moderator: Rajan Menon, Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Reflecting on our alternative futures, how should Atlantic stakeholders shape their own planning and policies? What steps can be taken today to encourage “positive” outcomes and hedge against uncertainties?

12:00 – 13:00 Wrap-up and informal Lunch