



U.S. STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN THE HIGH NORTH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010

CSIS
B1 CONFERENCE CENTER
WASHINGTON, DC

DRAFT AGENDA

8:30a.m. **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

9:00 a.m. **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Heather Conley, *Director and Senior Fellow, Europe Program, CSIS*
(confirmed)

Professor Rolf Tamnes, *Director, Norwegian Institute for Defence
Studies* (confirmed)

9:15 a.m. **KEYNOTE: U.S. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITMENT TO THE ARCTIC**

Introduction: **Dr. John Hamre**, *President and CEO, CSIS* (confirmed)
Keynote Speaker: **Senator Lisa Murkowski** (*R-Alaska*) (confirmed)

9:35 a.m. **SESSION I: UNCLOS – THE ARCTIC ARBITER AND U.S. INTERESTS**

Is it in the interest of the U.S. to ratify UNCLOS in light of developments in the High North? Do the benefits of ratification outweigh U.S. concerns? Is UNCLOS able to de-conflict potential provocative behavior by Arctic actors? What effect would accession to the treaty have for oil and gas exploration, increased Arctic shipping and the status of the Northwest Passage?

Moderator: **Ambassador Mary Beth West**, *Former Deputy Assistant
Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, U.S. Department of State* (confirmed)

Speakers: **Mead Treadwell**, *Chairman, U.S. Arctic Research Commission*
(confirmed)

Scott Borgerson, *Visiting Fellow for Ocean Governance, Council on Foreign
Relations* (confirmed)

John Bellinger, *Partner, National and Homeland Security Practice
Group, Arnold & Porter LLP; Former Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of
State* (confirmed)

Arne Fuglvog, *Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Lisa Murkowski*
(confirmed)

11:00 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK**

11:15 a.m. **SESSION II: THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE U.S. SECURITY POSTURE IN THE ARCTIC – COHERENT OR CHAOTIC?**

Does the United States require a clear, coordinated security strategy to succeed in the region? Should the U.S. make it a priority to develop its capabilities and Arctic presence at the same pace as other Arctic states? What are the potential consequences if the U.S. does not develop such capabilities? Will the Coast Guard be capable of carrying out its search and rescue responsibilities? How will an increase in shipping activity in the Arctic region affect U.S. security interests?

Moderator: **Caitlyn Antrim**, *Executive Director, Rule of Law Committee for the Oceans* (confirmed)

Speakers:

Amanda Dory, *Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, U.S. Department of Defense* (confirmed)

Stephen Carmel, *Senior Vice President, Maritime Services, Maersk Line* (confirmed)

Dana Goward, *Director, Assessment, Integration, and Risk Management, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* (confirmed)

Dr. Lawson Brigham, *Deputy Director and Alaska Office Director, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; former Chair, Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment of the Arctic Council* (confirmed)

12:45 p.m. **LUNCHEON**

1:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN THE ARCTIC**

Introduction: **Dr. John Hamre**, *President and CEO, CSIS* (confirmed)

Keynote: **James Steinberg**, *Deputy Secretary of State* (confirmed)

1:30 p.m. **SESSION III: THE EVOLUTION OF ARCTIC SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICIES: COOPERATIVE OR CONFRONTATIONAL?**

What does the recent military posturing of the Russian and other Arctic states' militaries mean for U.S. Arctic policy? Can the U.S. and Europeans enhance their cooperation substantively and on what terms? Are U.S. and Canadian interests in this area aligned in any way? What role can NATO play in the region and how would it effect cooperation with Russia? Will near-term collaboration translate into future goodwill when the riches become more immediate and the stakes are raised?

Keynote: **Espen Barth Eide**, *Deputy Minister of Defense, Norway* (confirmed)

Moderator: **Heather Conley**, *Director and Senior Fellow, Europe Program, CSIS* (confirmed)

Speakers: **Alexander Vershbow**, *U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense* (confirmed)

Vice Admiral Dean McFadden, *Chief of the Maritime Staff, Canada* (confirmed)

Mikkel Vedby-Rasmussen, *Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen* (confirmed)

Pavel Baev, *Senior Researcher, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo* (confirmed)

Paal Sigurd Hilde, *Senior Fellow, Department of Norwegian Security Policy, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies* (confirmed)

3:00 p.m.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Heather Conley, *Director and Senior Fellow, Europe Program, CSIS* (confirmed)