

STRENGTHENING THE NPT REGIME: PRIORITIES FOR THE 2020 NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE

4-5 March 2020

La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Osu, Accra, Ghana

AGENDA

We are grateful to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for its generous support of this meeting and to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization for its generous support of the panel on NPT's Inter-Generational Dialogue in Africa.

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this meeting is to bring together senior officials, practitioners and technical experts from governments, regional organizations, and think tanks in Africa to:

- Discuss the state of play in advance of the 2020 NPT Review Conference's (RevCon) from an African perspective
- Encourage African nations to contribute to a successful 2020 NPT RevCon by highlighting potential opportunities to advance the NPT's goals
- Identify priority commitments and actions to strengthen peaceful uses, fissile material management, risk reduction, and transparency where countries could collectively focus efforts in advance of the RevCon
- Discuss strategic and tactics to achieve progress on agreeing and implementing priority commitments and actions both before and after the 2020 NPT RevCon

Tuesday, 3 March 2020

Check-in to the hotel begins at 1400. We will do our best to enable an early check-in for participants arriving earlier. ***All plenary sessions during the meeting will be held in the Kumdum Conference Room unless otherwise noted.***

1830 – 2100: **Welcome Reception and Dinner (Hotel's Continental Restaurant)**
Keynote Address
Mr. *Øyvind Udland Johansen, Deputy Head of Mission*
Embassy of Norway in Accra

0700 – 0900: Breakfast (Hotel dining room)

0900 – 0915: Welcome and Overview of Meeting Objectives

Hubert Foy, Director, AFRICISIS, Accra, Isabelle Williams, Senior Adviser, NTI, Washington DC

0915 – 1015: Keynote Address & Discussion: Developing the Africa Position for the NPT 2020 RevCon and Beyond

Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary, Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization, Vienna

1015 – 1115: State of Play in Advance of the 2020 NPT RevCon

Discussion Facilitator: Isabelle Williams

Discussants: Mr. Colin Namalamba, Mr. Fred Frimpong

Questions and Discussion Prompts

- What is at stake in the 2020 RevCon? What outcomes would best advance the NPT's goals and strengthen the overall credibility of the regime?
- Are there viable alternatives if a traditional consensus agreement proves elusive?
- How are governments across Africa preparing for the RevCon? What are the priority issues that governments are actively working on?
- What else can be done in the months ahead to ensure a successful 2020 RevCon by all countries, and specifically the countries of Africa?
- Can African countries, individually or together, help encourage cooperation and compromise, as they have sometimes done at past RevCons?
- How do countries anticipate the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) will come up during the 2020 RevCon? Can we foster a productive discussion? If so, how?

1115 – 1130: Group Photo (Location to be Announced)

1130 – 1145: Coffee Break

1145 – 1300: Role of NPT in Peaceful Nuclear Energy Development in Africa

Discussion Facilitator: Hubert Foy

Discussants: Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Prof. Jo-Ansie van Wyk

Questions and Discussion Prompts

- Is there an energy crisis in the region, and if so, how can nuclear energy contribute to a possible solution? How can nuclear energy contribute to combatting climate change?
- How can peaceful nuclear energy contribute to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and African Union Agenda 2063 (AU63)?
- How can non-nuclear energy peaceful applications programs contribute to countries' national development plans and economic growth objectives of African countries?
- What are the recent developments and/or initiatives in the region related to peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology?

1300 – 1400: Lunch

1400 – 1515: Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation Priorities

Discussion Facilitator: Isabelle Williams

Discussants: Dr. Simon Adu, Ms. Beth Mwihaki Kaboro

Questions and Discussion Prompts

- What are the key factors to consider with the expansion of peaceful nuclear energy in the region, including security and nonproliferation? What role will the IAEA play in nuclear energy expansion in Africa?
- Should African countries think regionally and/or cooperatively about nuclear energy and non-nuclear energy peaceful applications programs to help with cost sharing, leveraging available resources, and enhancing nonproliferation goals in the continent?
- What steps can be taken to strengthen cooperation on the many different aspects of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy?
- How can the NPT RevCon contribute to nuclear energy introduction and non-nuclear energy peaceful applications programs in Africa?
- What can be done to strengthen IAEA safeguards implementation and universalize adherence to the IAEA Additional Protocol? How can the NPT RevCon contribute?

1515 – 1530 Coffee break

1530 - 1645: Strengthening Fissile Material Management: Priorities for the NPT

Discussion Facilitator: Hubert Foy

Discussants: HE Mrs. Gillane Allam, Mr. Mouhammed-Awali Ibouraima

Questions and Discussion Prompts

- Which measures related to the security, control, accounting, and transparency of nuclear materials can be taken by countries before the RevCon?
- What can governments do to strengthen nuclear security, including universalization and full implementation of relevant IAEA INFCIRCs and conventions?
- How can countries best support efforts to negotiate a Fissile Material 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 is the role of fissile material management in a sustained disarmament process and how can states engage to advance that role?

1645 – 1830: Free time

1830 – 2030: Dinner (TBC)

Thursday, 5 March 2020

0700 – 0900: Breakfast (Hotel dining room)

0900 – 1015: Risk Reduction, Disarmament and Article VI: Priorities for Action

Discussion Facilitator: Isabelle Williams

Discussants: Ms. Segakweng Tsiane, Ms Florence Tanko

Questions and Discussion Prompts

- How does nuclear risk reduction fit into the broader Article VI disarmament agenda?
- What are the key concerns of African governments regarding risks of nuclear weapons?
- How are the risks of nuclear weapons changing from an African angle? How are the risks of nuclear weapons being addressed in the view of African governments?
- What priority risk reduction actions should be pursued at the 2020 RevCon and beyond?
- What actions can be taken by the NWS to demonstrate their commitment to reenergize arms control and disarmament, e.g., extension of New START? Intensified engagement to overcome obstacles to disarmament?
- Can the RevCon reinforce the baseline norm of no testing of nuclear weapons, reinforce negative security assurances, and more broadly, strengthen the norm of non-use?
- What actions could be taken at the RevCon to encourage the United States to ratify the protocols to the Treaty of Pelindaba?

1015 –1130: Strengthening Transparency Between Nuclear Weapon States and Non-Nuclear Weapon States

Discussion Facilitator: Hubert Foy

Discussants: Général de brigade Amadou Anta GUEYE, Mr. Moungui medi Ambroise Lasconi

Questions and Discussion Prompts

- What are the highest priority, near-term transparency actions that would best support the disarmament process and could be advanced at the RevCon or in other ways?
- How can interactive dialogue and transparency between the NWS and NNWS become a more integral component of the NPT?
- What NPT-related issues are of most concern to African countries and how could those be addressed in a more interactive NPT review process?

1130 - 1145: Coffee break

1145 – 1300: Nuclear Deterrence and Nuclear Disarmament

Discussion Facilitator: Isabelle Williams

Discussants: Mr. Brian Mutangandebvu, Ms. Joanita Elikem Ayivor

Questions and Discussion Prompts

- What specific actions by the nuclear weapons states to reduce nuclear weapons and their role, as well as to implement past commitments, would create greater confidence that progress toward disarmament is possible?
- What lessons can be learned from the South African experience for encouraging reduced reliance by NWS on deterrence and reenergizing the pursuit of disarmament?
- How can we best facilitate a productive discussion at the RevCon between those communities who emphasize the need for continued reliance on nuclear deterrence today and those who advocate for greater progress toward nuclear disarmament based on humanitarian impacts?
- How can the discourse be carried forward about the consequences of nuclear weapons use among governments, civil society, public, etc.?
- Where should this issue be addressed? If at the 2020 RevCon, how?

1300 - 1400: Lunch

1400 – 1445: Nurturing the NPT’s Next Generation in Africa through Inter-Generational Dialogue

Discussion Facilitator: Hubert Foy
Discussants: CTBTO fellows

Questions and Discussion Prompts

Based on the discussions, which of the ideas or proposals have the most potential:

- To strengthen the pursuit of the NPT's non-proliferation, nuclear disarmament, and peaceful uses goals at the 2020 RevCon and beyond?

1445 –1515: Summary and Recommendations from Discussion

Isabelle Williams, James McKeon, Hubert Foy

Questions and Discussion Prompts

Based on the discussions, which of the ideas or proposals have the most potential:

- To strengthen the pursuit of the NPT's non-proliferation, nuclear disarmament, and peaceful uses goals at the 2020 RevCon and beyond?
- For becoming the basis for joint commitments by groups of countries at the 2020 NPT RevCon?
- For national action prior to the 2020 NPT RevCon?
- For building trust among countries?

1515 –1530: Closing Remarks

Hubert K. Foy, Director, AFRICSIS

1530 – 1830: Free time

1830 – 2030: Dinner (Hotel's Continental Restaurant)

Friday, 6 March 2020

0600 – 1000 Checkout and breakfast

This is a provisional agenda and it may be subject to modification without notice.

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