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**Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a
Changing World**
2 to 7 September 2012



Sunday, September 2: Welcome

Location: Restaurant Gember

17.00 – 18.00

Welcome and reception at restaurant
GEMBER

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Ann O'Brien
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H.E. Robert Mikulak
U.S. ambassador to the OPCW

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Monday, September 3: Overview on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs)		
08.30	Opening	Tanya Mehra
09.00- 10.00	Historical use and impact of WMDs	Arend Meerburg Former Ambassador to The Netherlands CONFIRMED
10.00 – 11.00	International law and the use of force	Niels van Willigen Leiden University CONFIRMED
11.15 – 13:00	<p><u>Special event</u></p> <p>Panel discussion: “The Imperative of Multilateralism in Arms Control and Disarmament”</p> <p>Venue: OPCW Ieper Room</p> <p><i>This distinguished panel will be part of a VIP ceremony to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the OPCW, will be broadcast live on the Internet and attended by special invitation by 2012 Summer Programme participants.</i></p>	<p>H.E. Tibor Tóth Executive Secretary of CTBTO CONFIRMED</p> <p>Olli Heinonen Former Deputy Director General, IAEA CONFIRMED</p> <p>H.E. Santiago Oñate Laborde Consultant for the Open-ended Working Group for the 3rd Review Conference of the CWC CONFIRMED</p> <p>H.E. Rolf Ekéus Chairman of the international negotiations on the Chemical Weapons Convention CONFIRMED</p> <p>H.E. Adolf Ritter von Wagner Former Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on CWC, Conference on Disarmament, Geneva CONFIRMED</p> <p>Mr Richard Lennane Chief, Implementation Support Unit for the Biological Weapons Convention CONFIRMED</p>
13.00-14.15	Lunch	
14.15- 15.45	WMDs and public health	Lisbeth Hall, Patrick Hezzen, Sander Banus National Institute for Public Health and the Environment CONFIRMED

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16.00-17.00	WMDs and the environment	Paul Walker Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Program of Green Cross International and Global Green USA CONFIRMED
19:00 -	Opening Dinner	Restaurant Alexander

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Tuesday, September 4: Disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons		
09.00-09.50	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the work of the organisation	Jean du Preez Head. External Relations, CTBTO CONFIRMED
10.00-10.45	Current challenges and policy issues	Tibor Toth Executive Secretary, CTBTO CONFIRMED
11.00-12.45	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treaty and other regulations • The IAEA Current challenges and policy issues	Olli Heinonen Former Deputy Director General, IAEA, Senior Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge MA CONFIRMED
12:45-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:15	The importance of a Fissile Material (Cut-off) Treaty for nuclear disarmament	Arend Meerburg Former Ambassador to The Netherlands CONFIRMED
15:15-15:30	Coffee break	
15:30-16.45	Conference on a WMD-Free Zone in the Middle East	Benjamin Hautecouverture , Centre d'Etudes de sécurité internationale et de maîtrise des armements/EU Non Prolifération Consortium, Paris CONFIRMED Ayman Khalil , Director, Arab Institute for Security Studies, Amman CONFIRMED
16.45 -17.45	An independent view of current challenges for nuclear disarmament	Elena Sokova Director of the Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation CONFIRMED

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Wednesday, September 5: Disarmament and non-proliferation of chemical and biological weapons		
08.30– 10.15	Part I: Scientific and technological aspects of chemical and biological weapons Part 2: Challenges posed to existing treaty regimes by the convergence of chemistry and biology	Ralf Trapp International Disarmament Consultant CONFIRMED
10.15-11.00	The OPCW: Compliance and verification regime	Daniel Feakes OPCW Verification division/ Policy Review branch CONFIRMED
11.15-12.00	The OPCW: National implementing measures Enabling legislation	Santiago Onate Former Legal Adviser to the OPCW CONFIRMED
12.00-12.45	Current challenges and policy issues:	H.E. Ahmet Üzümcü Director-General, OPCW CONFIRMED
12.45-13.15	The OPCW: National implementing measures (cont) Capacity building measures with NAs	Mark Albon Head, Implementation Support Branch, OPCW CONFIRMED
13.15 – 14.15	<i>Brownbag lunch:</i> Professional opportunities in the sphere of WMDs Speakers invited by OPCW	John Sequeira Director of Administration, OPCW and former Director of Administration, CTBTO CONFIRMED
14:15 - 17:15 (incl coffee break)	Biological Weapons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treaties, regulations, codes of conduct • The Implementation Support Unit • 7th Review Conference, intersessional meetings Current challenges and policy issues	Dr Piers Millett Political Affairs Officer, BWC Implementation Support Unit CONFIRMED Richard Guthrie CBW Events CONFIRMED

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Thursday, September 6: Field visits to WMD treaty-related facilities		
08.00-12.30 (incl travel time)	Participants choose one of two options: 1) Demo of OPCW industrial inspection equipment in Rijswijk + visit to inspectable plant site in Rotterdam 2) TU-Delft nuclear research reactor	Guides: Sylvie Azem OPCW Inspectorate Team Leader CONFIRMED Tanya Mehra TMC Asser Instituut CONFIRMED
12:30- 13.30	Lunch	
13:30-15:30 (incl travel time)	3) Visit to the TNO lab: Dutch Protocol Suspicious objects: live exercise of sampling team and laboratory analysis 4) Illustrated sessions on CW munitions and Challenge Inspections	Guides: Peter ten Hooft CONFIRMED Frantz Ontal Head, OPCW Training Cell CONFIRMED OPCW Verification and Inspectorate senior staff
16.00– 17:30	Arms Control in the Information Age: Social media and crowd-sourcing as tools for verification	<u>Special Guest</u> Ms Rose Gottemoeller U.S. Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security CONFIRMED
17:30 – 20:00	Reception and cultural programme: “Fritz Haber in Art and Film”	The Hague Municipal Museum

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Friday, September 7: Multi stakeholder approaches to WMD diplomacy & WMD terrorist threat		
09.00– 10:30	Groups' report-back from field visits and discussion	All participants Tanya Mehra
10.30-11.45	Addressing the threat of WMD use by terrorists (UNSCR 1540 etc)	Panel Krzysztof Paturej Director, Office of Special Projects, OPCW CONFIRMED Maarten Nieuwenhuizen Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO) CONFIRMED Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI) TBC
12.00-13.00	Export Control Regimes	Josephine Frantzen Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs CONFIRMED
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14.00-15.30	Engaging academia and civil society in WMD disarmament and non-proliferation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BioWeapons Prevention Project • Harvard Sussex Program • PAX Christi • OPCW think tank initiative 	Panel Richard Guthrie CBW Events CONFIRMED Susi Snyder IKV PAX Christi, The Hague CONFIRMED Michael Luhan OPCW CONFIRMED
15.45 – 16.45	Programme summary and evaluation – Open Session	Tanya Mehra TMC Asser Instituut Michael Luhan OPCW
17:00	Closing reception at the OPCW Technical Secretariat	