



Programme

Nuclear non-proliferation: preparing for the 2020 NPT Review Conference

Monday 16 – Friday 20 December 2019 | WP1718

The 24th Wilton Park nuclear non-proliferation conference will assess the challenges and opportunities for the regime as we head towards the 2020 NPT Review Conference.

In association with Los Alamos National Laboratory; Sandia National Laboratories; German Federal Foreign Office; Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Monday 16 December

1300

Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1500-1515

Welcome and introduction

Mark Smith

Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park

1515-1645

1. The 2020 NPT Review Conference: prospects and challenges

What is at stake at the 2020 Review Conference, both in terms of the NPT regime's viability as a focus for diplomacy and its objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament? Is there a shared sense of the opportunities offered in 2020 and of the risks of a failed Review process?

Izumi Nakamitsu

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

Amanda Gorely

First Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Canberra

Orlaith Fitzmaurice

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

1645-1730

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

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1730-1900

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

What are the key trends 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 P5 action on NPT diplomacy towards and at the 2020 Review Conference?

Samantha Job

Director General, International Security, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, London

Li Song

Ambassador for Disarmament Affairs, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations, Geneva

Christopher Ford

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

1930

Reception followed by dinner

Tuesday 17 December

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

3. Roundtable on nuclear arms control: plotting future paths

This will be a quick-fire roundtable session. Two speakers will assess the debate in Washington DC, a third will do the same on Moscow's policy, and a fourth will give a European perspective. It will be a forward look at what's possible, or might become so, and how to manage the current situation towards the potential expiry of New START and the end of INF.

Joseph Pilat

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

Alexandra Bell

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

Andrey Baklitskiy

Consultant, PIR Center, Moscow

Målfrid Braut-Hegghammer

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1130-1245

4. Non-proliferation challenges and the future of safeguards

What are the key challenges confronting effective safeguards policy, and how are they likely to evolve? What new issues can be anticipated, and how might they be addressed? To what extent can the current set-up be considered fit for purpose? What can be achieved at the 2020 Review?

Leena Al-Hadid

Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Austria, Vienna

Laura Rockwood

Director, Open Nuclear Network, One Earth Future Foundation, Vienna

1300-1400

Lunch

1400-1500

Free time

1500-1630

5. The nuclear proliferation regime in the Middle East

The Middle East WMD-Free Zone

Renata Dwan

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

Iran's nuclear programme

David Bertolotti

Director for Strategic Affairs, Disarmament and Security, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Paris

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1830

6. Nuclear politics in Northeast Asia

A technical assessment of North Korea's current capabilities/numbers and likely trends forward, and the evolving strategic context between China, North Korea, Japan, South Korea and the US.

Jina Kim

Research Fellow, Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, Seoul

Tong Zhao

Senior Fellow, Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy, Beijing

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Dinner

Wednesday 18 December

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

7. The nuclear regime towards 2020 and beyond: adaptability and adaptation

This session looks at how the constituent parts of the regime fit and work alongside each other, how they intersect, and questions of adaptation in the global regime.

The global regime architecture: fit for purpose?

Heidi Hulan

Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in Vienna

Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova

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

Strengthening the NPT Review process

Tom Coppen

Senior Policy Officer, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

8. The role of civil society in the nuclear regime

The session is designed to assess the role of civil society in the nuclear regime: what it can offer governments, what they need from government.

Sustaining expertise

Corentin Brustlein

Director, Security Studies Center, French Institute of International Relations, Paris

Lobbying and campaigning

Carmen Wunderlich

Senior Researcher and Lecturer, University of Duisburg-Essen

Open-source information

Melissa Hanham

Deputy Director, Open Nuclear Network; Director, Datayo Project, One Earth Future Foundation, Vienna

1300

Lunch

1400

Optional excursion to Brighton, Arundel, or tour of Wiston House and gardens

1700-1730

Tea/coffee

1730-1900

9. Group work: defining success for 2020

A round of small group work.

Group 1: The P5 and nuclear disarmament

Sarah Bidgood

Director, Eurasia Nonproliferation Program, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), Monterey

Group 2: The NPT: fit for purpose?

Tanya Ogilvie-White

Senior Fellow, Griffith Asia Institute, Nathan

Group 3: The 2010 Action Points: role and impact in 2020 and beyond

Andreas Persbo

Research Director, European Leadership Network, London

Group 4: Emerging technology and the NPT: threats and opportunities across the three pillars

Sibylle Bauer

Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Solna

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Dinner

Thursday 19 December

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

10. Disarmament diplomacy towards 2020

This session will be an assessment of disarmament diplomacy: its trends and key developments, possible future direction, and criteria for successful progress. The relationship and interplay between different tracks will also be explored.

Jeffrey Eberhardt

Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, US Department of State, Washington DC

Nozipho Joyce Mxakato-Diseko

Ambassador, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organisations in Switzerland, Geneva

Ann-Sofie Nilsson

Ambassador for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm

Olaf Poeschke

Deputy Head of Division, Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

11. Peaceful uses of nuclear energy

This session will look at the current and future applications of nuclear science which the NPT underpins. What work is being carried out by the IAEA, and how can/should the Agency's role evolve, particularly in developing states? What is the future for peaceful uses programmes in both donor and recipient states? What issues are holding back further development, and how can access to peaceful uses be improved? How can the 2020 Review Conference advance access, and what might a successful outcome there look like?

Najat Mohktar

Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna

Graham Webber

Deputy Director for Nuclear Resilience and Non-proliferation, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), London

Ingrid Kirsten

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

1300-1430

Lunch

1500-1510

12. Evaluation survey

Completion of online survey

1510-1610

13. Towards the 2020 Review (I): Report back from working groups

This session will discuss the outcomes from the group work.

1610-1640

Tea/coffee

1640-1800

14. Towards the 2020 Review (II): Roundtable

The NPT Bureau on definitions of success in 2020.

Facilitator:

Heather Williams

Lecturer, King's College London, London

Speakers:

Marjolijn van Deelen

Director, Ambassador to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

Adam Bugajski

Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw

Syed Mohamad Hasrin Aidid

Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, New York

Luz Melon

Deputy Permanent Representative to IAEA, Embassy and Mission of Argentina in Vienna, Vienna

1800-1900

Interval for changing

1900

Carol service in church (optional)

1945

Drinks reception

2015

Conference dinner

Friday 20 December

0800-0900

Breakfast and checkout

0915

Participants depart