



Provisional 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

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

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

This conference is open to those with expertise to share or an interest in the theme; our aim is to have a broad spread of nationalities and institutions represented. The full cost of participation is £1490. This covers 4 nights' accommodation, all meals during the conference and attendance at all sessions. Special rates may be available for those from non-OECD countries and also academics and NGO representatives.

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