



## Programme

### **The nuclear non-proliferation regime towards the 2020 NPT Review Conference**

Monday 10 – Friday 14 December 2018 | WP1633

The 23rd Wilton Park nuclear non-proliferation conference will assess the challenges and opportunities for NPT diplomacy and processes but also the wider global regime. What are the decisive trends in the regime and what are their impacts? How can the nuclear non-proliferation policies of the P5 be expected to converge or diverge and what are the implications of either? What are the potential pathways forward on Iran’s nuclear programme? How can the political and perceptual barriers to delivering technical cooperation on nuclear energy be overcome in ways that incorporate nuclear security as an integral part of the offer? What are the possibilities for international policy towards North Korea? What are the strategic dynamics of extended deterrence and how can they be expected to evolve in the near and medium run? What are the prospects for breaking the stalemate in US-Russia reductions, and in what format might the bilateral dialogue restart? What are the implications for the NPT and nuclear non-proliferation regime of erosion/decline/disintegration of this framework? What prospects for the TPNW entering into force before 2020, and what effect will this have? How will the Treaty affect the context for pathways to disarmament? What is the likely impact of both the Treaty and the disarmament issue on the run-up to 2020, and what can reasonably be considered a success there? What are the main priorities and challenges for the PrepCom and RevCon process in NPT diplomacy towards 2020?

**In association with Los Alamos National Laboratory; Sandia National Laboratories; the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office; the German Federal Foreign Office; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands**

### Monday 10 December

1300

Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1500-1515

#### **Welcome and introduction**

**Mark Smith**

Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park

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1515-1645

## 1. The international nuclear order: a prospectus

Three speakers, each to identify 1-2 decisive trends in the regime and the potential impact (positive or negative) as we head towards the 2020 NPT Review Conference.

### **Izumi Nakamitsu**

Under Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations, New York

### **Angus Lapsley**

Director-General, Strategy and International, Ministry of Defence, London

### **Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova**

Director, International Organizations and Nonproliferation Program, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Vienna

1645-1730

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1730-1900

## 2. Nuclear non-proliferation policy among the P5: trends and developments

What are the objectives and themes in the nuclear non-proliferation policies of the P5 states? How much are they in alignment or divergence? What are the prospects for coordinated or collaborative action on NPT diplomacy towards and at the 2020 Review Conference?

### **Christopher Ford**

Assistant Secretary of State, International Security and Nonproliferation, US Department of State, Washington DC

### **Fu Cong**

Director General, Arms Control Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Beijing

### **Alexander Deyneko**

Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office in Geneva

1930

Reception followed by dinner

## Tuesday 11 December

0800-0900

Breakfast

0930-1100

## 3. Iran and the nuclear non-proliferation regime: pathways forward?

### **Christopher Ford**

Assistant Secretary of State, International Security and Nonproliferation, US Department of State, Washington DC

### **Zacharie Gross**

Director, Nuclear and Missile Non-proliferation and Disarmament, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Paris

### **Hamid Baeidinejad**

Ambassador, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, London

1100-1130

Tea/coffee

1130-1300

#### 4. Nuclear security and technical cooperation: how to achieve mutual reinforcement?

Political developments since the conclusion of the 2016 NSS, residual sensitivities surrounding NSS participation, and divergent priorities among member states are having a material impact on the implementation of NSS outcomes. Differences between the consolidated WEOG position and consolidated G77 position are becoming a source of concern. What are the political and perceptual barriers to delivering technical cooperation in ways that incorporate nuclear security as an integral part of the offer? How to overcome the narrative that nuclear security and technical cooperation are either/or choices, secure mutual WEOG/G77 buy-in to a more common approach and promote a more widely-accepted consensus?

**Irma Argüello**

Founder and Chair, NPSGlobal Foundation, Buenos Aires

**Leena Al-Hadid**

Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Austria, Vienna

**Ingrid Kirsten**

Senior Research Associate, Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), Vienna

1300-1400

Lunch

1400-1500

Free time

1500-1630

#### 5. North Korea's nuclear programme

How to advance denuclearisation, after the developments of 2018? What models can be envisaged and how might they work? What are the dynamics Japanese and South Korean strategy and policy on North Korea: what concerns, red lines, and objectives? What factors drive US policy and what direction might it take?

**Christina Varriale**

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

**Duyeon Kim**

Adjunct Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security (CNAS), Washington DC and Seoul

**Scott Snyder**

Senior Fellow for Korea Studies and Director of the Program on US - Korea Policy, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington DC

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1830

#### 6. Nuclear weapons and international security: the evolving context for the non-proliferation regime

How is the international security environment affecting the role and prominence of nuclear weapons? What are the strategic dynamics of extended deterrence and how can they be expected to evolve in the near and medium run? What are the implications of advanced conventional capability procurement by 'umbrella states' for nuclear stability? What is the effect of Russian and US nuclear policies on European/NATO debates on nuclear posture and nuclear sharing, and how that might impact the NPT?

**Andrea Berger**

Senior Research Associate, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, London

**Oliver Meier**

Deputy Head, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

**Joseph Pilat**

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

1930

Dinner

**Wednesday 12 December**

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

**7. Nuclear arms control after 2018: consequence management, future possibilities, and the impact of new technology and actors**

What are the consequences of the INF Treaty developments, and how negative ones be contained and mitigated? What is the potential future for New START or a successor agreement, in what format might the bilateral dialogue restart? What implications for the NPT and nuclear non-proliferation regime of erosion/decline/disintegration of this framework? What are the potential challenges and opportunities posed by emerging technologies, and the benefit of involving new and more diverse voices in the strategic stability debate?

**Andrey Baklitskiy**

Consultant, PIR Center, Moscow

**Olaf Poeschke**

Deputy Head of Division for Nuclear Disarmament and Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

**Alexandra Bell**

Senior Policy Director, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Washington DC

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

**8. Pathways to disarmament**

What traction have conditions-based/step by step approaches achieved and what is their impact? What are the prospects for the TPNW entering into force before 2020, and what effect will this have? How will the Treaty affect the context for pathways to disarmament? What is the likely impact of both the Treaty and the disarmament issue on the run-up to 2020, and what can reasonably be considered a success there?

**Heather Williams**

Lecturer in Defence Studies, King's College London; Specialist advisor to the House of Lords International Relations Select Committee inquiry into the NPT and nuclear disarmament

**Jamie Walsh**

Deputy Director, Disarmament and Non-proliferation, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Dublin

**Nicolas Plattner**

Head Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Section, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Bern

1300

Lunch

1400

Optional excursion to Chichester or tour of Wiston House and gardens

1700-1730

Tea/coffee

1730-1900

## 9. Group work: four key issues for the NPT process

This will be a round of focused group work

**Group 1: Disarmament diplomacy towards 2020: what does success look like, where states should focus, and what does failure look like?**

**Michelle Dover**

Program Officer, Ploughshares Foundation, Washington DC

**Group 2: The Middle East WMD-Free Zone**

**Renata Dwan**

Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Geneva

**Group 3: Political and technical cooperation on verification amongst NPT Member States: progress, potential and pitfalls**

**Mareena Robinson Snowden**

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Nuclear Policy Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC

**Group 4: The interplay of arms control, deterrence, and disarmament policy**

**William Alberque**

Director, Arms Control, Disarmament and WMD Non-Proliferation, NATO HQ, Brussels

1930

Dinner

## Thursday 13 December

0800-0845

Breakfast

0915-1030

## 10. Group work report back

1030-1100

Tea/coffee

1100-1300

## 11. Roundtable: NPT diplomacy towards 2020

A roundtable session on priorities and challenges for the PrepCom and RevCon process, with the Chairs of the PrepComs/Main Committees plus the likely head of the RevCon.

### Facilitator:

**Tanya Ogilvie-White**

Senior Fellow, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University, Action ACT

### Speakers:

**Adam Bugajski**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Poland to the UN, Vienna

**Robert Jan Gabriëlse**

Permanent Representative, Ambassador at Large, Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

**Shahrul Ikram Yaakob**

Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations, New York

**Rafael Mariano Grossi**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Argentina in Vienna

1300-1430

Lunch

1500-1510

## 12. Evaluation survey

Completion of online survey

1510-1630

## 13. The non-proliferation architecture

What is the future for the CTBT, and what role does the Treaty and its global norm play in the resilience of the NPT? How will it affect the 2020 Review Conference? What are the next steps following the high-level FMCT Group? How will this contribute to the 2020 Review?

### **Lassina Zerbo**

Executive Secretary, Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Vienna

### **Heidi Hulan**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in Vienna

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1800

## 14. Conclusions and wrap-up

### **Rebecca Hersman**

Director, Project on Nuclear Issues; Senior Adviser, International Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC

### **Waheguru Pal Singh (WPS) Sidhu**

Associate Professor, Center for Global Affairs, New York

1800-1900

Interval for changing

1900

Carol service in church (optional)

1945

Drinks reception

2015

Conference dinner

## Friday 14 December

0800-0845

Breakfast and checkout

0915

Participants depart