



Special Operations Policy Forum 2017

November 15, 2017

11:45am - 12:00pm

Opening Remarks

Anne-Marie Slaughter, President and CEO, New America

12:00 - 1:00pm

Changing the Defense Budget from a Cold War Model

Rep. Mac Thornberry [R-Texas], Chairman, House Armed Services Committee

Sen. Jack Reed [D-R.I.], Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee

Rep. Adam Smith [D-Wash.], Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

Sen. Joni Ernst [R-Iowa], Senate Armed Services Committee

Moderated by **Michael Lumpkin**, Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict [SO/LIC]

1:00 - 2:15pm

Lunch

2:15 - 3:15pm

On the Ground in Afghanistan: A Keynote Address from His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Abdullah

His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Executive Officer of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Moderated by **Peter Bergen**, Vice President, New America and Professor of Practice, Arizona State University

Introduced by **John Dempsey**, Fellow, International Security Program, New America

3:15 - 4:00pm

Networks, Education, and Research in Support of National Security Priorities

Chris Fussell, Partner, McChrystal Group and Author, *Team of Teams* and *One Mission*

LTG (Ret.) Benjamin Freakley, Professor of Practice of Leadership, Arizona State University

Keenan Yoho, Vice President of the Global SOF Foundation and Associate Professor of Operations Management, Crummer Graduate School of Business

4:00 - 4:15pm

Break

4:15 - 5:00pm

Afghanistan and the World: A Conversation with Ambassador Hamdullah Mohib

His Excellency Dr. Hamdullah Mohib, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United States

Paul D. Miller, Associate Director of the Clements Center for History, Strategy & Statecraft, University of Texas at Austin

6:00 - 9:00pm

Networking Reception

Capital Hilton

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