











NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Conference "Security Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region: Historical Perspectives and the Way Forward" 22 April 2017 Stockholm

Stockholm City Conference Centre (Norra Latin), Drottninggatan 71B

PROGRAMME

12.30- Registration & Coffee 12.55

13.00 Opening Addresses & Welcome

-**Mrs. Leelo Pukk,** Chair of the Estonian National Congress in Sweden (REL Esinduskogu)

- **Mrs. Marju Rink-Abel,** Chair of the Estonian World Council (ÜEKN)

-**Mrs. Elisabeth Bauer**, Head of the Office for the Nordic and Baltic countries of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)

13.10 Introduction and Overview of the Conference

-Mrs. Anna Wieslander (Moderator), Director for Northern Europe at Atlantic Council; Secretary General of the Swedish Defence Association











	Keynote speech: Germany's Role in the Baltic Sea Region	- Ambassador Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth , Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sweden
13.30	Panel Discussion "Security Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region: Lessons from History"	- Dr Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth , Ambassador of Germany - Prof. Hain Rebas , Sweden and Estonia - Mr. David Lindén , Närkes Allehanda, Sweden - Mr. Ilmar Metsalo , The Ulkopolitist, Finland
14.30- 14:55	Coffee break	, ,
15.00	Introductions	Mrs. Riina Kaljurand (Moderator), Research Fellow at the International Centre for Defence and Security in Tallinn (ICDS); Director of Lennart Meri Conference, Estonia
	Keynote speech: Security Challenges for NATO and its Partners in the Baltic Sea Region	- Ambassador Wiesław Tarka, Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Sweden
	Panel Discussion "Future Security Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region: Possibilities, Problems and Effective Responses"	- Ambassador Eitvydas Bajarunas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania - Mrs. Lolita Čigāne, Member of Saeima, Latvia - Mr. Marko Mihkelson, Member of Riigikogu, Estonia - Major General (ret) Karlis Neretnieks, Swedish Academy of War Sciences - Dr. Jana Puglierin, German Council on Foreign relations (DGAP) - Prof. Matthew Rhodes, George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Germany - Dr. Mike Winnerstig, ICDS and Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI), Sweden
16.45	Closing Remarks	Dr. Björn von Sydow , Chairman of the Swedish Defence Commission (Försvarsberedningen); Member of Riksdagen, Sweden
16.55	Conference Conclusions	- Mrs. Sirle Sööt, Chair of the Association of Estonians in Sweden - Mr. Marcus Kolga , Chairman of the Estonian Central Council in Canada
17.00- 18.30	Networking Opportunity	