

U.S.-PAKISTAN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE 2019

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ABSTRACT:

This U.S.-Pakistan Track II strategic dialogue will engage top former government officials, military officers, and civilian experts in a discussion of the future of U.S.-Pakistan strategic relations, with a specific focus on understanding how recent changes to the global and regional security environment will affect Pakistan's strategic calculus and nuclear trajectory. This dialogue will also examine Pakistan's modernization challenges, crisis management in South Asia, and Pakistan's position and role in the emerging world order and non-proliferation regime. The dialogue will also seek avenues for regional strategic restraint measures, including the role of international community in dampening the ongoing arms race in South Asia.

This project builds upon the foundations established by previous DTRA-sponsored strategic dialogues at the Track II level held between 2004 and 2011. Since the deterioration of U.S.-Pakistan relations in the wake of the bin Laden raid, however, it has proven difficult to hold Track II dialogues focused on Pakistan's strategic trajectory. During this period, significant shifts have taken place not just in the scope and context of U.S.-Pakistan relations, but also in the Pakistan's leadership and strategic thinkers, the trajectory of its nuclear program, as well as in broader regional security trends.

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