

## **The UK in the Middle East: Strategy in a changing region**

08:45 – 09:15 Registration and Coffee

**09:20 – 09:30 Opening Address**

**09:30 – 11:00: “UK grand strategy, where are we now?”**

Baroness Ashton, Former High Representative for Foreign Affairs, European Union

Sir Mark Lyall-Grant, Former National Security Adviser, The United Kingdom

Professor Michael Clarke, Former Director-General, RUSI

Chair: Michael Stephens, Research Fellow RUSI

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:30-12:45: “The UK’s Regional Role: Is policy fit for purpose?”**

The Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP, Former Minister of State for the Middle East

Dr Toby Greene, Visiting Fellow, Queen Mary University

Dr David Roberts, Lecturer, King’s College London

Chair: Dr Claire Spencer, Visiting Senior Research Fellow King’s College London

**12:45 – 13.45 Lunch**

**13:45 – 15:00 “Business opportunities, youth and innovation in the Middle East”**

Jane Kinninmont, Head of Programmes, The Elders

Dr Emman al Badawy, Head of Research, Co-Existence, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

Dona Haj, UK Israel Tech Hub, British Embassy Tel Aviv

Chair: James Sorene, Chief Executive Officer, BICOM

**15:00 – 15:30 Closing remarks**