



INVITATION

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You are invited to a CSIS Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project Event

with

Bert Koenders

Minister for Development Cooperation, The Netherlands

discussing

“Afghanistan: A Balanced Approach”

With an introduction by

Julianne Smith

Director and Senior Fellow, Europe Program, CSIS

With a contingent of some 2,000 troops in the volatile Uruzgan Province and a multifaceted support effort for the reconstruction of Afghanistan, the Dutch mission is one of the larger in NATO's ISAF operation. The Dutch approach to Afghanistan has exhibited a unique balance among deploying, defense, and development. Recently returned from a visit to Afghanistan, Minister Koenders will discuss the Netherlands' approach, the future of NATO's involvement, and that of the international community.

On February 22, 2007, Bert Koenders was appointed the Netherlands' minister for development cooperation in the new coalition government. From 1997 until February of this year, he was a member of the Dutch Parliament, where he served on the Committees for Foreign Affairs and Defense.

This event is particularly timely—please see coverage of the Dutch presence in Afghanistan [here](#).

Monday, April 16, 2007

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1800 K Street, N.W. / B-1 Conference Center

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