



Provisional programme

Wilton Park dialogue on supporting NPT diplomacy

Monday 29 Nov – Wednesday 1 Dec 2021 | WP2001

To be held in hybrid format.

With the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) being once again postponed to January 2022, NPT diplomacy is under significant time pressures for successful outcomes. The international security environment has evolved since the last NPT meeting in early 2019, and issues such as the status of the JCPOA, the future of nuclear arms control, the challenges to disarmament diplomacy and intra-NPT consensus about it, and the dynamics of NPT processes themselves all present significant obstacles and will require informal, offline engagement between key stakeholders.

This private, invitation-only Wilton Park dialogue aims to assess the diplomatic, political and strategic challenges for the global nuclear non-proliferation regime, and to support NPT diplomacy in the run up to the tenth NPT Review Conference. It will provide an opportunity for a core group of policy makers and subject matter experts from key NPT states and international as well as non-governmental organisations to assess the current state of play and what can be done to prepare for a successful Review.

In association with the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Los Alamos National Laboratory; and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

(Speakers invited and themes proposed * denotes to be confirmed. All speakers are in-person unless otherwise indicated)

Monday 29 November

1300

Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1500-1515

Welcome and introduction

Mark Smith

Senior Programme Director, Defence and Security, Wilton Park

1515-1645

1. Reviewing non-proliferation efforts since the last NPT Review

This session aims to review the progress made and the actions taken since the last NPT Review Conference in 2015. It will be a candid discussion of the state of play as we head towards the Review. Each of the NPT's three pillars will be discussed by a speaker.

Heather Williams

Senior Lecturer, King's College London; Visiting Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge

Andreas Persbo

Research Director, European Leadership Network, London

Ingrid Kirsten

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

1645-1730

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1730-1900

2. Assessing the evolving geopolitical context

This session will look at the international political context within which the NPT Review will operate: how will the geopolitical environment affect the negotiations there?

David Santoro (virtual)

President & CEO, Pacific Forum, Honolulu

Amy Woolf (virtual)

Specialist in Nuclear Weapons Policy, Congressional Research Service, Washington DC

1930

Reception followed by dinner

Tuesday 30 November

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

3. The non-proliferation architecture

This session will focus on a discussion on the IAEA's current non-proliferation efforts, as well as the future for the CTBT. It will also explore lessons learned from 30 years of ABACC, the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials.

CTBT**Robert Floyd**

Executive Secretary, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation, Vienna

IAEA**Laura Rockwood** (virtual)

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

ABACC**Marcelo Camara**

Head of the Disarmament and Sensitive Technologies Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1300

4. The nuclear disarmament landscape (I)

This session will invite participants to discuss progress on nuclear disarmament, considering particularly nuclear arms control, the TPNW, and the FMCT.

Nuclear arms control**Joseph Pilat**

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

TPNW

Orlaith Fitzmaurice

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

FMCT**Alyssa Mellon**

Specialist (Nuclear NACD Policy), Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Division, Global Affairs Canada

1300-1400

Lunch

1400-1500

Free time

1500-1630**5. Iran**

This session will focus on Iran, the state of the JCPOA, and the implications for non-proliferation and nuclear safeguards in the lead up to the NPT Review Conference.

Iran's policy on JCPOA and Review**Mahsa Rouhi** (virtual)

Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington DC

JCPOA diplomacy towards and at the Review**Kelsey Davenport** (virtual)

Director for Nonproliferation Policy, Arms Control Association, Washington DC

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1830**6. The nuclear disarmament landscape (II)**

This session aims to explore current initiatives on nuclear disarmament, including nuclear risk reduction, the disarmament verification GGE, and transparency.

Nuclear disarmament verification**Jørn Osmundsen**

Chair Designate of the GGE on NDV, and Special Envoy for Disarmament Affairs, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nuclear risk reduction**Reto Wollenmann** (virtual)

Deputy Head, Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation Section, Division for Security Policy, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Bern

Transparency and/or strengthened Review process**Ingeborg Dennisen**

Head, Non-Proliferation, Disarmament & Nuclear Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

1900

Reception followed by dinner

Wednesday 1 December**0800-0900**

Breakfast and checkout

0915-1045**7. Peaceful use of nuclear energy**

This session aims to discuss peaceful uses of nuclear energy, both in the context of meeting SDGs and considering current developments on climate change.

Najat Mohktar

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

Oliver Housden

Deputy Director, Non-Proliferation Unit, BEIS

Tom Countryman

Senior Advisor, US Department of State, Washington DC

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1125

Evaluation survey

Completion of online survey

1125-1300

8. Ways forward and wrap up

In this session, participants are encouraged to explore ways forward on nuclear diplomacy, particularly practical considerations for the next NPT review cycle and their potential implementation.

Oliver Meier

Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH), Hamburg

Matthew Harries

Senior Research Fellow, Proliferation and Nuclear Policy Programme, RUSI

Elena K. Sokova (virtual)

Executive Director, VCDNP

1300

Lunch

1400

Participants depart

This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.

This is an invitation only conference.

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