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# THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ARF EXPERTS AND EMINENT PERSONS

## Programme



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Hilton Helsinki Kalastajatorppa Hotel

**Indicative Programme for the ARF EEP meeting in Helsinki**

**Wednesday March 11**

18.00–19.00

**Registration**

Venue: *Hilton Kalastajatorppa Reception*

19.00–21.00

**Welcoming Reception**

Hosted by the European External Action Service

Venue: *Keltainen Sali*

**Thursday March 12**

08.00–09.00

**Registration**

Venue: In front of the conference room *Merisali*

09.15-09.30

**Opening by Mr Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for  
Foreign Affairs of Finland**

Venue: *Merisali*

09.30

**Welcoming remarks by Co-Chairs**

**Ambassador Mr Esko Hamilo (EU)**

**Ambassador Mr Barry Desker (Singapore)**

Venue: *Merisali*

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09.40                      **Adoption of agenda;** meeting arrangements

09.45                      **Session 1: Opportunities and challenges for PD  
in the Asia Pacific**  
Venue: *Merisali*

This session aims at setting the stage for preventive diplomacy in the region, and participants are invited to express opinions as to where PD initiatives are most needed. . It will also look at the implementation of PD measures and discuss the difficulties encountered therein. Is “a pace comfortable to all” too restrictive a criterion?

*\* Discussants: Indonesia  
USA  
Vietnam*

11.00                      **Group photo**  
Venue: TBC

11.15                      **Coffee break**

11.30                      **Session 2: Taking stock of and prospects for  
enhancing the ARF Work Plan,  
Review of recommendations of last EEP  
meeting**  
Venue: *Merisali*

This session aims at looking at the ARF PD Work Plan past and future. Which initiatives have been successful? Are there new areas that warrant inclusion? There will also be a progress

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report on the study on the regional security architecture. This session will likewise review the outcome of the recommendations of previous EEP meetings, especially the 8th meeting.

\* *Discussants: ASEAN Secretariat  
China  
ROK*

13.00

**Lunch**

*Venue: Pyöreä Sali/Round Room*

14.30

**Session 3: Peace mediation and national dialogues**

Contribution by **President Martti Ahtisaari**  
**General discussion**; a possible role for EEPs  
*Venue: Merisali*

This special theme session will hear a contribution by President Martti Ahtisaari, well-known for his part in the Aceh peace process. An open discussion is suggested on whether a regional mechanism as the ARF, with local knowledge and experience, is best suited for peace mediation. Do the EEPs have a role to play?

15.45

**Coffee break**

16.00–17.45

**Session 4: Breakout Groups**

Group 1: East China Sea

\*Facilitator: *Canada*, venue: *Merisali*

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Group 2: Korean Peninsula

\*Facilitator: *Malaysia* , venue: *Matruusi*

Group 3: Election monitoring; a possible role for EEPs

\*Facilitator: *Timor-Leste*, venue: *Amiraali*

As agreed at last EEP meeting, the practice of breakout groups focusing on real-life regional issues, to gain insight into the practical consideration of applying PD, is continued. In view of the outcome last time, it is suggested to return to the discussion on East China Sea, to follow up the discussion on the Korean Peninsula, as well as to look at practical modalities of election monitoring. In all of these issues, a possible role for EEPs will be considered.

19.30

**Dinner**

Hosted by Mr **Jaakko Laajava**, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland  
Venue: *Vanha Torppa*

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09.00

**Session 5: Reports by Breakout Groups**

Venue: *Merisali*

10.00

**Session 6: Recommendations; role of the EEPs, incl. TOR**

Venue: *Merisali*

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This session will concentrate on the recommendations that the EEPs may wish to make following the discussions of the meeting. It is suggested that consideration be given to a possible ARF Vision Statement 2015 that the EEPs may wish to envisage and to participate in preparing. The role of the EEPs and possible new functions can also be discussed.

*\*Discussants: Thailand  
Japan  
India*

11.00

**Coffee break**

(preparation of Co-Chairs' Summary)

11.45-12.30

**Concluding Session**

(Co-Chairs' Summary; future meetings)

Venue: *Merisali*

In this session, the Co-Chairs' Summary will be outlined, with a possibility for comments. There will also be provisional information on the next EEP meeting.

12.30

**Lunch**

Venue: *Pyöreä Sali/Round Room*

**End of Meeting**

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**\* The names of countries/EEPs to serve as discussants or facilitators are to be considered as requests made by the Co-Chairs to the member countries indicated. In view of time restraints, these contributions should not exceed five minutes. In the discussion, a time limit of three minutes shall be applied.**