## Provisional programme

## Verifying nuclear disarmament: the UN GGE

## Monday 27 – Wednesday 29 March 2023 | WP3127

**To be held in Montreux, Switzerland**

This invitation-only conference will be an opportunity for members of the GGE on nuclear disarmament verification to meet informally and assist the chair in producing an initial draft of the group's report for its final meeting in May. Each session will focus on one section of the report and explore options for describing the work of the GGE, inviting feedback from the group, identifying areas of consensus, and finding possible recommendations.

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## Monday 27 March

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| 1300 | Participants arrive and buffet lunch available (Le Salon Bellagio). Check-in is at 1500 (earlier subject to room availability) |
| 1500-1515 | **Welcome and introduction – Salons Renaissance**<br><br>**Mark Smith**<br>Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park |
| 1515-1645 | **1. Introduction**<br><br>This session will introduce and recap the mandate of the Group, emphasising the relationship with the first GGE, and introduce an informal report draft.<br><br>**Jørn Osmundsen**<br>Special Envoy for Disarmament Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo |
| 1645-1730 | Photograph followed by tea/coffee |
| 1730-1900 | **2. General considerations**<br><br>This section will outline general and cross-cutting considerations. |
| 1900 | Reception (Sinatra's Bar) |
| 1930 | Dinner (le Salon Bellagio) |

## Tuesday 28 March

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| **0800-0900** | Breakfast (Le Salon Bellagio) |
| **0915-1045** | ### 3. Conceptual issues I – Salons Renaissance |
| | This session will introduce some of the conceptual issues of nuclear disarmament verification, including discussion on primary and other objectives; political and technical elements; components for a working definition; and the scope of NDV. |
| **1045-1115** | Tea/coffee – Foyer |
| **1115-1300** | ### 4. Conceptual issues II – Salons Renaissance |
| | This session will address explored and unexplored areas of NDV, the potential value of 'breaking down' the problem into measures and contexts that might need NDV activities, and a non-exhaustive list of possible tools and methods. |
| **1300-1400** | Lunch – le Salon Bellagio |
| **1400-1500** | Free time |
| **1500-1630** | ### 5. Capacity building on nuclear disarmament verification – Salons Renaissance |
| | This session will address the principles of capacity building, the value of regional approaches, mechanisms to support the sustainability of capacity-building activities, the value of exercises and the concept of a trust fund. |
| **1630-1700** | Tea/coffee - Foyer |
| **1700-1830** | ### 6. The concept of a group of scientific and technical experts (GSTE) |
| | This session will explore and interrogate the concept of a GSTE on nuclear disarmament verification, its potential merits and benefits, mandate, location, composition, and interlinkages with relevant bodies for nuclear disarmament. |
| **1900** | Reception (Sinatra's Bar) |
| **1930** | Dinner (le Salon Bellagio) |

## Wednesday 29 March

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| **0800-0900** | Breakfast and checkout – le Salon Bellagio (check out by 1200) |
| **0915-1045** | ### 7. Issues to be further developed – Salons Renaissance |
| | This session will offer an opportunity for participants to raise aspects and issues not discussed by the Group but identified as valuable for future deliberations and progress on NDV. |
| **1045-1115** | Tea/coffee - Foyer |
| **1115-1125** | ### 8. Evaluation survey – Salons Renaissance |
| | Completion of online survey |

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| **1125-1300** | ## 9. Conclusions and recommendations |
| | This session will recapitulate the outcomes of the discussions and consider how work on the first report can be taken forward and further refined. |
| **1300** | Lunch – le Salon Bellagio |
| **1400** | Participants depart |