



LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS
SEIMAS

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
“CONTRIBUTION OF PARLIAMENTS TO NATO ENLARGEMENT”**

27–28 March 2014
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 27 March

- Arrival of the participants
- 18.30 Departure by bus from the hotels for dinner in the restaurant “Stikliai”
- 19.00 Dinner hosted by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs and Artūras PAULAUSKAS, Chair of the Seimas Committee on National Security and Defence
Venue: restaurant “Stikliai”, Gaono str.7, Vilnius
- 21.00 Return to the hotels by bus

Friday, 28 March

- 8.00 Departure for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania by bus
- 8.00–9.00 Registration of the participants
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas

OPENING SESSION

Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas

- 9.00–9.30 Welcome address by H. E. Ms Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (tbc)
- Welcome address by President Valdas ADAMKUS (tbc)
- Welcome address by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Welcome address by Artūras PAULAUSKAS, Chair of the Seimas Committee on National Security and Defence

SESSION I

European States on the road of trans-Atlantic integration after the Cold War: main achievements and the role of parliaments

Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas

Speakers:

- 09.30–09.50 Dr. h.c. Karl A. LAMERS, President of the Atlantic Treaty Association, Vice-President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- 09.50–10.10 Linas LINKEVIČIUS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- 10.10–10.30 Major General (ret.) Corneliu DOBRIȚOIU, Chairman of the Committee for Defence, Public Order and National Security, Senate of Romania
- 10.30–12.00 Debate
- 12.00–12.15 Family photo
Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas
- 12.15–13.30 Lunch
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas
- 13.00–13.30 Press conference
Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building 2 of the Seimas

SESSION II

Towards the 2014 NATO Summit: prospects and implications of possible NATO enlargement in view of addressing new security challenges

Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas

Speakers:

- 13.30–13.50 Adam SCHIFF, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman of the Baltic Caucus
- 13.50–14.10 Juozas OLEKAS, Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania
- 14.10–14.30 Irakli SESIASHVILI, Chairman of the Defence and Security Committee, Parliament of Georgia

- 14.30–14.50 Lieutenant General Arvydas POCIUS, Chief of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania
- 14.50–15.10 Borys TARASYUK, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Cooperation between the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and NATO (tbc)
- 15.10–16.00 Debate
- End of the Conference
- Departure of participants

