

Civil Society Consultations on Disarmament, Arms Control, and Non-proliferation 2023

Global Affairs Canada, Lester B. Pearson, 125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON

8:25-8:45am, Arrival and security passes

8:30-9:00am, *Skelton Lobby*: Check in with Kirsten Mosey at the registration table, enjoy refreshments and get settled. Virtual participants please log on at 8:55am to ensure all technology is working.

9:00am, *Robertson Room*: logistics, announcements, and opening remarks. Virtual participants will be patched in at 9:00am sharp.

9:05am: Opening remarks from GAC followed by a group photo.

9:15am: **Session 1: Stressors on Multilateralism**

- GAC to provide opening overview
 - Russian obstructionism
 - Backsliding on progressive positions
 - Deadlock in disarmament machinery

9:25am: CS lead (Cesar Jaramillo, Executive Director - Project Ploughshares, Chair - Canada Pugwash Group) provide overview from civil society perspective.

9:35am: GAC moderator open floor for comments and/or questions from civil society. Will take questions three at a time, then coordinate responses from GAC. Online moderator will chime in periodically with questions from online participants.

10:45am: Closing comments from GAC

11:00am: End of session.

11:00-11:30am, *Skelton Lobby*: Coffee break and networking.

11:30am: Civil society participants will be escorted to breakout rooms for sessions 2, 3, and 4 to occur concurrently.

11:25am: Online participants join virtual breakout rooms to make sure technology is working.

11:30am, *Robertson Room*: **Session 2: Conventional Arms Control, Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation**. GAC introduces session, quick roll call.

11:35am: Interactive discussion on the following topics. Online moderator will chime in periodically with questions from online participants.

- Landmines/The Ottawa Treaty
- The Arms Trade Treaty, general arms trade
- Small arms and light weapons
- Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas Declaration

- Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS) and emerging technologies
- Gender as cross cutting topic

1:10pm: GAC give closing remarks.

Immediately following this session, all civil society participants will be escorted to the 9th floor for lunch from 1:15-2:15pm.

Civil society attendees:

1. Kelsey Gallagher – Project Ploughshares
2. Branka Marijan – Project Ploughshares
3. Paul Hannon – Mines Action Canada
4. Gillian Flude – Mines Action Canada
5. Tamara Lorincz – Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
6. Alley McDonald – Voice of Women for Peace (VOW Peace)
7. Siham Rayale – Women of Colour Advancing Peace and Freedom (WCAPS)
8. Yilma Gari – Humanity and Inclusion (HI)
9. Alain Dondainez – International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
10. Pierre Jasmin – Artistes pour la Paix
11. Silvia Balassanian – Artistes pour la Paix

Civil society virtual attendees:

1. Erin Hunt – Mines Action Canada
2. Panthea Pourmalek – Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
3. Anne Delorme – HI
4. Isabelle Jones – Campaign to Stop Killer Robots
5. Charlotte Akin – Campaign to Stop Killer Robots
6. Ellen Margaret Woodsworth – WILPF
7. Walter Dorn – Royal Military College

Representatives from Global Affairs Canada, the Department of National Defence, and Public Safety Canada will also be in attendance.

11:25am: Online participants join virtual breakout rooms to make sure technology is working.

11:30am, *D1-605*: **Session 3: Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.** GAC introduces session, quick roll call.

11:35am: Interactive discussion on nuclear non-proliferation and the following topics. Online moderator will chime in periodically with questions from online participants.

- Regional non-proliferation (AUKUS included)
- Zaporizhzhia/safety and security of nuclear power plants in UKR and beyond
- Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), Iran, and lack of viable alternatives
- Breakdown of cooperation with Russia and China on arms control and multilateralism
- Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) reflections and plans

12:20pm: Interactive discussion on nuclear disarmament and the following topics. Online moderator will chime in periodically with questions from online participants.

- Step-by-step approach to nuclear disarmament, including but not limited to fissile materials, Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), nuclear disarmament verification (NDV), and risk reduction
- Non-UN fora (may include NATO, G7, ASEAN)
- GAC's Weapons Threat Reduction Program (WTRP) ongoing projects

1:10pm: GAC give closing remarks.

Immediately following this session, all civil society participants will be escorted to the 9th floor for lunch from 1:15-2:15pm.

Civil society attendees:

1. Sylvie Lemieux – Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW)
2. Robin Collins – CNANW
3. Earl Turcotte – CNANW
4. Peggy Mason – Rideau Institute
5. Jennifer Simons – The Simons Foundation Canada
6. Cesar Jaramillo – Project Ploughshares
7. Lia Holla – International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW)
8. Nancy Covington – IPPNW
9. John Guilfoyle - IPPNW

Civil society virtual attendees:

1. Bev Tollefson DeLong – CNANW
2. Paul Meyer – Canadian Pugwash Group
3. Emma Amaral – IPPNW
4. Erika Simpson – Canadian Peace Research Association
5. Tariq Rauf – Atomic Reporters
6. Peter Rickwood – Atomic Reporters

Representatives from Global Affairs Canada and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission will also be in attendance.

11:25am: Online participants join virtual breakout rooms to make sure technology is working.

11:30am, *D1-601*: **Session 4: Space Security**. GAC introduces session, quick roll call.

11:35am: Interactive discussion on space security and the following topics. Online moderator will chime in periodically with questions from online participants.

- OEWG on space threats
- GGE
- ASAT commitment
- Gendered impacts of Space security

1:10pm: GAC give closing remarks.

Immediately following this session, all civil society participants will be escorted to the 9th floor for lunch from 1:15-2:15pm.

Civil society attendees:

1. Jessica West – Project Ploughshares
2. William MacDonald (Mac) Evans – Outer Space Institute
3. Catherine Gribbin – Canadian Red Cross

Representatives from Global Affairs Canada, the Canadian Space Agency, and the Department of National Defence will also be in attendance.

2:10pm: All participants escorted back to the Robertson Room. Online participants return to meeting to make sure technology is working.

2:15pm, *Robertson Room*: **Session 5: Humanitarian Disarmament Regimes**

- GAC to provide opening overview
 - Legacy of humanitarian disarmament treaties
 - Current state of play (may include: Mine Ban Treaty, Convention on Cluster Munitions, EWIPA)
 - Moving forward (may include humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and emerging technologies)

2:25pm: CS leads (Paul Hannon, Co-Director – Mines Action Canada and Gillian Flude, Project Officer – Mines Action Canada) provide overview from civil society perspective.

2:35pm: GAC moderator open floor for comments and/or questions from civil society. Will take questions three at a time, then coordinate responses from GAC. Online moderator will chime in periodically with questions from online participants.

3:45pm: Closing comments from GAC

4:00pm: End of session.

4:00-4:30pm, *Skelton Lobby*: Coffee break and networking.

4:30pm, *Robertson Room*: Participants return to seats, virtual participants return to meeting. **Session 6: NATO and Canada's disarmament, arms control, and non-proliferation priorities**

- GAC to provide opening overview
 - Russia/Ukraine
 - Nuclear alliance
 - Conventional weapons disarmament, arms control, and non-proliferation
 - Successes, challenges
- Department of National Defence (DND) to provide opening overview

4:45pm: CS lead (Peggy Mason, President – Rideau Institute) provide overview from civil society perspective.

4:55pm: GAC moderator open floor for comments and/or questions from civil society. Will take questions three at a time, then coordinate responses from GAC. Online moderator will chime in periodically with questions from online participants.

5:40pm: Closing comments from GAC and DND.

5:45pm: End of session. GAC give closing remarks.

6:00pm: End of day. All civil society participants escorted to front entrance of 125 Sussex Drive to return visitor passes and retrieve ID.



