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MIDDLE EAST MAYHEM: ISIS – A DEADLY REALITY

Tuesday, May 12

**Carnegie Endowment Conference Center ~ Choate Room A/B
1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW**

AGENDA

- 08:55 - 09:00 **OPENING REMARKS**
The Honorable G. Philip Hughes
Senior Vice President, Council of American Ambassadors
- 09:00 - 09:40 **ISIS: ITS ORIGINS AND WHAT IT IS TODAY**
Colonel Derek Harvey, USA (Ret.)
*Director of the Global Initiative for Civil Society and Conflict, University of South Florida
Former Special Advisor for Intelligence and Policy to Generals David Petraeus and current Army
Chief of Staff Raymond Odierno*
Introduction: The Honorable Sue Cobb, U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica, 2001-2005
- 09:40 - 10:40 **PANEL DISCUSSION: CONFLICT DYNAMICS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA**
Dr. Frederick W. Kagan
*Christopher DeMuth Chair and Director, Critical Threats Project, American Enterprise Institute
One of the intellectual architects of the successful “surge” strategy in Iraq*
Dr. Kimberly Kagan
Founder and President, Institute for the Study of War
Moderator: The Honorable G. Philip Hughes, U.S. Ambassador to Barbados and E. Caribbean, 1990-1993
- 10:40 - 11:40 **PANEL DISCUSSION: ISIS AND THE GLOBAL AL-QAEDA MOVEMENT**
The Honorable Ford M. Fraker
*President, Middle East Policy Council
U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, 2007-2009*
Jessica Lewis McFate
Research Director, Institute for the Study of War
Matthew G. Olsen
Former Director, National Counterterrorism Center
Moderator: The Honorable C. Donald Johnson, U.S. Ambassador in the Office of the USTR, 1998-2000
- 11:40 - 12:20 **POLICY OPTIONS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA**
The Honorable Robert Ford
*U.S. Ambassador to Syria, 2011-2014
U.S. Ambassador to Algeria, 2006-2008*
Introduction: The Honorable William Eacho, U.S. Ambassador to Austria, 2009-20013
- 12:20 - 13:00 **INSPIRED BY ISIS: BOKO HARAM IN NIGERIA**
The Honorable John Campbell
*Ralph Bunche Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies, Council on Foreign Relations
U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria, 2004-2007*
Introduction: The Honorable Donald T. Bliss, U.S. Ambassador to ICAO, 2006-2009
- 13:15 - 15:15 **LUNCHEON AT THE COSMOS CLUB, 2121 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE (By Invitation)**
General John Allen, USMC (Ret.)
Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL
Introduction: Colonel John C. Garrett, USMC (Ret.), Commanding Officer, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), 1994-1996