

US-UA WORKING GROUP  
**YEARLY SUMMIT**  
**IX**

PROVIDING UKRAINE WITH AN ANNUAL REPORT CARD

ONLINE WEBINAR  
JUNE 16-17, 2021

**US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit IX:  
Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card  
June 16-17, 2021**

**FIRST DAY --- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 --- Zoom Webinar w/ Facebook & YouTube simulcast**

**09:30 AM - 9:45 AM**      **Word of Welcome** – Ambassador Oksana Markarova

**09:45 AM - 10:15 AM**      **Highlight Focus Session I**

*Theme: Why a Free, Stable and Prosperous Ukraine Still Matters – UA Perspective*

Chair: Andriy Futey [President/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]

Featured Speaker: Hon. Dmytro Razumkov [Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine]

**10:15 AM – 11:30 AM**      **Plenary Session I**

*Theme: Robust Democratic Politics – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress*

Moderator/Grader:

- Amb. William Taylor [Vice President/United States Institute of Peace]

Presenters/Graders:

- Stephen Nix [International Republican Institute]
- Katie Fox [National Democratic Institute]
- Ostap Kryvdyk [Ukraine and the World Program/Ukrainian Catholic University]
- Adrian Karatnycky [Senior Fellow/Atlantic Council]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Fair Elections*
- *Effective Political Parties*
- *Free Media & Strong Civil Society*
- *Independent Judiciary*

**11:30 AM – 12:45 PM**      **Plenary Session II**

*Theme: Developed Market Economics & Ever Greater Energy Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress*

Moderator/Grader:

- Amb. John Herbst [Eurasia Center Director/Atlantic Council]

Presenters/Graders:

- Anders Åslund [Eurasia Center Senior Fellow/Atlantic Council]
- Morgan Williams [President/US-Ukraine Business Council]
- Ariel Cohen [Energy, Growth and Security Program Director/International Tax and Investment Center]
- Margarita Assenova [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]

Guest Speaker: Natalie Jaresko – Minister of Finance of Ukraine 2014-2016]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Sound Fiscal & Monetary Policy*
- *Business Reliability & Transparency*
- *Expanding Energy Production Capacity*
- *Improving Energy Transport/Distribution Capacity*

**12:45 PM – 1:15 PM Highlight Focus Session II**

*Theme: Why a Free, Stable and Prosperous Ukraine Still Matters – US Perspective*

Chair: Michael Sawkiw [Director/Ukrainian National Information Service] Featured

Speaker: Rep. Marcy Kaptur [Co-Chair of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus]

**01:15 PM – 1:45 PM Special Discussion**

*Theme: Concerning “Ukraine, the US and the Black Sea”*

Discussants:

- LTG (ret.) Ben Hodges [Chair in Strategic Studies/Center for European Policy Analysis]
- Stephen Blank [Senior Fellow/Foreign Policy Research Institute]

**SECOND DAY --- THURSDAY, JUNE 17 --- Zoom Webinar w/ Facebook & YouTube simulcast**

**09:30 AM – 10:00 AM Highlight Focus Session III**

*Theme: How US Can Best Help Ukraine Attain Its Euro-Atlantic Vision – UA Perspective*

Chair: Mariia Kupriianova [Executive Director/Ukrainian World Congress]

Featured Speaker: Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, MP [Chair, Verkhovna Rada Committee on Matters of Integration of Ukraine with the European Union]

**10:00 AM – 11:15 AM Plenary Session III**

*Theme: Ever Greater General Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress*

Moderator/Grader:

- Amb. William Courtney [Executive Director/RAND Business Leaders Forum]

Presenters/Graders:

- Amb. Kurt Volker [Distinguished Fellow/Center for European Policy Analysis]
- Glen Howard [President/Jamestown Foundation]
- James Sherr OBE [Senior Fellow/International Center for Defence and Security]
- Alexander Gray [Senior Fellow/American Foreign Policy Council]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Professionalized Armed Forces*
- *Modernized Military Industrial Complex*
- *Developed 'National Security' Doctrine*
- *Reliable Allies*

**11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Plenary Session IV**

*Theme: Viable Social Cohesion & An Established Yet Tolerant National Identity – Assessing Ukraine's Progress/Regress*

*Moderator/Grader:*

- Amb. Roman Popadiuk [President/Diplomacy Center Foundation]

*Presenters/Graders:*

- Oleksandra Matviychuk [Chair/Center for Civil Liberties]
- Reverend Father Pavlo Protsenko [Chaplain/53rd Mechanized Brigade, ZSU]
- Amb. Roman Waschuk [Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine, 2014-2019]
- Alexander Motyl [Rutgers University]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Stable Inter-Ethnic and Class Relations*
- *Stable Inter-Faith Relations*
- *A Sense of a Common History*
- *A Sense of a Common Future*

**12:30 PM – 1:00 PM Highlight Focus Session IV**

*Theme: How the US Can Best Help Ukraine Attain Its Euro-Atlantic Vision – US Perspective*

Chair: Tamara Gallo Olexy [Executive Director/UCCA National Office]

Featured Speaker: Sen. Robert Portman [Co-Chair of the Senate Ukraine Caucus]

**01:00 PM – 1:15 PM Final Word**

Featured Speaker: Paul Grod [President/Ukrainian World Congress]

**1:50 PM – 2:05 PM Tallying the Final Grades**

- Webmaster Andrij Dobriansky [Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]

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