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## Workshop on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

# The 10th NPT Review Conference: Prospects and Pitfalls

L'Impérial Palace Hotel, Annecy, France

June 10 and 11, 2022

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#### <u>AGENDA</u>

#### Friday, June 10, 2022

08:30 Registration

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09:00 **Opening:** Professor William Potter – Welcome Remarks

# 09:15 <u>Session I</u>: Past and Future Review Conference Outcomes and Commitments

#### Key Questions for Discussion

- What is the status of commitments undertaken in 1995 and subsequently, and how should the Conference approach the review of past commitments and outcomes?
- What are the prospects for NPT State parties to take new forwardlooking actions, and/or build upon past commitments? Should some prior commitments be given higher priority than others due to changing circumstance and new challenges?
- Other than a comprehensive document, what are the options for the Conference to reaffirm and advance existing commitments? Is there a need for a new "action plan"? What could be its components?

Moderator: Ms. Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova (VCDNP)

Panelists:Ambassador Francisca Méndez Escobar (Mexico)Mr. Tom Markram (UNODA)

#### 10:45 Coffee break

Salon Berlioz B

#### 11:15 <u>Session II</u>: The Impact of Recent International Developments on the International Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime

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Key Questions for Discussion:

- How might the war in Ukraine impact on the process and the outcome of the Review Conference? What is likely to be its impact on the broader nonproliferation regime, including implementing organizations such as the IAEA and the CTBTO?
- What contingency planning should be taken to minimize procedural and other disruptions in advance of and during the Conference (e.g., agreement on the agenda and the use of right of reply)
- What other issues are most likely to dominate the debates at the Review Conference and affect its outcome?

**Moderator:** Professor William Potter (CNS)

- Panelists:Ambassador Adam Scheinman (US)Ambassador Li Song (China)Ambassador Maritza Chan (Costa Rica)
- 12:30 Lunch with remarks by CTBTO Executive Secretary **Dr. Robert Floyd**

#### La Brasserie

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#### 14:00 Session III: Approaches, Initiatives, and Options for Moving Forward on Nuclear Disarmament

Key Questions for Discussion:

- What are the expectations and priority areas of key regional and political groupings for Main Committee I?
- How will the entry into force and the First Meeting of State parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons impact the debate in and outcome of Main Committee I? How should these developments be reflected in the Outcome Document?
- What is/should be the role of the humanitarian approach to nuclear disarmament? How can the dual humanitarian and traditional security approaches be usefully addressed?
- Considering recent pronouncements on the potential use of nuclear weapons, what should be done to revitalize the longstanding principle of negative security assurances for non-nuclear weapons states??
- What new concrete measures/steps should the Conference undertake to reduce the risk of nuclear weapons use?
- What role can the Review Conference play in reviving the eroding system of nuclear arms control arrangements?

• How relevant is the 3 January 2022 affirmation by the five NWS that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought? What are the prospects for any P-5/N-5 collaboration prior to and during the Conference?

Moderator: Ms. Sarah Bidgood (CNS)

Panelists: Ambassador Aidan Liddle (UK) Ambassador Ann-Sofie Nilsson (Sweden) Ambassador Félix Baumann (Switzerland) Mr. Jamie Walsh (Ireland)

#### 16:00 Coffee break

Salon Berlioz B

La Tente Impériale

#### 16:30 Session IV: Issues for Main Committee II

#### Key Questions for Discussion:

- What are the most important issues for Main Committee II to address?
- How should the Committee address challenges/opportunities posed by emerging technologies?
- How are negotiations to revive the JCPOA likely to affect Main Committee II debates and the Conference outcome?
- How should the Conference address nuclear developments on the Korean peninsula?
- How should the Conference take note of the 2019 and 2021 sessions of UNGA Middle East WMDFZ Conferences? What can/should the Conference usefully do to support this process
- How serious are the prospects for additional states to withdraw from the NPT and what can be done to reduce this possibility?

Moderator: Mr. Tariq Rauf

Panelists: Ambassador Yann Hwang (France) Ambassador Amanda Gorely (Australia)

18:45 Pre-dinner reception (Sponsored by France)

### 19:30 Dinner *La Tente Impériale* (Sponsored by the governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea)

**Keynote Speaker:** Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

#### Saturday, June 11, 2022

#### 09:00 Session V: Issues for Main Committee III

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#### Key Questions for Discussion:

- What is the relationship between the NPT review process/outcomes and the IAEA work on peaceful uses? How can it be improved? What are State parties' priorities and needs in terms of peaceful uses of nuclear technology and energy for sustainable development?
- What is the connection between peaceful uses and nuclear security, and what steps should the Review Conference take to enhance the safety and security of civilian nuclear facilities?
- How can the Review Conference help to advance responsible peaceful use of the atom?
- What issues should Subsidiary Body 3 address?

**Moderator:** Dr. Hassan Elbahtimy (King's College, London)

Panelists: Ambassador Flávio S. Damico (Brazil) Ms. Elena Sokova (VCDNP) Mr. Nuno Luzio (IAEA)

10:30 Coffee break

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11:00 Session VI: Vision of the President-Designate

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**Moderator:** Mr. loan Tudor (UNODA)

**Speaker:** Ambassador Gustavo Zlauvinen

#### Key Questions for Discussion:

- What is the status of consultations and preparations for the Review Conference? What, if any, significant procedural issues remain in advance of the Review Conference and what are the prospects of resolving them ahead of the conference start?
- What additional insights would the Review Conference President wish to share about his preparations for the forthcoming conference?
- 12:30 **Concluding Observations**
- 13:00 Lunch