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# *Afghanistan after 2014: Prospects for the Country and the Region*

The departure of most NATO troops from Afghanistan in 2014 will have a significant impact on the country and the region around it. The government in Kabul will need to rely to a greater extent on its own capacity to deal with the enormous challenges facing it, such as establishing a durable peace in the country and creating conditions for economic and social recovery. Afghanistan's neighbours will need to adjust their policies to cope with the consequences of NATO's withdrawal. Fundamentally, Afghanistan cannot recover without genuine, sustained and effective cooperation among its neighbours. This workshop will examine the post-2014 challenges faced by Afghanistan and the region, and the ability of the region's countries to deal with them. Specifically: What are the main challenges facing Afghanistan after 2014? How adequate is the capacity of the Afghan state to deal with these challenges? What are the implications of NATO's withdrawal for Afghanistan's neighbours? How are Afghanistan's neighbours reacting to the ongoing changes in the regional political and security environment? What are the prospects for building effective regional cooperation after 2014?

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