



Programme

Verification in multilateral nuclear disarmament: preparing for the UN Group of Governmental Experts

Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 January 2018 | WP1595

Bringing together newly announced members of the UN GGE, this meeting will:

- Draw on practical past experience of similar issues, identifying transferable lessons.
- Set out intentions on how to pursue the work of the GGE.

In association with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London; the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

Wednesday 24 January

1500-1600

Participants arrive

1600-1615

Welcome and introduction

Mark Smith

Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park

1615-1700

1. The GGE: purpose and goals

An introduction to the objectives of the GGE itself, and how this meeting is intended to advance and assist them.

Matthew Rowland

Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations, Geneva

Knut Langeland

Special Envoy for Disarmament Affairs, Section for Global Security and Disarmament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

1700-1745

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1745-1915

2. Applying lessons: transferrable experiences from nuclear and non-nuclear negotiations

This session will assess the implications of previous and current experiences of negotiating a disarmament agreement with a substantial verification component.

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of Foreign Affairs

Negotiating the CTBT: the impact of verification issues

Jenifer Mackby

Senior Fellow, Federation of American Scientists; Senior Adviser, Partnership for Secure America, Washington DC

Negotiating the BTWC Verification Protocol: implications and lessons

Jez Littlewood

Assistant Professor, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, Ottawa

Verification issues for the FMCT

Heidi Hulan

Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Government of Canada, Vienna

1930

Reception followed by dinner

Thursday 25 January

0800-0845

Breakfast

0915-1045

3. Achieving disarmament: the role of verification (I)

This session will assess past experience from nuclear-driven experience: specifically START, New START, and the INF. It will cover the political and technical goals of the monitoring and verification provisions, plus on-the-ground experience of how it worked in practice.

Amy Woolf

Specialist in Nuclear Weapons Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, Washington DC

Jerome Meyer

Team Lead, Strategic/Nuclear Treaties, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

4. Achieving disarmament: the role of verification (II)

This session draws on experience from non-nuclear disarmament verification, involving the destruction of existing stockpiles.

Verifying the CWC

Craig Wallbank

Implementation Manager, Chemical Weapons Convention, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), London

Verifying the CFE Treaty

Wolfgang Richter

Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

Discussant

A preliminary assessment of how the above relates to multilateral nuclear disarmament and the work of the GGE

Andreas Persbo

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

1245-1445

Lunch

1445-1600

5. Maintaining a world without WMD: the role of verification

Once disarmament has been achieved, how does the verification enterprise shift to become one of 'policing zero' rather than monitoring progress towards it?

IAEA safeguards: enough by themselves, or in need of enhancement?

Laura Rockwood

Executive Director, Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), Vienna

The experience of the CWC

Ralf Trapp

International Disarmament Consultant, Chessenaz

John Walker

Head, Arms Control and Disarmament Research Unit, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London

1600-1715

6. Developing new measures

This session will assess the work of IPNDV, UKNI, and the Quad.

IPNDV

Rob Floyd

Director General, Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office (ASNO), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra

UKNI

Keir Allen

Technical Authority, Arms Control, Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE), Aldermaston, Reading

Quad

Lars Van Dassen

Director, Office for International Relations, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority (SSM), Stockholm

1715-1745

Tea/coffee

1745-1930

7. Group work: The way ahead – key lessons learned and unresolved issues

The groups will assess what the way ahead might look like: which parts of existing architecture can be used 'as is', which will need modifying or enhancing, and where are new initiatives required. A speaker will give a short introduction in plenary, then participants disperse to groups.

Speaker:

Andrew Bieniawski

Vice President, Nuclear Threat Initiative, Washington DC

Facilitators:

Tom Plant

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

Michele R Smith

Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Verification, US National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Washington DC

Styrkaar Hustveit

Senior Adviser, Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority, Østerås

1930 Reception followed by Conference dinner

Friday 26 January

0800-0845 Breakfast and checkout

0915-1045 **8. Report back from group work**

1045-1115 Tea/coffee

1115-1130 **9. Evaluation survey**

Completion of online survey

1130-1245 **10. Conclusions and wrap-up**

This session will offer an assessment of next steps running up to and at the first GGE meeting in Geneva.

Knut Langeland

Special Envoy for Disarmament Affairs, Section for Global Security and Disarmament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

David Chambers

Senior Principal Research Analyst, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1300 Lunch

1400 Participants depart