



## Programme

### **Nuclear non-proliferation: planning for 2020**

Monday 5 – Friday 9 December 2016 | WP1498

This annual dialogue, a fixture in our calendar since 1996, will assess challenges, opportunities and prospects for the nuclear non-proliferation regime over the 2020 NPT Review cycle. What is feasible and what is necessary for the nuclear non-proliferation regime over the next 5 years? What is the future for disarmament diplomacy after the UN resolution on a ban treaty? Is the NPT well-equipped or configured for what will be required of it over the short and medium-run future? How can the security context for disarmament and non-proliferation be expected to evolve during the current Review cycle? What can the P5, and their allies, do to bridge the gap with the non-nuclear weapon states? How effectively do the different tracks on nuclear disarmament complement each other? How to construct effective international non-proliferation policy, including the NSS? What is the future of the JCPOA? What prospects for the forthcoming PrepCom, and is it feasible for the NPT process to be revised? What is the future of the norm against testing and the CTBT?

**In association with Foreign and Commonwealth Office; Sandia National Laboratories; Los Alamos National Laboratory; Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

## Monday 5 December

1300-1430

Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1500

### **Welcome and introduction**

**Dr Mark Smith**

Programme Director, Wilton Park

1515-1645

### **1. The nuclear non-proliferation regime towards 2020**

With the diplomatic process leading to the 2020 NPT Review about to start, what is the current state of the regime? What challenges will need to be addressed and managed during 2017-2020? What opportunities may be offered and how can they be taken?

**Patricia O'Brien**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva

**In association with:**



**Robert Einhorn**

Senior Fellow, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Initiative, Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC

**Patricia Flor**

Federal Government Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control, Director-General for International Order, the United Nations and Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

1645-1730

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1730-1900

**2. US policy after the 2016 election**

The new Administration will set the path for US policy running up to the 2020 NPT Review: what is the likely path and what priorities will the Administration pursue? What role can the US play in fostering consensus ahead of 2020? What role does the US see itself as playing in the current cycle?

**Adam Scheinman**

Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, US Department of State, Washington DC

1930

Drinks reception

2000

Dinner

**Tuesday 6 December**

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

**3. The work of the NWS**

What is the future for the P5 process on nuclear reductions and disarmament? What are the implications of, and possibilities offered by, current work on disarmament verification?

**The future of the P5 process****Robert Tinline**

Head of the UK Government Counter Proliferation and Arms Control Centre, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

**Disarmament verification****Piet de Klerk**

Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

**4. Disarmament diplomacy after the ban resolution**

This will be a round of focused discussion in small groups, focusing on the likely future track of disarmament diplomacy.

**Group 1: The practicalities of the UN conferences next year**

What is the likely shape of participation at the UN conferences, and how is it likely to impact on the shape of the treaty? How will the format of the negotiations affect the content and scope of the treaty? What is the role of civil society?

**Facilitator: Andrea Berger**

Deputy Director, Proliferation and Nuclear Policy, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), London

**Group 2: The content of the ban**

What are the options for the content of a ban treaty? What existing treaties could be used as a model? What obligations/prohibitions are likely to be included? How will the

relationship between prohibition and elimination be defined? How far into details should the treaty go?

**Facilitator: Matthew Harries**

Managing Editor, Survival; Research Fellow, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London

### **Group 3: The impact on disarmament diplomacy**

The impact on the NPT/P5 diplomatic processes and how to manage it. How the ban treaty might advance (or if it should advance) the range of specific disarmament measures included in the OEWG report. To what extent does this depend on the content of the treaty, and how might different possibilities be managed?

**Facilitator: Adam Mount**

Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress, Washington DC

### **Group 4: After the ban**

What is the future for the ban movement after the treaty? Is a ban treaty to encapsulate a new international norm, or provide a locus for further action? What action might be taken: negotiations on a more comprehensive convention? A more concerted effort to influence the step-by-step approach through the NPT? Both? Can the various diplomatic initiatives (ban, NPT, Middle East WMD-Free Zone, FMCT, CTBT, etc) peacefully co-exist? Is there a role to channel the civil society engagement to the next step?

**Facilitator: Kelsey Davenport**

Director for Nonproliferation Policy, Arms Control Association, Washington DC

**1300-1430**

Lunch

**1500-1630**

## **5. The future of the Iran deal: a political and technical assessment**

**Aniseh Bassiri Tabrizi**

Research Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), London

**Richard Nephew**

Senior Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University, New York

**1630-1700**

Tea/coffee

**1700-1900**

## **6. Disarmament diplomacy after the OEWG (cont.)**

This session will begin with summaries of the group work by the facilitators, followed by a roundtable discussion of their implications.

**Chair: Waheguru Pal Singh Sidhu**, Visiting Professor, Center for Global Affairs, School of Professional Studies, New York University

**1930**

Dinner

## **Wednesday 7 December**

**0800-0900**

Breakfast

**0915-1045**

## **7. The 2017 PrepCom**

What are the key challenges and opportunities of the PrepCom? What is its longer-run role in the path towards the 2020 NPT Review?

**Henk Cor van der Kwast**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament, United Nations, Geneva

**Alice Guitton**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament, Permanent Mission of France to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

**Patricia Lewis**

Research Director, International Security, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

**8. NPT process: reform and revision**

**Heather Williams**

Assistant Professor, Centre for Science and Security Studies, Department of War Studies, King's College London

**Jean du Preez**

Independent Consultant; Former Chief, External Relations and International Cooperation, CTBTO Preparatory Commission, Vienna International Centre, Vienna

1245-1400

Lunch

1400

Optional excursion to Brighton or tour of Wiston House and gardens

1700-1730

Tea/coffee

1730-1900

**9. The Wilton Park Conference and the nuclear non-proliferation regime since 1996**

**William Walker**

Professor Emeritus of International Relations, University of St Andrews, Edinburgh

**Lewis Dunn**

Principal, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), Charlottesville

**John Simpson**

Visiting Professor, Centre for Science and Security Studies, King's College London; Emeritus Professor of International Relations, University of Southampton

1930

Dinner

**Thursday 8 December**

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

**10. North Korea's nuclear programme**

What is the technical status of the North Korean nuclear programme? What diplomatic, economic and political tools can be deployed to address the challenge?

**Mitsuru Kitano**

Permanent Representative, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna

**Anton Khlopkov**

Director, Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS), Moscow

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

## 11. The future of the non-proliferation pillar

### **Rafael Mariano Grossi**

Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to Austria and to the International Organisations in Vienna, Permanent Mission of Argentina in Vienna

### **Andreas Persbo**

Executive Director, Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), London

### **Joseph Pilat**

National Security Advisor; Program Manager, National Security and International Studies Office (NSIS), Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos

1300-1430

Lunch

1445-1615

## 12. The CTBT and the future of the norm against testing

20 years after its establishment, what stocktaking and prospectus for the CTBT?

**Chair: Richard Burge**, Chief Executive, Wilton Park

### **Lassina Zerbo**

Executive Secretary, Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), Vienna

1615-1645

Tea/coffee

1645-1700

## 13. eQuestionnaire

Participants will be asked to complete a short anonymous online questionnaire.

1700-1800

## 14. Conclusions: towards 2020

### **Matthew Rowland**

Ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva

### **Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova**

Director, International Organizations and Nonproliferation Programme, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Vienna

1800-1900

Interval for changing

1900

Carol service in church (optional)

1945

Drinks reception

2015

Conference dinner

## Friday 9 December

0800-0900

Breakfast and payment of bills

0915

Participants depart