

## MINIMIZING CONFLICT IN THE RACE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES: SECURING ECONOMIC STABILITY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

Energy security and the increasing threat of resource conflict has had a profound impact on international security and economic stability throughout the world. Studies have shown that states rich in valuable resources and minerals are four times more likely to experience conflict and war, and is an area of concern that needs to be put in broader security, environmental and economic contexts.

Concerns of energy security and resource scarcity have increased government intervention in the energy sector, raising important questions and issues for government and energy planners. With the increasing complexity of security threats and challenges in today's changing global security environment, it is essential that we understand the dominant themes, patterns and logic of the driving forces behind resource-based conflicts. It is also integral that we have a comprehensive understanding of the geopolitics of minerals, its relationship with human security, and the world where the struggle over resources dominates the military landscape.

As NATO shapes its New Strategic Concept in 2010, energy security and resource-driven conflict are identified as some of the main challenges to global security and economic stability that calls for a cohesive and collaborative approach. These threats are geographically unbound and thus are a global concern that should be a shared burden. NATO, as the world's strongest military alliance, needs to define its roles and responsibilities in a world that is faced with the very real challenges of energy security, the scarcity of natural resources, and their implications for economic stability.



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The North Atlantic Treaty  
Washington DC, 4 April, 1949  
Article II

The Parties will contribute towards the further development of peaceful and friendly international relations by strengthening their free institutions, by bringing a better understanding of the principles upon which these institutions are founded, and by promoting conditions of stability and well-being. They will seek to eliminate conflict in their international economic policies and will encourage economic collaboration between any and all of them.

08:15-08:45	<b>Conference Registration</b>
Conference Moderator:	<b>Col (Ret'd) John C. MCKENNA</b> Vice President, The Atlantic Council of Canada
08:45-9:00	<b>Welcome Address and Introduction</b> <b>The Hon. Bill GRAHAM P.C., Q.C.</b> Chairman, The Atlantic Council of Canada
Session I 09:00-10:20	<b>Identifying Global Resource Needs &amp; Security Issues</b>  <b>UN Speaker (TBC) – Current &amp; Emerging World Concerns</b>  <b>Adrian KENDRY</b> Senior Defence Economist, Defence and Security Economics Directorate, NATO Headquarters  <b>DFAIT Speaker (TBC) – Concerns &amp; Implication for Canadian Government Policy</b>
10:20-10:40	<b>Coffee Break</b>
Session II 10:40-12:00	<b>A Closer Look at Energy for the Next Decade</b>  <b>Dr. Maureen S. CRANDALL</b> Professor of Economics, National Defence University, Washington, D.C .  <b>Energy/Financial Speaker (TBC) - Investment in Energy: Successes &amp; Challenges</b>  <b>James A. BOUTILIER</b> Special Advisor (Policy), Commander, maritime Forces Pacific, C.F.
12:00-12:40	<b>Lunch</b>

Session III 12:40-14:00	<b>The Importance of Minerals</b>  TBC – <i>The Geopolitics of Minerals</i>  <b>Bernard R. WILSON</b> Lead Director, Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Limited.  TBC - <i>Rare Earths &amp; Future Metals: What are they and why are they important?</i>
14:00-14:30	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Rear-Admiral Paul A. MADDISON</b> OMM, MSM, CD, Commander, Maritime Forces Atlantic
14:30-14:50	<b>Summation: Implications for NATO's New Strategic Concept</b> <b>Col (Ret'd) Brian MACDONALD</b> Past President, The Atlantic Council of Canada
14:50-15:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Mrs. Julie LINDHOUT</b> President, The Atlantic Council of Canada

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