

AGENDA

TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2024

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

15:00 **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Ettore Greco, Executive Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

15:10 **OPENING ADDRESS**

Benedikta von Seherr-Thoss, Managing Director for Peace, Security and Defence, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

15:20 **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Heike Gerstbrein, Head of Unit for Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) Operations & Election Observation, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), European Commission, Brussels

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

15:30 **MULTILATERAL ARMS CONTROL IN THE ERA OF GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS**

Chair:

Stephan Klement, Special Envoy for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Speakers:

Alexandra Bell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Affairs, United States Department of State, Washington D.C.

Jian Shen, Ambassador for Disarmament Affairs, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of People's Republic of China to the UN Office in Geneva

Clara Tardy, Deputy Head of the Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Department, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Paris

Aidan Liddle, Foreign Policy Adviser to the Strategic Defence Review & Former Disarmament Ambassador, Directorate for Defence and International Security, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, London

Q&A

16:45 **KEY NOTE SPEECH SESSION**

Chair:

Elisande Nexon, Senior Research Fellow, Fondation de Recherche Stratégique (FRS), Paris

Speaker:

Fernando Arias, Director-General, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), The Hague

Q&A

17:15 *Break*

17:45 **CHEMICAL DISARMAMENT AND THE RE-EMERGENCE OF THE CHEMICAL THREAT**

Chair:

Susan B. Martin, Senior Lecturer, King's College London

Speakers:

Marcin Wróblewski, Director of the Office of Strategy and Policy, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), The Hague

Mika-Markus Leinonen, EU Representative to the International Organisations in The Hague

Hailey Wingo, Researcher at the Verification and Monitoring Programme, Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), London

Jonathan Forman, Science and Technology Advisor, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Treaty Implementation Team/Emerging Threats and Technology Group, Seattle (Washington, USA)

Q&A

19:00 *End of First Day*

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2024

PARALLEL SESSIONS

09:00 THE NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT AGENDA IN ASIA-PACIFIC

Chair:

Benjamin Hautecouverture, Senior Research Fellow, Fondation de Recherche Stratégique (FRS), Paris

Speakers:

Thomas Frellesen, Head of Division (Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and Pacific), European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Wolfgang Rudischhauser, Senior Fellow in the research area “Arms Control and Emerging Technologies”, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg (IFSH)

Kazuko Hikawa, Professor and Vice Director of the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University

Naoko Aoki, Political scientist, RAND Corporation, Washington DC

Q&A

ARMS RACE IN OUTER SPACE

Chair:

Szilvia Balázs, Head of Unit – Disarmament & Non-proliferation, Arms Control, and Emerging Security Challenges, Department of Security Policy and Non-Proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary, Budapest

Speakers:

Leonardo Bencini, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

Mahmoud Hamdy, Director of the Department of Disarmament and Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo

Marjolijn van Deelen, Special Envoy for Space, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Laura Delgado López, Advisor, Secure World Foundation, Washington D.C.

Q&A

CONFLICT DYNAMICS AND RISKS OF PROLIFERATION OF WMD AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Chair:

Chen Zak Kane, Program Head, Middle East Weapons of Mass Destruction Free Zone, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNDIR), Geneva

Speakers:

Stephan Klement, Special Envoy for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Karim Haggag, Professor of Practice, The American University in Cairo

Seyed Hamzeh Safavi, Director, Institute for Islamic World Future Studies, Tehran

Sidi Mohamed Laghdaf, President of the fifth session of the MEW MDFZ Conference, Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations, New York

Q&A

10:30 *Break*

PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:00 **CHALLENGES TO CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL**

Chair:

Katarina Djokic, *Researcher, Dual-use and Arms Trade Control Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)*

Speakers:

Michał Karczmarz, *Chair, Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels*

Maritza Chan Valverde, *President of the 4th United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects*

Carlos Mario Foradori, *Arms Trade Treaty CSP 11 President*

Callum Watson, *Gender Coordinator, Small Arms Survey, Geneva*

Carla Morena Álvarez Velasco, *Senior Lecturer, School of Security and Defence, Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito*

Q&A

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND ARMS CONTROL

Chair:

Elisabeth Hoffberger-Pippan, *Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)*

Speakers:

Alice Saltini, *Policy Fellow, European Leadership Network, London*

Amy J. Nelson, *Rubenstein Fellow in the Foreign Policy Program and with the Talbott Center for Security, Strategy and Technology at the Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.*

Kerstin Vignard, *Research Scholar, Science Diplomacy & Tech Policy, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, Howard County (Maryland)*

Lene Hove Rietveld, *Policy Officer, Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Arms Export Control Division, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels*

Q&A

THE FUTURE OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS

Chair:

Mónica Chinchilla Adell, *Postdoctoral Fellow in International Law and lecturer at University of Navarra, Pamplona*

Speakers:

Frederico S. Duque Estrada Meyer, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva*

***Nisreen Al-Hmoud**, Director of Bio-Safety and Bio-Security Center, Royal Scientific Society of Jordan, Amman*

***Maria Rosa Sabbatelli**, Head of Unit for Global and Transregional Threats and Challenges, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), European Commission, Brussels*

***Jean Pascal Zanders**, Founder, The Trench, Paris*

***Kadri Reis**, Research Fellow, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)*

Q&A

12:30 - 13:30 *Break*

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

13:30 **THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND ARMS CONTROL**

Chair:

***Alexander Bollfrass**, Head of Strategy, Technology and Arms Control (STAC), The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Berlin*

Speakers:

***Carmen Romero**, Director of Security Policy, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), Brussels*

***Petra Gombalova Kyslingerova**, Head of Division (Ukraine), European External Action service (EEAS), Brussels*

***Iryna Maksymenko**, Deputy of Head, European Security Studies, Senior Research Fellow, Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations, Odesa I.I. Mechnikov National University*

***Plamen Pantev**, Founder and Director, Institute for Security and International Studies, Sofia*

Q&A

14:45 **THE FUTURE OF NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT: A CONVERSATION BETWEEN GENERATIONS**

Chair:

***Federica Dall'Arche**, Senior Research Associate Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)*

Speakers:

***Mark Fitzpatrick**, Associate Fellow for Strategy, Technology and Arms Control, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London*

***Daria Dretvic**, PhD Student, Department for Microbiology and Biotechnology, University of Hamburg / Speaker at the 2023 Next Generation Workshop*

***Beatrice Aubert**, Mentee, Young Women in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Mentorship Programme (YWNGI) 2023 Edition*

***Zuzana Tomankova**, Policy Officer, Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Arms Export Control Division, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels*

Q&A

16:00 *Break*

16:30 **THE ROAD TO THE 2026 NPT REVCON: KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT**

Chair:

Manuel Herrera, Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Speakers:

Akan Rakhmetullin, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Chair of the Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 NPT Review Conference

Joseph Ballard, Coordinator in the Legal and External Relations Division, Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), Vienna

Jacek Bylica, Chief of Cabinet for the Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna

Tarja Cronberg, Distinguished Associate Fellow within SIPRI's Armament and Disarmament research area, Stockholm

Irma Argüello, Founder and Chair, Nonproliferation for Global Security – NPSGlobal Foundation, Buenos Aires

Q&A

17:45 **KEY NOTE SPEECH SESSION**

Chair:

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

Speaker:

Izumi Nakamitsu, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), New York

Q&A

18:15 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Sibylle Bauer, Chair, EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Consortium /Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

18:30 *End of Second Day – Conference Adjourns*



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