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“2017 International Urban Security and Resilience Conference, Workshop and Exhibition”

The Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario

Tuesday, May 16 – Friday, May 19, 2017

NEW REALITIES – NEW STRATEGIES

Leading Global Anti-Terrorism Experts in Toronto for Major Security Conference

TORONTO, Ontario (May 9, 2017) – In the midst of unprecedented terrorist activity throughout Europe and the Americas, leading global experts are preparing to gather in Toronto next week for a major international conference.

Specialists will consider a range of new ideas and perspectives on terrorism and urban violence, which is threatening economic and political stability, and increasingly targeting critical infrastructure, vulnerable public spaces and religious institutions.

The first of its kind in Canada, the **2017 Urban Security and Resilience Conference, Workshop and Exhibition**, May 16-18, will feature presentations and panel discussions involving more than two-dozen law enforcement leaders and security specialists.

Working with hundreds of delegates – public and private security practitioners, government officials, community and corporate leaders, and nongovernmental agencies – these experts will lead discussions aimed at developing new strategies to counter the evolving security challenges and emerging threats of the 21st century.

The conference will also address what types of activities North American and other government agencies and stakeholders of national security can take to inspire and facilitate greater public participation in counterterrorism efforts in Canada and abroad.

The list of confirmed speakers includes:

- **Chief Bertrand Vols** – leads the agency responsible for policing the West Brussels District in Belgium that includes Molenbeek, the now infamous borough known as the jihadi capital of Europe;
- **Professor John Farmer** – former Senior Counsel and Team Leader of the 9/11 Commission; former New Jersey Attorney General; and former Dean of the School of Law at Rutgers University;
- **Paul Goldenberg** – Chairman and CEO, Cardinal Point Strategies; Member of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Advisory Council and Co-Chair of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Foreign Fighter Task Force;
- **Anna Carlstedt** – National Coordinator, Swedish Government Office to Safeguard Democracy Against Extremism;



- **Dr. Anne Speckhard** – Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, Georgetown University, and Director, International Centre for the Study of Violent Extremism; and
- **Richard Fadden** – former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Canada and former Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS).

A full list of speakers is available on the conference [website](#).

Given the sensitive nature of the discussions, presentations will be closed to the media; however, conference spokespersons will be available for interviews:

Paul Goldenberg
Chairman and CEO, Cardinal Point Strategies
Member of Homeland Security Advisory Council

Allan Jones
Assistant Director (Rtd)
CSIS

Accredited journalists are invited to submit requests for interviews with a conference spokesperson or any of the conference speakers to the Media Contact listed below.

The 2017 International Urban Security and Resilience Conference, Workshop and Exhibition is being hosted by the Infrastructure Resilience and Research Group (IRRG) within Carleton University's Faculty of Engineering and Design, in partnership with ASIS International and the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Canada.

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