

Gilgit Baltistan

A Critical but Unknown Pivot of South Asia under Threat

Thursday, 5th May 2011

Room A, Club of the University Foundation- Rue d'Egmont 11, Brussels

14:00 Opening Remarks

Ngawang Choephel, UNPO President

Briefing of the Situation on Gilgit Baltistan: geographical, legal and political situation of Balawaristan
Abdul Hamid Khan, Chairman Balawaristan National Front

14:40 Panel I: Gilgit Baltistan: Development, Environment and Geo-Strategic Importance

Moderator: Mumtaz Khan

The Impact of Development in Gilgit Baltistan and the Role of China and Pakistan.

Exploring Cooperative Mechanisms towards Sustainability and Environmental Security for the people of Gilgit Baltistan'

Michael J. Penders, Environmental Security International

Environmental Degradation in the Afghan, Pakistan and China Border Areas

Dirk Terwel, Institute of Environmental Security

From the Silk Road to the Karakorum Highway: Military, Economic and Political Importance of Gilgit Baltistan.

Prof. Dr. Hermann Kreutzmann, Chair of Human Geography at Freie Universität Berlin

Q&A

16:00 Coffee Break - Screening of al-Jazeera reportage on the Hunza Dam Crisis.

16:30 Panel II: Environmental Degradation: the Threat to Humans

Moderator: Mumtaz Khan

Climate Change in Gilgit Baltistan: Impacts on Humans and Hazards

David Petley, International Landslide Centre, Durham University

The Human Effects of Environmental Pollution

Lakhu Luhana, Bureau Veritas

Q&A

17:30 Closing remarks

Mumtaz Khan, Canadian International Centre for Peace and Democracy



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