



Wednesday September 29, 2021	<p>Great Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Loretánské nám. 5, Praha 1</p> <p><i>Moderated by Ambassador Bronislava Tomášová, Head of the MFA Task Force for Climate and Security & Tomáš Jungwirth, Head of Climate Team at the Association for International Affairs</i></p>
08:30 – 09:00	Registration for participants
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome & opening by Aleš Chmelař, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
09:10 – 10:00	The climate crisis as an impediment to peace and stability <i>Benjamin Pohl, Adelphi, followed by Q&A / discussion</i>
10:00 – 10:20	Coffee break
10:20 – 12:00	<p>The Importance of ambition at COP26 as a part of global solution <i>Lucy Maizels, Head of Political Section, British Embassy Prague</i></p> <p>Disaster risk reduction – Czech Experience <i>Hana Volná, Head of the Development Cooperation Department Pavel Danihelka, Technical University of Ostrava / Research Institute of Occupational Safety</i></p> <p><i>Followed by Q&A / discussion</i></p>



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