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Beyond Crisis: Identifying Top Priorities in North Africa for 2018

17 November 2017, 8.30 - 13.30

International Crisis Group HQ, [Avenue Louise 149, 14th Floor, 1050 Brussels](#)

8.30-9.00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9.00-9.15	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Marie Guéhenno, President and CEO, International Crisis Group • Armando Barucco, Head of the Unit of Analysis and Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
9.15-10.45	<p>Session 1: Jihadism in the Maghreb after ISIS - What to expect in 2018 <i>This session will explore the evolution of jihadist groups in the Maghreb after the setbacks faced by ISIS in Libya and beyond. Panellists will discuss whether a resurgence of the group is possible, how it and other groups such as Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb might evolve, and how regional states and the EU should adapt their security strategies.</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issandr El Amrani, North Africa Project Director, International Crisis Group • Arturo Varvelli, Co-Head of Middle East and North Africa Centre, ISPI <p>EU Respondent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcos Granados Gomez, Policy Officer, Security Policy Counter-Terrorism, European External Action Service <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanna Apap, Policy Analyst, European Parliament Research Service
10.45-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	<p>Session 2: Algeria, Egypt, and Tunisia - Challenges of Economic Reform amid Political Uncertainty <i>This session will analyse the political impediments to economic reforms as North African states face laggard economic growth, the challenge of subsidy reform, low oil prices, and socio-economic unrest. The panellists will also address how these factors interplay with recent and upcoming elections in Algeria, Egypt, and Tunisia.</i></p> <p>Panellists</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issandr El Amrani, North Africa Project Director, International Crisis Group • Hannah Armstrong, Algeria Consultant, International Crisis Group • Michaël Ayari, Tunisia Senior Analyst, International Crisis Group • Stefano Maria Torelli, Associate Research Fellow, ISPI <p>EU Respondent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Udwin, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission <p>Moderator Rosa Balfour, Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States</p>
12.30-13.30	Networking Lunch