

NATO 2030 – A Debate on the Future of the Alliance

The event aims to present the
"NATO 2030: United for a New Era" report, issued
by the Reflection Group appointed by the NATO Secretary General

Event Agenda

15:00-15:05 Introductory remarks from Moderator:

Mr. Iulian Fota, Director of the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Member of the Scientific Council of New Strategy Center

15:05-15:30 Ambassador Tacan Ildem, Member of the Reflection Group, former Assistant Secretary General NATO for Public Diplomacy

15:30-16:15 Q&A Session

Ambassador Tacan Ildem** was Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy between March 2016-April 2020. He advised the Secretary General on public diplomacy issues and directed the Public Diplomacy Division (PDD), which plays a key role in conveying the Alliance's strategic and political messages to opinion formers and to the public in general. Ambassador Ildem is a senior Turkish diplomat. Since the start of his career in 1978, he has held positions involving multilateral and bilateral affairs. Ambassador Ildem served as Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OSCE in Vienna from 2011 until 2016. During his term in Vienna he performed the duties as the Chairperson of the OSCE Security Committee and as the Coordinator for Conflict Cycle for the Helsinki +40 process. Previously Ambassador Ildem was Director General for International Security Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Ankara (2009-2011), Turkey's Permanent Representative to NATO (2006-2009) and Ambassador of Turkey to the Kingdom of the Netherlands (2003-2006). His earlier assignments include Chief of Cabinet and Principal Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the Republic of Turkey (2000-2003) when he also acted as the Presidential Spokesperson; Special Advisor to the Undersecretary of the MFA; Head of the NATO and Western European Union Department; Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Turkish Embassy in Athens. **Ambassador Tacan Ildem is a member of the Reflection Group that presented the NATO 2030: United for a New Era report to the NATO Secretary General, containing analysis and recommendations that will serve as a basis for the next NATO Strategic Concept.