

# : Programme

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## **Public Evening Event** **Conflict Lines in the MENA Region –** **Opportunities and Risks for Reconstruction**

**18 June 2019**  
**Berlin Town Hall, Louise-Schroeder-Saal**

**Conference languages**  
German/English (simultaneous interpretation)

**As part of the Berlin Summer Dialogue 2019**  
**Post-Conflict Reconstruction: A Window of Opportunity?**  
**The role of external actors in the MENA region**

**In cooperation with the**  
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## **BACKGROUND**

Countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) have been convulsed by multiple conflicts for decades. At present, a durable and sustainable peace seems almost impossible to reach. The conflicts have reversed much of the development progress achieved, in some cases setting it back several decades. It is not only the divisions between various religious or ethnic groups that are a factor in these conflicts, but also that the existing social contracts no longer seem viable. In parallel, many of the recent conflicts have escalated into proxy wars in which various major and regional powers are vying for position. Bearing in mind the multitude of conflict lines in the MENA region, external actors should give very careful thought to the potential impacts of their own engagement when planning their interventions. How can short-term humanitarian relief and support for reconstruction contribute to building structures that sustain peace?

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## PROGRAMME

- 17.00 hrs      Registration
- Chair
- Ute Lange**  
Moderator/Trainer/Communication Coach  
i3kommunikation, Bonn
- 17.30 hrs      Welcome
- State Secretary Sawsan Chebli**  
State of Berlin Delegate to the Federation  
State Secretary for Civic Engagement and Intercultural Affairs, Berlin
- 17.35 hrs      Opening Speech
- Professor Claudia Warning**  
Director-General for the Middle East, Asia, Latin America,  
and Southeast and Eastern Europe  
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Berlin
- 17.45 hrs      Roundtable discussion
- Ekkehard Brose**  
Special Envoy for Crisis Prevention and Stabilization  
Foreign Office, Berlin
- Dr Joost Hiltermann**  
Programme Director of the Middle East and North Africa  
International Crisis Group, Brussels
- Rasha Jarhum**  
Founder  
Peace Track Initiative, Geneva
- Professor Claudia Warning**  
Director-General for the Middle East, Asia, Latin America,  
and Southeast and Eastern Europe  
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Berlin
- followed by    Plenary discussion
- 19.00 hrs      Reception hosted by the Governing Mayor of Berlin

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