



## EVENT INVITATION

### Panel Discussion and Q&A

### *Syria Peace Talks Resume in Geneva amid More Concerns & Uncertainties*

<b>DATE</b>	Monday, February 29, 2016
<b>TIME</b>	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
<b>LOCATION</b>	First Amendment Room National Press Club 529 14 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW – 13 <sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20045
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**Washington, DC:** In light of the uncertainties surrounding the resumption of the Syrian peace talks in Geneva on February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Arab Center Washington DC will be hosting a panel to shed light on the regional and international ramifications of this fitful process. Panelists will focus on the following questions: What are the reasons behind the UN’s suspension of the talks on February 3<sup>rd</sup>? What are Staffan de Mistura’s long-term objectives for the talks? What steps are being taken by the UN & the US to bridge the gap among the various Syrian parties to avoid future stalemate? What are the implications of the escalating fighting, particularly the Russian bombing, that is resulting in large numbers of Syrian civilian casualties?

### Panelists

<b>Dr. Radwan Ziadeh</b> Senior Analyst, Middle East Arab Center Washington DC <i>(BIO)</i>	<b>Dr. Joseph Bahout</b> Visiting Scholar Middle East Program Carnegie Endowment for International Peace <i>(BIO)</i>	<b>Mohammed Ghanem</b> Director of Government Relations & Strategist Syrian American Council <i>(BIO)</i>
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\*\*\*\*\* *Breakfast will be served* \*\*\*\*\*

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