

Global Strategy Group Middle East

27-28 May, 2007, Kuwait

Agenda

SUNDAY, 27 MAY	
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome and introduction
9:15 - 10:45	SESSION ONE Is there a way out for Iraq from endemic instability? What options, what scenarios? What implications?
11:00 - 12:15	SESSION TWO What is happening to the US role in the region? How should regimes in the region read the mood in Washington and among the US public?
12:30 - 14:15	Discussion over Lunch (SESSION THREE) Can the Arab initiative break the deadlock in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict? What would a breakthrough require?
14:30 - 15:45	SESSION FOUR Oil, money, and geopolitics: How the economic and political dynamics are shifting the balance of power in the region
16:00 - 17:30	SESSION FIVE How are Arab societies changing? The factors that are creating a new social dynamic in the Middle East and their implication for economy and politics
19:30 - 21:30	Dinner and SESSION SIX What future for Iraq? What implications for the region?
Monday, 28 May	<i>Special session on Iran</i>
9:00 - 10:00	SESSION SEVEN Iran's emergence as a regional power: What is driving it? Assessing Tehran's agenda
10:15 - 11:15	SESSION EIGHT What are the dynamics inside Iran? The interplay of political, economic and religious factors and how they could impact Tehran's agenda
11:30 - 12:45	SESSION NINE How can the countries of the region adjust to Iran's emergence? What does this mean in terms of economic, political and security developments?
12:45 - 13:00	Concluding remarks
13:00 - 14:30	Closing luncheon