

Munich Security Conference 2026

February 13–15, 2026 | Main Program

February 13, 2026

Agenda

Formats of the Main Program include Main Stage I & II, Townhalls, Roundtables & Spotlights. All formats of the Main Program take place at Hotel Bayerischer Hof.

February 13, 2026

Global Security Challenges

7.30 – 8.30

Breakfasts

9.00 – 10.30

Fürstensalon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)

Power Couples: Trade and Green Energy Cooperation Between Europe and the Global South

9.00 – 10.30

Gelber Salon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)

Competition for Computation: The Geopolitics of the AI Infrastructure Boom

9.00 – 10.30

Garden Restaurant

Roundtable (by special invitation only)

No Silver Warhead: Europe's Nuclear Options

10.00 – 11.00

Komödie

Opening Townhall

Reboot or Repair? Toward A New Development Paradigm

Reem Alabali Radovan

Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Alexander De Croo

Administrator, United Nations Development Programme; former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium, New York

Robert Dussey

Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Togolese Abroad, Togolese Republic, Lomé

Josef Sikela

Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission, Brussels

1st Comment: Alexia Latortue

Head of Secretariat, Future of Development Cooperation Coalition; former Assistant Secretary for International Markets and Development of the United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Edith Kimani

East Africa Correspondent, Deutsche Welle, Berlin

11.30 – 13.00

Opening Lunch (by special invitation only)

13.30 – 13.45
Conference Hall

Main Stage I:
Conference Opening

Wolfgang Ischinger

Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

Markus Söder

Minister President, Free State of Bavaria; Chairman, Christian Social Union, Munich

13.45 – 14.30
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Conversation
Germany in Europe and the World

Friedrich Merz

Federal Chancellor, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Moderator: Wolfgang Ischinger

Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

14.30 – 15.15
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Breaking Point: The International Order Between Reform and Destruction

Kaja Kallas

Vice-President and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, European Commission; former Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Brussels

Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh

Pedro Arnulfo Sánchez Suárez

Major General; Minister of National Defence, Republic of Colombia, Bogotá

Michael Waltz

Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Nations; former National Security Advisor of the United States of America, New York

Moderator: Zanny Minton Beddoes

Editor-in-Chief, The Economist, London

14.30 – 15.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Debt Crisis

Rebeca Grynspan

Secretary-General, United Nations Trade and Development, Geneva

Odile Renaud-Basso

President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, London

Vera Songwe

Founder and Chair, Liquidity and Sustainability Facility; Co-Chair, Independent High Level Expert Group on Climate Finance, Dublin

Mark Suzman

Chief Executive Officer, Gates Foundation, Seattle

Moderator: Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

Chief Executive Officer, GWL Voices; former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Integration of the Republic of Ecuador, Madrid

15.10 – 15.30
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Conversation
Japan in the World

Shinjiro Koizumi

Minister of Defence, Japan, Tokyo

Moderator: Lynn Kuok

Lee Kuan Yew Chair in Southeast Asia Studies, The Brookings Institution; Visiting Professor, Georgetown University, Washington, DC; Munich Young Leader 2013

15.30 – 16.15
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Tariff-fying Times: Managing the Weaponization of Trade

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Director-General, World Trade Organization; former Minister of Finance of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Geneva

Alexander Stubb

President, Republic of Finland, Helsinki

Lars Klingbeil

Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister of Finance, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Thomas Roland Tillis

Senator, Member of the Senate Commission on Security and Cooperation, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Ravi Agrawal

Editor-in-Chief, Foreign Policy, Washington, DC

15.30 – 16.15
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion

A Peacekeeper's Guide to the Galaxy? Relaunching Space Governance

Dorothee Bär

Federal Minister for Research, Technology and Aerospace, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Benjamin Haddad

Minister Delegate for European Affairs, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, French Republic, Paris

Mallory Stewart

Chief Executive Officer, The Council on Strategic Risks; former Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Arms Control, Deterrence, and Stability of the United States of America, Washington, DC

Will Marshall

Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Planet Labs, San Francisco

Moderator: Loren Grush

Space Reporter, Bloomberg News, New York

15.30 – 16.15
Komödie

Townhall

Life Under Destruction: Building-Blocks for a New Gaza

Varsen Aghabekian Shaheen

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, State of Palestine, Ramallah

José Manuel Albares Bueno

Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain, Madrid

Nickolay E. Mladenov

High Representative for Gaza, National Committee for the Administration of Gaza, Board of Peace; Director General, Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy; former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Washington, DC

Christopher Murphy

Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, United States of America, Washington, DC

1st Comment: Tzipi Livni

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, Jerusalem

Moderator: Sarah Kelly

Anchor-at-Large, Deutsche Welle, Berlin

15.30 – 16.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Maritime Security

Rashad Mohamed Ali Al-Alimi

Chairman, Presidential Leadership Council, Republic of Yemen, Sana'a

Kao Kim Hourn

Secretary-General, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Jakarta

Chan Chun Sing

Minister for Defence and Coordinating Minister of Public Services, Republic of Singapore, Singapore

Belén Martínez Carbonell

Secretary-General, European External Action Service, Brussels

Moderator: Mina Al-Oraibi

Editor-in-Chief, The National, Abu Dhabi

15.30 – 17.00
Fürstensalon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)
The Invisible Frontline: Closing Gaps in Global Biosecurity

15.30 – 17.00
Gelber Salon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)
On Thin Ice: Jointly Navigating Arctic Security

16.30 – 17.15
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Playing With Fire: The Need for Decisive Climate Action

Ralph Regenvanu

Minister of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards, Energy, Environment and Disaster Management, Republic of Vanuatu, Port Vila

Gavin Newsom

Governor, State of California, United States of America, Sacramento

Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Council of Ministers and Envoy for Climate Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; former Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh

Lidia Pereira

Vice President, EPP Parliamentary Group, European Parliament, Brussels; Women Parliamentarians Program 2024

Andrew Forrest

Executive Chairman, Fortescue, Perth

Moderator: Francine Lacqua

Editor-at-Large, Bloomberg TV, London

16.30 – 17.15
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
Mushrooming: Tackling Growing Nuclear-Proliferation Risks

Rafael Mariano Grossi

Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna

Natalia Pouzyreff

Secretary of the Committee on National Defence and Armed Forces, National Assembly, Parliament of the French Republic, Paris

Graham Allison

Douglas Dillon Professor of Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Member of the Board of Trustees, Munich Security Conference, Cambridge

Rose Gottemoeller

William J. Perry Lecturer, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University; former Deputy Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Stanford

Moderator: Meghan O'Sullivan

Director of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs; Kirkpatrick Professor of the Practice of International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge

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Komödie

Townhall
Point of Return: Reengaging with the Sahel

Julius Maada Wonie Bio

Brigadier (ret.); President, Republic of Sierra Leone; President, Economic Community of West African States, Freetown

Ould Sidi Hanana

Minister of National Defence, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Nouakchott

Sara Jacobs

Representative, Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, United States of America, Washington, DC

João Gomes Cravinho

European Union Special Representative for the Sahel, European External Action Service; former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, Brussels

Ottília Anna Maunganidze

Head of Special Projects, Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria; Munich Young Leader 2017

Moderator: Astrid Irrgang

Executive Director, Center for International Peace Operations, Berlin

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Public Square

Spotlight
Humanitarian Assistance

Mirjana Spoljaric Egger

President, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva

Robert Dussey

Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Togolese Abroad, Togolese Republic, Lomé

David Miliband

President and Chief Executive Officer, International Rescue Committee; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, New York

Rajiv Shah

President, The Rockefeller Foundation, New York

Moderator: Udo Jude Ilo

Chief Executive Officer, The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law, The Hague

17.00 – 17.30

Coffee Break

17.30 – 18.15
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Destructive Ambiguity: Detering and Countering Hybrid Warfare

Scene-Setting: Martin Jäger

President, Federal Intelligence Service, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Maia Sandu

President, Republic of Moldova, Chişinău

Ulf Kristersson

Prime Minister, Kingdom of Sweden, Stockholm

Giuseppe Cavo Dragone

Admiral; Chair of the Military Committee, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels

Moderator: Alina Polyakova

President and Chief Executive Officer, Center for European Policy Analysis, Washington, DC

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Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
Raw Power: The Geopolitics of Resources

Espen Barth Eide

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Norway, Oslo

Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner

Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kinshasa

Pablo Quirno Magrane

Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Argentine Republic, Buenos Aires

Katherina Reiche

Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Jarrod Agen

Executive Director, National Energy Dominance Council, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Hadley Gamble

Chief International Anchor, IMI Media Group, Abu Dhabi

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Komödie

Townhall
Vox Populi? Responding to the Rise of Populism

Petr Pavel

President, Czech Republic, Prague

Manfred Weber

President, European People's Party; Chairman, EPP Parliamentary Group, European Parliament, Brussels

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Representative, Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, United States of America, Washington, DC

Daiana Fernández Molero

Member of the Commission on Foreign Relations and Worship, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Argentine Republic, Buenos Aires; Women Parliamentarians Program 2024

Moderator: Katrin Bennhold

International Correspondent, The New York Times, Berlin

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Public Square

Spotlight
The State of Russia

Maria Malmer Stenergard

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Sweden, Stockholm

Richard Blumenthal

Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, United States of America, Washington, DC

Lindsey O. Graham

Senator, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moritz Schularick

President, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel

Ekaterina Schulmann

Non-Resident Scholar, Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center, Berlin

Moderator: Katja Gloger

Journalist and Author, Berlin

18.15 – 19.00
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Outsmarting Ourselves? Risks and Rewards of the AI Race

Scene-Setting: Yoshua Bengio

Head of the Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms, University of Montreal; President and Scientific Director, LawZero, Quebec

Henna Virkkunen

Executive Vice President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy, European Commission, Brussels

Christopher Murphy

Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, United States of America, Washington, DC

Fu Ying

Founding Chair, Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University; former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Beijing

Kent Walker

President for Global Affairs, Google, Mountain View

Moderator: Helen Toner

Interim Executive Director, Center for Security and Emerging Technology, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

18.30 – 19.15
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
Locking Arms: Strengthening Defense Industrial Cooperation

Richard Marles

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra

David J. McGuinty

Minister of National Defence, Canada, Ottawa

Hélène Conway-Mouret

Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces, Senate, Parliament of the French Republic, Paris

Christopher A. Coons

Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, United States of America, Washington, DC

René Obermann

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Airbus SE; Chairman, Warburg Pincus Europe; Member of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Berlin

Moderator: Jana Puglierin

Head of Berlin Office and Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

18.30 – 19.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Security Guarantees for Ukraine

Jean-Noël Barrot

Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, French Republic, Paris

Yvette Cooper

Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London

Andrii Sybiha

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine, Kyiv

David van Weel

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Asylum and Migration, Kingdom of the Netherlands; former Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid, and Cyber of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, The Hague

Jeanne Shaheen

Senator, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and Co-Chair of the Senate NATO Observer Group, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Deborah Haynes

Journalist, Sky News, London

18.45 – 19.05
Komödie

Townhall
Breaking or Repeating the Cycle? Iran's Next Chapter (pt. I)

Reza Pahlavi

Founder, Iran National Council for Free Elections, Washington, DC

1st Comment: Nazanin Boniadi

Ambassador, Amnesty International United Kingdom; Board Member, Boroumand Center for Human Rights in Iran, London

Moderator: Christiane Amanpour

Chief International Anchor, Cable News Network, London

19.05 – 19.45
Komödie

Townhall
Breaking or Repeating the Cycle? Iran's Next Chapter (pt. II)

Roberta Metsola

President, European Parliament, Brussels

Lindsey O. Graham

Senator, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget, United States of America, Washington, DC

Manal Radwan

Minister Plenipotentiary and Senior Advisor in the Minister's Office for Iran and Regional Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh

Karim Sadjadpour

Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC

Moderator: Christiane Amanpour

Chief International Anchor, Cable News Network, London

19.00 – 19.30
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Conversation
France in Europe and the World

Emmanuel Macron

President, French Republic, Paris

Moderator: Wolfgang Ischinger

Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

20.00 – 21.30

Dinners

22.00 – 23.00

Komödie

Night Cap Session

Breaking (With) the Past: Seismic Shifts in US Foreign Policy

Gretchen Whitmer

Governor, State of Michigan, United States of America, Lansing

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Representative, Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, United States of America, Washington, DC

Matthew Whitaker

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels

Moderator: Francine Lacqua

Editor-at-Large, Bloomberg TV, London

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7.30 – 8.30

Breakfasts

7.30 – 8.45

Fürstensalon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)

Power Protection: Fortifying Energy Infrastructure and Supply Chains

7.30 – 8.45

Salon Neuhaus-
Preysing

Roundtable (by special invitation only)

Hard Core Europe: Defending Ourselves Without the US?

9.00 – 9.30

Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Conversation

The U.S. in the World

Marco Rubio

Secretary of State, United States of America; Acting National Security Advisor, The White House, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Wolfgang Ischinger

Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

9.30 – 10.00

Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Conversation

China in the World

Wang Yi

Minister of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China; Director of the General Office, Foreign Affairs Commission of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, Beijing

Moderator: Wolfgang Ischinger

Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

9.30 – 10.15

Public Square

Spotlight

Peace Deals

Mirjana Spoljaric Egger

President, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva

Tony Blair

Executive Chairman, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change; former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London

Moderator: Chris Coulter

Executive Director, Berghof Foundation, Berlin

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10.00 – 10.45
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Conversation

Principled and Pragmatic: Wielding Power in a World in Disarray

Ursula von der Leyen

President, European Commission, Brussels

Keir Starmer

Prime Minister, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London

Moderator: Christiane Amanpour

Chief International Anchor, Cable News Network, London

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.15
Komödie

Townhall

Degrees of Instability: Climate Security in a Warming World

Carsten Schneider

Federal Minister for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety,
Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Nirmala Sitharaman

Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Republic of India, New Delhi

Sheldon Whitehouse

Senator, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, United
States of America, Washington, DC

Mads Flarup Christensen (tbc)

Executive Director, Greenpeace International, Amsterdam

Moderator: Erin Sikorsky

Director, Center for Climate and Security and International Military Council on Climate and Security,
Washington, DC

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Public Square

Spotlight
The Geopolitics of Water

Jessika Roswall

Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy, European Commission, Brussels

Tanja Fajon

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana

Aminata Touré

High Representative of the President, Republic of Senegal; former Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal, Dakar

Abdulla Balalaa

Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Energy and Sustainability, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi

Moderator: Ambika Vishwanath

DFAT Maitri Principal Research Fellow, La Trobe University; Co-Founder and Director, Kubernein Initiative, Melbourne; Munich Young Leader 2011

11.45 – 13.00
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Coalition of the Able? Securing Long-Term Support for Ukraine

Scene-Setting: Volodymyr Zelenskyy

President, Ukraine, Kyiv

Mark Rutte

Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organization; former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Brussels

Roberta Metsola

President, European Parliament, Brussels

Roger F. Wicker

Senator, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Christiane Amanpour

Chief International Anchor, Cable News Network, London

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Komödie

Townhall
War of Nutrition: Resilience Against Food Weaponization

Christophe Hansen

Commissioner for Agriculture and Food, European Commission, Brussels

Amira Saber Qandil

Senator-Secretary General of the Human Rights and Social Solidarity Committee, House of Representatives, Parliament of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Cairo; Women Parliamentarians Program 2024

Benedetta Berti

Secretary General, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Brussels; Munich Young Leader 2013

Moderator: Michael Werz

Senior Advisor, Munich Security Conference; Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, DC

12.30 – 13.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Belarus

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya

Head, United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus, Minsk

Kęstutis Budrys

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius

Peter Welch

Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Gwendolyn Sasse

Director, Centre for East European and International Studies, Berlin

13.00 – 13.45
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Conversation
Navigating Uncertainty: India and Germany in a World in Disarray

Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Minister of External Affairs, Republic of India, New Delhi

Johann Wadephul

Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Moderator: Roula Khalaf

Editor, Financial Times, London

13.30 – 15.00

Lunches

15.00 – 15.45
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
On Par? Fortifying the Foundation of Transatlantic Security

Scene-Setting: Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón
Prime Minister, Kingdom of Spain, Madrid

Alexander Stubb
President, Republic of Finland, Helsinki

Mette Frederiksen
Prime Minister, Kingdom of Denmark, Copenhagen

Christopher A. Coons
Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Hadley Gamble
Chief International Anchor, IMI Media Group, Abu Dhabi

15.00 – 15.45
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
Open Corridor Policy? Deepening Trans-Caspian Cooperation

Ilham Aliyev
President, Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku

Marta Kos
Commissioner for Enlargement, European Commission, Brussels

Wang Huiyao
Founder and President, Center for China and Globalization; former State Counselor of the People's Republic of China, Beijing

Moderator: Helga Maria Schmid
Ambassador for Global Affairs, Federal Foreign Office, Federal Republic of Germany; President, European Institute of Peace; Vice-President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Vienna

15.30 – 16.15
Komödie

Townhall
Illicit Affairs: Confronting Criminal Networks Across Borders

Valdecy Urquiza
Secretary General, Interpol, Lyon

Magnus Brunner
Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration, European Commission, Brussels

Pedro Arnulfo Sánchez Suárez
Major General; Minister of National Defence, Republic of Colombia, Bogotá

Khadija Yasmin Bokhari
Co-Founder and Director Litigation and Advocacy, Musawi, Lahore; Munich Young Leader 2026

Moderator: Daniel Kurtz-Phelan
Editor, Foreign Affairs, New York

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Public Square

Spotlight
Venezuela

Maria Corina Machado [virtual]

Party Leader, Vente Venezuela; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2025, Caracas

Moderator: Marie Louise Kelly

Broadcaster and Author, National Public Radio, Washington, DC

16.00 – 17.00
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Holding the Line: Defending Europe and Supporting Ukraine

Scene-Setting: Boris Pistorius

Federal Minister of Defence, Federal Republic of Germany; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Berlin

Gitanas Nausėda

President, Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius

Radosław Sikorski

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Warsaw

Andrii Sybiha

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine, Kyiv

Elissa Slotkin

Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Katarzyna Pisarska

Founder and Chair, Warsaw Security Forum; Founder and Chairwoman, European Academy of Diplomacy, Warsaw; Munich Young Leader 2021/2022

16.00 – 16.20
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Conversation
Decent Peace? The U.S. in the Indo-Pacific

Elbridge Colby

Under Secretary of War for Policy, Department of War, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Ravi Agrawal

Editor-in-Chief, Foreign Policy, Washington, DC

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Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion

Double Trouble? Europe, the Indo-Pacific, and Connected Security Challenges

Richard Marles

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra

Judith Collins

Minister of Defence, New Zealand, Wellington

Motegi Toshimitsu

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan, Tokyo

David van Weel

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Asylum and Migration, Kingdom of the Netherlands; former Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid, and Cyber of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, The Hague

Elbridge Colby

Under Secretary of War for Policy, Department of War, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Ravi Agrawal

Editor-in-Chief, Foreign Policy, Washington, DC

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Komödie

Townhall

Keeping It Together? Syria's Post-Revolution Future

Scene-Setting: Asaad Hasan al-Shaibani

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Syrian Arab Republic, Damascus

Hind Kawabat

Minister of Social and Labor Affairs, Syrian Arab Republic, Damascus

Mehmet Şimşek

Minister of Treasury and Finance, Republic of Türkiye, Ankara

Niels Annen

State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Jeanne Shaheen

Senator, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and Co-Chair of the Senate NATO Observer Group, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Mina Al-Oraibi

Editor-in-Chief, The National, Abu Dhabi

17.00 – 17.30

Coffee Break

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Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Western Hemisfever: Security in the Americas

Arnoldo André Tinoco

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Republic of Costa Rica, San José

Paulo Rangel

Minister of State and Foreign Affairs, Portuguese Republic, Lisbon

Ruben Gallego

Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, United States of America, Washington, DC

Daiana Fernández Molero

Member of the Commission on Foreign Relations and Worship, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Argentine Republic, Buenos Aires; Women Parliamentarians Program 2024

Moderator: Mary Louise Kelly

Broadcaster and Author, National Public Radio, Washington, DC

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Komödie

Townhall
Girls Just Want to Have Fundamental Rights: Fighting the Global Pushback

Scene-Setting: Neil Datta

Executive Director and Founder, European Parliamentary Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Brussels

Sarah McBride

Representative, Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, United States of America, Washington, DC

Terry Reintke

Co-President of the Greens/EFA Parliamentary Group, European Parliament, Brussels

Denis Mukengere Mukwege

President and Founder, Panzi Hospital and Foundation; Member, The Elders Foundations; Special Advisor, The Mukwege Foundation; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2018, Bukavu

Binaifer Nowrojee

President, Open Society Foundations, Washington, DC

Moderator: Hillary R. Clinton

Professor of International and Public Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University; former Secretary of State of the United States of America, New York

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Public Square

Spotlight
Transatlantic Cooperation from the Bottom Up

Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California, United States of America, Sacramento

Boris Rhein
Minister President, Hesse, Wiesbaden

Moderator: Nina Hachigian
Chief Executive Officer and President, Alliance for Local Leaders International, Los Angeles

17.30 – 18.30
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
Building on Momentum in the Middle East: From Promise to Progress?

Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh

Espen Barth Eide
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Norway, Oslo

Sigrid Kaag
Gaza Executive Board Member, Board of Peace; Co-chair of the Board of Directors, United Nations Foundation, Washington, DC

Moderator: Helga Maria Schmid
Ambassador for Global Affairs, Federal Foreign Office, Federal Republic of Germany; President, European Institute of Peace; Vice-President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Vienna

17.30 – 19.00
Fürstensalon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)
Everything Everywhere All at Once: Implications of Uncrewed Warfare

17.30 – 19.00
Gelber Salon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)
Chain Reaction: Navigating Geoeconomic Shifts and Dependencies

18.30 – 19.30
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Three Years of Devastation: Ending the War in Sudan

Reem Alabali Radovan

Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh

Yvette Cooper

Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London

Massad Boulos

Senior Advisor to the President on Arab and Middle Eastern Affairs, The White House, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Lindsay Hilsum

Correspondent, Channel 4, London

18.30 – 19.30
Public Square

Spotlight
Arctic Security

Scene-Setting: Mette Frederiksen

Prime Minister, Kingdom of Denmark, Copenhagen

Jens-Frederik Nielsen

Prime Minister, Greenland, Nuuk

Anita Anand

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada, Ottawa

Boris Pistorius

Federal Minister of Defence, Federal Republic of Germany; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Berlin

Lisa Murkowski

Senator, Chairwoman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Courtney Kube

Senior National Security Correspondent, NBC News, Washington, DC

20.00 – 21.30

Dinners

20.00 – 22.00
Residenz München

Ewald von Kleist Award Ceremony (by special invitation only)

22.00 – 23.00
Public Square

Night Cap Session

The West-West Divide: What Remains of Common Values

Petr Macinka

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for the Environment, Czech Republic, Prague

Radosław Sikorski

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Warsaw

Hillary R. Clinton

Professor of International and Public Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University; former Secretary of State of the United States of America, New York

Ivan Krastev

Founder and Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia

Gladden J. Pappin

President and Chair of the Board, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Budapest

Moderator: Bronwen Maddox

Director and Chief Executive, Chatham House, London

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7.30 – 8.30

Breakfasts

7.30 – 8.45

Fürstensalon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)

Open Door or Open End? Delivering on EU Enlargement

9.00 – 10.15

Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion

Europeans Assemble! Reclaiming Agency in a Rougher World

Scene-Setting: Kaja Kallas

Vice-President and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, European Commission; former Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Brussels

Edgars Rinkēvičs

President, Republic of Latvia, Riga

Radmila Šekerinska

Deputy Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organization; former Minister of Defence of the Republic of North Macedonia, Brussels; Munich Young Leader 2011

Alice Rufo

Minister Delegate to the Minister of the Armed Forces, French Republic, Paris

Moderator: Maria Tadeo

Head of EU News, Euronews, Brussels

10.30 – 11.15

Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion

All the Single Markets: From Fragmentation to Competitiveness

Kristen Michal

Prime Minister, Republic of Estonia, Tallinn

Christine Lagarde

President, European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main

Karsten Wildberger

Federal Minister for Digital Transformation and State Modernisation, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Anu Bradford

Henry L. Moses Professor of International Law and Organizations, Columbia Law School, New York

Moderator: Jamil Anderlini

Regional Director Europe, Politico, Brussels

11.15 – 11.30

Coffee Break

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The European Dream(s): Defending Core Values Under Pressure

Andrej Plenković

Prime Minister, Republic of Croatia, Zagreb

Jens Stoltenberg

Minister of Finance, Kingdom of Norway; Chair-designate, Munich Security Conference; Member of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Oslo

Priti Patel

Shadow Foreign Secretary, House of Commons, Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; former Secretary of State for the Home Department of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London

Franziska Brantner

Co-Chairwoman, Alliance 90/The Greens; Member, German Bundestag; former Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of the Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Moderator: Nathalie Tocci

Professor of the Practice, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna

12.15 – 13.00
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion

Under Reconstruction: A World Order for the Next Generation

Yassamin Ansari

Representative, Member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, United States of America, Washington, DC

Pushpendra Saroj (tbc)

Member of Parliament, House of the People, Parliament of the Republic of India, New Delhi; Munich Young Leader 2026

Hanna Liubakova

Journalist; Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Vilnius; Munich Young Leader 2026

Moderator: Benedikt Franke

Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Munich Security Conference; Executive Director, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

13.00 – 13.05
Conference Hall

Main Stage I

Conference Closing

Wolfgang Ischinger

Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

13.30 – 15.00

Lunches