



PALERMO ATLANTIC FORUM

*New Perspectives of Security and Cooperation
in the Mediterranean, Middle East, and Asia*

Palazzo dei Normanni, 4 – 7 October, 2007

INVITATION

The Italian Atlantic Committee and the Atlantic Treaty Association take pleasure in inviting National Associations to participate in the Palermo Atlantic Forum.

The Forum will take place in the historical Palazzo dei Normanni next October 4 - 7, and will focus on *New Perspectives of Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean, Middle East and Asia*.

Government and NATO authorities will take part in the Forum that will bring together political, diplomatic, military, and academic representatives. Speakers and participants will come from NATO, Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, and Shanghai Cooperation Organization countries. Participation of researchers and young professionals coming from the Mediterranean and Middle East region will be particularly welcome and supported.

The Palermo Atlantic Forum aims to offer an opportunity for a scientific discussion on the role of NATO and international organizations in the stabilization and reconstruction; to strengthen cooperation in security issues between NATO and the Mediterranean and Gulf Cooperation Council countries; to promote the establishment of dialogue and collaboration between NATO and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

The Italian Atlantic Committee will be glad to host in Palermo one participant from each ATA National Association. National Associations are encouraged to select young researchers or professionals and to submit their candidacies as soon as possible.

Please take into consideration that only one participant per country can be hosted by the Italian Atlantic Committee, while additional participants are welcome at their own expenses. Additional support to cover researcher's travel costs will be evaluated by the organizers upon request and up to 400 Euro. In this respect, participants are asked to choose the least expensive option for their transport.

Participants will stay at the four-star Hotel La Torre (Mondello Lido, Euro 120,00 per night).

Local transportation will be provided by the organizers.

Working languages are English and Italian with a simultaneous translation.

Participants are kindly requested to send a Registration form together with a .jpg picture to Ms. Emma Argutyan, emma.argutyan@ata-sec.org at the Atlantic Treaty Association not later than September 10.

Please note whether your representative will require an Italian visa.

The final selection of all participants will be decided by the Italian Atlantic Committee and the Atlantic Treaty Association.