



## **Strengthening the NPT Regime: Priorities for the Future**

*June 29-30, 2022*

*InterContinental Pondok Indah Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia*

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### **AGENDA**

#### **MEETING OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Discuss the current state of play of the NPT regime and priorities for countries in the Asia-Pacific region at the tenth NPT Review Conference.
- Identify challenges and highlight potential opportunities for Asia-Pacific nations to contribute to the NPT regime and advance the NPT's goals.
- Identify concrete commitments and actions countries could take in the context of the Review Conference to strengthen risk reduction, increase transparency, improve fissile material management, and expand peaceful uses of nuclear technology.
- Discuss strategy and tactics to make progress on key priorities and achieve a successful outcome at the Review Conference (RevCon).
- Assess the role of various government initiatives in building a pathway to disarmament and offer specific recommendations to strengthen such initiatives.

The meetings will be conducted under Chatham House Rule – participants are free to use information from the discussions, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s) may be revealed.

#### **DAY ONE – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022**

##### **8:45-9:00 AM – Welcome and Overview of Meeting Objectives**

*Lynn Rusten, NTI*

*Tanya Ogilvie-White, APLN*

## **9:00-10:30 AM – Update on NPT Review Conference**

Presentation 1: Political and strategic developments since the 2015 RevCon: What are the major challenges facing the NPT?

*Tanya Ogilvie-White, APLN*

Presentation 2: How can Asia-Pacific states bolster the NPT and help ensure a successful NPT RevCon?

*Grata Werdaningtyas, Indonesia*

Discussion Facilitator: *James McKeon*

- What outcomes would best advance the NPT's goals and strengthen the NPT regime's credibility?
- What are the priority issues that governments are actively working on?
- How can Asia-Pacific countries help to ensure a successful future RevCon? What can they do to strengthen the NPT review process?
- How can we foster a productive discussion on the future of the NPT and TPNW?
- What NPT-related issues are of most concern to Asia-Pacific countries and how could those be addressed in a more interactive NPT review process?

## **10:30-11:00 AM – Coffee Break**

## **11:00 AM-12:30 PM – Arms Control, Disarmament and Article VI: Priorities for Action**

Presentation 1: What role is there for nuclear arms control in the Asia-Pacific?

*Tong Zhao, China (Virtual)*

Presentation 2: How can the disarmament endeavor be sustained and reenergized in the Asia-Pacific?

*Charlie Jebb, Australia*

Discussion Facilitator: *Lynn Rusten, NTI*

- What role is there for nuclear arms control in the Asia-Pacific?
- What types of political statements have been made in the past to support NPT goals (e.g., declaratory policies, negative security assurances, etc.)? How have they contributed to disarmament efforts, and what could their role be moving forward?
- What steps are NPT coalitions, such as the P5, Non-Aligned Movement, New Agenda Coalition and Non-proliferation and Disarmament Initiative taking to advance disarmament?
- How important are civil society and NGO efforts in re-energizing disarmament?

- What is the role of fissile material management in a sustained disarmament process and how can states engage to advance that role?

### **12:30-2:00 PM – Lunch**

### **2:00-3:30 PM – Asia-Pacific Perceptions of Nuclear Risks**

Presentation 1: How do states in the Asia-Pacific think about nuclear risks? How do these risks influence perceptions of the NPT in the region?

*Montri Nathananan, Thailand*

Presentation 2: How will the DPRK's increasing nuclear and missile capabilities continue to affect regional security?

*Kim Won-Soo, South Korea*

Presentation 3: How are great power relations and changing alliance dynamics affecting strategic stability and the NPT regime in Asia-Pacific?

*Liu Chong, China (Virtual)*

Discussion Facilitator: *Tanya Ogilvie-White, APLN*

- How are nuclear weapons risks changing? How are they being addressed? How are emerging technologies and new domains of warfare affecting these assessments?
- What priority risk reduction actions should be pursued at future RevCons? Bilaterally? Regionally? By the NPT coalitions?
- Are there near-term steps that can be taken to improve strategic stability in the region?
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- How can Asia-Pacific countries contribute to a long-term solution to address the North Korean threat?

### **3:30-4:00 PM – Coffee Break**

### **4:00-5:15 PM – Nuclear Safety, Security, and Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy in the Asia-Pacific**

Presentation 1: How can NPT RevCons strengthen cooperation on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in the Asia Pacific?

*Leilani Feliciano, Philippines*

Presentation 2: What nuclear safety lessons have been learned since the Fukushima disaster?

*Michiru Nishida, Japan*

Discussion Facilitator: *Tanvi Kulkarni, APLN*

- How are states in the Asia-Pacific cooperating on nuclear security?
- How are attitudes to nuclear energy changing in the Asia-Pacific?
- Which measures related to the security, control, accounting, and transparency of nuclear materials can be taken by countries in advance of the next RevCon?
- What can governments do to strengthen nuclear safety and security, including universalization and full implementation of relevant IAEA INFCIRCs and relevant conventions?
- What challenges do states in the Asia-Pacific face in implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1540?

**5:15-6:00 PM – Break Before Dinner**

**6:00 PM – Gather at Hotel Lobby, Travel to [Agneya Restaurant](#)**

**6:30-7:30 PM – Reception**

**Welcome Remarks:** Ambassador *Rut Krüger Giverin*, Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia

**7:30-9:00PM – Dinner**

**Keynote Address:** Acting Director *Achsanul Habib*, Directorate for International Security and Disarmament, Directorate General of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia

## **DAY TWO – THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022**

**9:00-10:30 AM – Asia-Pacific Non-Proliferation Issues**

Presentation 1: What are the dangers of further ‘NPT breakout’ in the Asia-Pacific, and how should states respond?

*James McKeon, NTI*

Presentation 2: How can countries in the Asia-Pacific region collaborate to combat further DPRK proliferation to third parties?

*Amir Hamzah Bin Mohd Nasir, Malaysia*

Discussion Facilitator: *Michiru Nishida, Japan*

- What can be done to strengthen and universalize safeguards implementation and commitments? What role can regional organizations, track 1.5 initiatives, and NPT coalitions play?
- What are the obstacles to a universal moratorium on fissile material production? How can they be addressed? Are there long-term solutions to excess stocks of fissile material in the region?
- How can countries best support efforts to negotiate a Fissile Materials Cut-Off Treaty in light of the long-standing impasse on this issue? What steps can be taken to keep this on the international agenda and create new urgency for progress?
- What role can be played by regional accounting and control arrangements for nuclear materials, as approved by the IAEA Board of Governors?
- What are the implications of the AUKUS agreement for nonproliferation and the NPT safeguards regime?

**10:30-11:00AM – Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:30 AM – Strengthening Nuclear Transparency in the Asia-Pacific**

Presentation: What are the highest priority, near-term transparency actions that would best support the disarmament process and could be advanced at future RevCons?

*Lynn Rusten, NTI*

Discussion Facilitator: *Marianne Hanson, APLN*

- How do transparency regimes that exist beyond the NPT, such as the Hague Code of Conduct, assist in creating confidence?
- How are nuclear transparency initiatives perceived by states in the Asia Pacific?
- What role can regional organizations, track 1.5 initiatives, and NPT coalitions play in promoting nuclear transparency? How are NPDI transparency initiatives perceived?
- How can interactive dialogue and transparency between the NWS and NNWS become a more integral component of the NPT?
- How do states in the region view the relationship between missile and space-related transparency initiatives and the NPT?

**12:30-1:00 PM – Summary and Recommendations from Discussions**

*Lynn Rusten, Tanya Ogilvie-White, James McKeon*

**1:00-2:00 PM – Lunch**

**2:00-3:30 PM – Next Generation Discussion on Existential Risks**

Discussion Facilitators: *Elaine Natalie and Tanvi Kulkarni, APLN*

Presentation 1: What role can grass roots communities play in reducing nuclear and environmental dangers? How has the Covid-19 pandemic impacted the process of civil society involvement?

*Renee Moorjani*

Presentation 2: In what ways could new technologies help or hinder nuclear disarmament? What are the impacts of new technologies on the usefulness of the NPT?

*Lorenz Anthony Fernando*

- How is the TPNW perceived by states in the Asia-Pacific? What impact is the outcomes of the TPNW first Meeting of State Parties likely to have on the NPT RevCon?
- How do existential risks intersect?
- What should be done to address the challenge of universality?
- How is nuclear deterrence and changes in deterrence thinking impacting the NPT?
- How is the current global strategic environment (i.e., the war in Ukraine, strained US-China relations, etc.) affecting expectations surrounding the RevCon? How are strategic dynamics impacting P5 relations?
- What roles do we expect NPT coalitions (i.e., NPDI, NAC, NAM) to play in the upcoming RevCon?
- What would the outcomes of a successful NPT RevCon look like?