

## Expert Meeting on the Future of North-East of Syria

### Agenda

26<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Switzerland

First Day (26 <sup>th</sup> February)	Second day (27 <sup>th</sup> February)
<p>09h45-10h <b>Opening by the organizers</b> Abdulla Erfan, Fellow at GCSP Hozan Ibrahim, Director of IMPACT Kawa Hassan, Vice-President, MENA Program, EWI Christian Bühlmann, Head of Regional Perspective Program, GCSP</p> <p><b>First session: Perspectives on the future of the North-East</b> 10h-11h <b>Part one: Syrian-Kurdish and Russian perspectives on the future of the North-East</b></p> <p>Ahmed Suliman, Kurdish Democratic Progressive Party Konstantin Truettsev, Oriental Studies Institute, Moscow</p> <p>Moderator: Kawa Hassan</p>	<p>09h30-10h30 <b>Third session: Local governance structure</b></p> <p>Noah Bonsey Konstantin Truettsev</p> <p>Moderator: Omar Sheikmous, Syrian-Kurdish Politician</p>
11h-11h30, Coffee break	10h30-11h, Coffee break
<p>11h30-12h30</p> <p><b>Part two: US and Turkish perspectives on the future of the North-East</b></p> <p>Nicholas Heras, CNAS, Washington DC Talha köse, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul</p> <p>Moderator: Bekhtiar Amin, Former Iraqi minister</p>	<p>11h-12h</p> <p><b>Fourth session: Impact of the solution in North-East on the political process</b></p> <p>Joseph Bahout, Fellow at GCSP &amp; Carnegie Endowment</p> <p>Moderator: Hozan Ibrahim</p>
12h03-14h, Lunch break	12h-13h30, Lunch break
<p>14h-17h30 <b>Second session:</b> 14h-15h30 <b>Part one: Security arrangements--future of the PYD/SDF</b></p> <p>Serhat Erkmen, Turkish Gendarmerie and Coastal Guard Academy Nikolay Surkov, IMEMO, Moscow</p> <p>Moderator: Muslih Irawani, Center for Public Policy, Erbil</p>	<p>13h30-15h30pm <b>Fifth session: The potential for a Turkish &amp; Russian &amp; US &amp; Kurdish common ground</b></p> <p>Talha köse &amp; Nikolay Surkov &amp; Nicholas Heras &amp; Ahmed Suliman</p> <p>Moderator: Christian Bühlmann</p>
15h30-16h, Coffee break	15h30-16h Coffee Break
<p>16h-17h30 <b>Part two: Security arrangements—border security</b></p> <p>Patrick Haenni, HD Center Moderator and discussant: Talha köse</p>	<p>16h-17h <b>Sixth session: Concluding remarks and recommendations</b></p> <p>Hozan Ibrahim Kawa Hassan</p>
19h30, dinner at Caux Palace	End of the program