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***Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
of Weapons of Mass Destruction
in a Changing World
30 August to 4 September 2015***

Sunday, August 30: Welcome			
Location:			
17.00-18.00	Welcome and reception	Peter Sawczak Head, Government Relations and Political Affairs Branch, OPCW	

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Monday, August 31: Overview on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs)		
08.30-09.00	Registration	
09.00-09.30	Opening	Tanya Mehra T.M.C. Asser Instituut OPCW
09.30-10.30	Framing the WMD Agenda for the Future: Lessons from Chemical Disarmament	Keynote speaker Ahmet Üzümcü , DG OPCW CONFIRMED
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.45-12.15	International Law and the Use of Force: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of force under international law • Humanitarian Intervention • The Responsibility2Protect • Case studies 	Niels van Willigen Assistant Professor in International Relations, Leiden University CONFIRMED
12.15-13.15	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.15-14.45	WMDs from a Geo-Political Perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reasons why states pursue WMDs • WMDs and international order • The role of arms control • Case studies 	Dr. Oliver Meier Senior Research Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs CONFIRMED
14.45-15.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.00-16.00	Bilateral versus Multilateral Disarmament: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should there be conditionality? • Role of non-nuclear weapon states 	Benjamin Hautecouverture Senior Research Fellow Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique CONFIRMED
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.15-17.15	Scientific and Technological Aspects of Nuclear Weapons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do nuclear weapons work? • What is involved in their production? • What is necessary for their deployment, and their control? • Could a non-state actor (such as a terrorist group) make/use a nuclear explosive? 	Arend Meerburg Former Dutch Ambassador CONFIRMED
18.30 -	Opening Dinner	

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Tuesday, September 1: Disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons		
09.00-10.30	<p>Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why a Treaty? Three pillars of the NPT Role of Review Conferences and 1995 indefinite extension 2015 NPT Review Conference reflections 	<p>Deepthi Choubey Fellow, The Foreign Policy Institute (FPI), Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) CONFIRMED</p>
10.30-10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.45-11.45	<p>The importance of a Fissile Materials (Cut-off) Treaty for Nuclear Disarmament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why to prohibit the production of fissile materials How to prohibit the production of fissile materials What are the prospects of an international agreement 	<p>Arend Meerburg Former Dutch Ambassador CONFIRMED</p>
11.45-12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12.00-13.00	<p>Nuclear Safeguards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The various types of safeguard agreements and their progressive development in view of proliferation cases State-level approach 	<p>Laura Rockwood Executive Director, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation CONFIRMED</p>
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00-15.00	<p>Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current challenges and policy issues Prospects for entry-into-force Nuclear Weapon Free Zones 	<p>Jean du Preez Chief of External Relations and International Cooperation, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization CONFIRMED</p>
15.00-15.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.15-16.15	<p>Nuclear Security and the Summits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nuclear terrorism threat Evaluating the Nuclear Security Summits (substance and approach) 	<p>Deepthi Choubey Fellow, The Foreign Policy Institute (FPI), Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) CONFIRMED</p>
16.15-17.30	<p>Debate: Breaking deadlocks – Prospects for new approaches to disarmament</p> <p>Proposition: The Humanitarian Initiative will more rapidly achieve disarmament results than existing incremental measures and approaches.</p>	<p>Moderator: Deepthi Choubey Fellow, The Foreign Policy Institute (FPI), Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) CONFIRMED</p>

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		<p>Dr Beyza Unal Research Fellow, Nuclear Weapons Policy International Security Dept. The Royal Institute of International Affairs Chatham House CONFIRMED</p> <p>Onur Güven Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Instituut CONFIRMED</p>
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Wednesday, September 2: Disarmament and non-proliferation of chemical and biological weapons		
09.00-09.45	<p>Science and Disarmament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific underpinning of treaty implementation • Scientific development and security concerns • Need for and role of science in policy 	<p>Jonathan Forman Science Policy Advisor, OPCW CONFIRMED</p>
09.45-10.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.00-10.45	<p>The OPCW: Mechanism of Verification (from declarations to inspection):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligation of state parties • Verification by the OPCW: three types of inspections • Addressing non-compliance 	<p>Dominique Anelli Head of Chemical Demilitarisation Branch OPCW CONFIRMED</p>
10.45-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00-11.45	<p>The Chemical Weapons Convention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The past • The present • And the future 	<p>Dr. Jean Pascal Zanders formerly an expert on chemical and biological weapons at the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris, and founder of The Trench CONFIRMED</p>
11.45 – 12.00		
12.00-12.45	<p>The impact of WMD on Public Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the WHO in the destruction and removal of chemical weapons in Syria • Lesson learnt from other emergencies 	<p>Ms Katherine Prizeman Project Analyst- Consultant World Health Organization CONFIRMED</p>
12.45-14.00	<p><i>Brownbag lunch:</i> Professional opportunities in the sphere of WMDs</p>	<p>Steven Danilewicz Head, Recruitment Office OPCW CONFIRMED</p> <p>Grant Dawson Deputy Legal Advisor, OPCW CONFIRMED</p>

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14.00-16.30 (incl coffee break)	Biological Weapons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treaties, regulations, codes of conduct The Implementation Support Unit Intersessional meetings Current challenges and policy issues 	Richard Guthrie An independent authority on chemical and biological weapons and frequent media commentator on the situation in Syria CONFIRMED Daniel Feaks Head BWC Implementation Unit CONFIRMED
16.30-17.30	The need for Bio- and Chemical Security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of conduct The role of civil of society and industry Current challenges 	Tatyana Novossiolova Wellcome Trust Doctoral Researcher at the Bradford Disarmament Research Centre at the University of Bradford CONFIRMED Richard Guthrie An independent authority on chemical and biological weapons and frequent media commentator on the situation in Syria CONFIRMED

Thursday, September 3: Field visits to WMD treaty-related facilities		
09.00-12.00 (incl travel time)	TU-Delft nuclear research reactor	
12.15-12.45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.00-17.00	Demonstration of and interactive presentation of the IAU investigation in Syria 2013 at the equipment store in Rijswijk	
17.00	Travel to T.M.C. Asser Instituut	

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Friday, September 4: Multi stakeholder approaches to WMD diplomacy & current challenges		
09.15– 10.30	Export Control Regimes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuclear Suppliers Group • Zangger Committee • Missile Technology Control Regime • Wassenaar Agreement • Australia Group 	Dr. Sibylle Bauer Director, Dual-use and Arms Trade Control Programme, Stockholm International Peace and Research Institute CONFIRMED
10.30-10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.45- 12.00	Scientific and Technological Development: Opportunities and challenges to chemical and biological disarmament: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Converging sciences • Technology development • (bio)chemical disarmament in a technologically evolving world 	Jonathan Forman Science Policy Advisor, OPCW CONFIRMED
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.15-14.30	The legacy of WMDs and the environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WMD destruction; • Involving stakeholders. 	Paul Walker International Program Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Program, Green Cross International CONFIRMED
14.30-15.45	Broadening the Community of Stakeholders in WMD Disarmament and Non-Proliferation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to enhance the impact of scientific advice on policy • Obligations of diplomacy in sourcing expert advice • Role of civil society 	Panel: Moderator: Peter Sawczak, OPCW CONFIRMED Paul Walker International Program Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Program, Green Cross International CONFIRMED Tim Edwards Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the OPCW CONFIRMED Ferdinand van der Graaf University of Groningen CONFIRMED
15.45-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00-16.30	Programme summary and evaluation – Open Session	Tanya Mehra T.M.C. Asser Instituut Peter Sawczak OPCW
17.00 – 18.30	Closing reception	Delegates' Lounge, OPCW

**Please note that the programme may be subject to change*