

Indicative programme – “Supporting the future of Syria and the region”

Brussels II conference of 24-25 April 2018

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Accredited journalists will have access to the events of the 24 April taking place in the Charlemagne Building and to the press opportunities of the 25 April at the Justus Lipsius and Europa buildings.

Specific accreditation is required. See the media advisory [here](#).

All times are approximate and subject to change

Programme of 25 April 2018 – MINISTERIAL PART

Place: Europa building, Brussels

+/- 07.30

Arrivals – Access for accredited journalists ([live streaming](#))

+/- **09.00** (roundtable Photo/TV opportunity Group A)

Opening ceremony by EU High Representative Federica Mogherini followed by representatives of the UN and by representatives of the three main refugee-hosting countries in the region, Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan ([live streaming](#))

+/- **10.00**

Family photo (Photo/TV opportunity Group B)

+/- 10.15

First plenary session – political focus

Co-chaired by EU High Representative Federica Mogherini and UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura

+/- 12.00

First parallel session: inclusive human capital development and economic recovery for the region

Introductory remarks by European Commissioner Johannes Hahn and UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner ([live streaming](#))

+/- 12.45

Press conference – Access for accredited journalists (Europa building press room)

([live streaming](#))

EU High Representative Federica Mogherini, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Head of OCHA Marc Lowcock and UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura

+/- 14.45

Second plenary session – regional focus

Co-chaired by European Commissioner Johannes Hahn, UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi

+/- 14.45

Second parallel session: humanitarian protection issues inside Syria
Introductory remarks by European Commissioner Christos Stylianides, and UN Under-Secretary-General Marc Lowcock

+/- 16.30

Third plenary session – humanitarian focus

Introductory remarks by European Commissioner Christos Stylianides and by UN Under-Secretary-General Marc Lowcock ([live streaming](#))

+/- 18.15

Closing remarks and announcement of final amount of pledges ([live streaming](#))

Programme of 24 April 2018 – DAY OF DIALOGUE

Place: Charlemagne building, Brussels

08.00

Welcome of participants – Access for accredited journalist

09.00

Opening session

including statements by:

Commissioner Hahn, Commissioner Stylianides, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock and UN High commissioner Filippo Grandi

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+/- 09.20

Session I '**Protecting Syrians across the region**', co-chaired by Commissioner Stylianides and UN High Commissioner Filippo Grandi

+/- 11.30

Session II '**How to better deliver assistance: challenges and best practices**' co-chaired by Christian Danielsson, DG NEAR, European Commission and Panos Moumtzis, Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Syria Crisis

+/- 13.20

Event 'Education for the future', with participation of Commissioner Christos

Stylianides

+/- 14.30

Session III '**Fostering inclusive economic and social development in hosting countries**' co-chaired by Commissioner Hahn and Mourad Wahba, Assistant Administrator and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States

+/- 16.30

Session IV '**Securing a future for children and young people: "No Lost Generation" and beyond for all youth in the region**' co-chaired by Commissioner Christos Stylianides and Omar Abdi, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF

+/- 18.00

Closing session

24 April 2018 – MEETING WITH SYRIAN CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

Specific registration needed, see [here](#)

+/- **13.00**

Press point by High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini and UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura following their meeting with Syrian civil society representatives

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