Provisional programme

**The NPT after the 2022 Review Conference: challenges and pathways forward for the incoming cycle**

Monday 12 – Friday 16 December 2022 | WP3141

To be held at Wilton Park, Wiston House, Steyning, West Sussex

This year, the annual Wilton Park non-proliferation conference will return to fully in-person format and convene a group of key stakeholders over four days at Wiston House to discuss the current challenges to the NPT regime. The dialogue will:

- Assess the outcome of the Tenth RevCon.
- Look ahead at the implications and challenges for the incoming NPT review cycle.
- Support preparations for the next PrepCom.

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

(Speakers invited and themes proposed * denotes unconfirmed)

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**Monday 12 December**

1300  Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1500-1515  **Welcome and introduction**

Mark Smith
Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park

1515-1645  **1. The 2022 NPT Review Conference and where to go from here**

This session will assess the dynamics and implications of the Review’s deliberations; the outcome and its meanings; and what the putative final document means for the future of the NPT.

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

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In association with:
2. The NPT's evolving geopolitical context

This session will address the evolution of nuclear salience, the security environment in which the NPT sits, and how it has influenced the Review Conference and the incoming Review cycle.

Mariana Budjeryn
Research Associate, Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge

Nobumasa Akiyama
Professor, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo

1930
Reception followed by dinner

Tuesday 13 December

3. Iran's nuclear programme and the future of the JCPOA

This session will include a political and technical assessment of Iran’s nuclear programme, status of the JCPOA, and future trajectories.

Susanne Riegraf
Deputy Federal Government Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control, Federal Foreign Ministry, Berlin

Aniseh Bassiri Tabrizi (virtual)
Senior Research Fellow, International Security Studies Department, RUSI, London

1130-1245
4. The role of the IAEA

What are the key challenges confronting the IAEA on nuclear security and safety, including the ongoing situation in Ukraine, and how are they likely to evolve? What further challenges can be identified in the next few years? What new issues can be anticipated, and how might they be addressed? What are the key challenges confronting effective safeguards policy, and how are they likely to evolve?

Lydie Evrard
Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, IAEA, Vienna

Laura Rockwood
Senior Fellow, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), Vienna

1500-1630
5. The CTBT: towards 2026 and beyond

To include a discussion on the CTBT, its benefits and upcoming issues, including
sustainment of the international monitoring system, getting to universality and possibly future tests by the DPRK.

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

Francesca Giovannini
Executive Director, Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard

1630-1700
Tea/coffee

1700-1830
6. The future of nuclear-weapons-free zones and NSAs
This session will discuss nuclear weapon-free zones and their direction, with special reference to the Middle East Zone, and negative security assurances.

The Middle East WMD-Free Zone
Bassem Hassan
Minister Plenipotentiary. Director of the Department of Disarmament & Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

Negative security assurances
Patricia Lewis
Research Director, Conflict, Science, Transformation, Chatham House, London

1930
Dinner

Wednesday 14 December

0800-0900
Breakfast

0915-1045
7. Disarmament diplomacy I: forward looking initiatives
This session will address the current state of forward-looking initiatives on disarmament.

Future directions for the Humanitarian Impact Initiative
Alexander Kmentt
Ambassador; Director, Disarmament and Nonproliferation Department, Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs, Austria

Nuclear risk reduction
Tanya Ogilvie-White
Research Adviser, Asia Pacific Leadership Network, Australia

Transparency, verification and irreversibility
David Chambers
Head, Arms Control and Disarmament Research Unit, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK

1045-1115
Tea/coffee

1115-1245
8. Disarmament diplomacy II: normative approaches
Session to explore normative approaches to disarmament, including the TPNW’s developing relationship with the NPT.

The TPNW and its complementarity with the NPT
Orlaith Fitzmaurice
Director for Disarmament and Non-proliferation, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland
Future paths for normative approaches on disarmament diplomacy
Michal Onderco
Professor, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Nuclear responsibilities and reducing distrust
Sebastian Brixey-Williams
Executive Director, British American Security Information Council (BASIC) UK

1300
Lunch

1400
Optional excursion to Brighton, or tour of Wiston House and gardens

1700-1730
Tea/coffee

1730-1900
9. Working groups on strengthening the NPT Review process
Working groups to assess wider processes looking towards the next Review Cycle.
Facilitators:
Amelia Morgan
ESRC/AHRC Policy Fellow, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
Ana de Velde Harsenhorst
Senior Policy Officer, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Nuclear Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Matt Harries
Director, Proliferation and Nuclear Policy, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)
Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova
Director, International Organizations and Nonproliferation Program (IONP), Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)

1930
Dinner

Thursday 15 December

0800-0900
Breakfast

0915-1045
10. Emerging technologies and the NPT
This session will explore emerging technologies and the challenges they can pose to the NPT and nuclear non-proliferation.
Emerging technologies and the NPT: outcomes from the Wilton Park conference
Heather Williams
Director, Project on Nuclear Issues, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
Bridge building between NPT policy and technical communities
Marina Favaro
Anthropic, San Francisco
Emerging technologies and nuclear controls
Joseph Pilat
Program Manager, Office of National Security and International Studies (NSIS), Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

1045-1115
Tea/coffee

1115-1245
11. The peaceful uses issues
What is the future for peaceful uses programmes in both donor and recipient states? How can nuclear technologies contribute to the achievement of specific SDGs? What work is
being carried out by the IAEA, and how can/should the Agency’s role evolve? What issues are holding back further development, and how can access to peaceful uses be improved?

**Ingeborg Denissen**  
Head, Non-Proliferation, Disarmament and Nuclear Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

**Elena Sokova**  
Executive Director, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), Vienna

1300-1430  
Lunch

1500-1510  
**12. Evaluation survey**  
Completion of online survey

1510-1630  
**13. Towards the 2023 PrepCom and the 2026 NPT Review**  
What are the key challenges and opportunities of the PrepCom? What is its longer-run role in the path towards the 2026 NPT Review?

**Jarmo Viinanen**  
Ambassador, Strategic & Arms Control, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

1630-1700  
Tea/coffee

1700-1800  
**14. Conclusions and wrap-up**  

**Marjolijn van Deelen**  
EU Special Envoy for Non-proliferation and Disarmament, European External Action Service, Brussels

**Marthinus van Schalkwyk**  
Director, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), Pretoria

1800-1900  
Interval for changing

1900  
Carol service in church (optional)

1945  
Drinks reception

2015  
Conference dinner

**Friday 16 December**

0800-0900  
Breakfast and checkout

0915  
Participants depart

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

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