Training Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

27 September – 1 October 2021

Day 1: Monday 27 September 2021

General WMD Issues; Nuclear Weapons

09:30 - 10:15  Opening & round of introductions
               Rob van Riet (Researcher, Asser Institute)

10:15 - 11:00  Keynote Address by the Director-General of the Organisation for the
               Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
               H.E. Mr Fernando Arias (Director-General, OPCW)

11:00 - 11:30  Coffee/Tea Break

11:30 - 12:45  International Law and the Use of Force
               Dr Niels van Willigen (Associate Professor in International Relations, Leiden
               University)

12:45 - 13:30  Lunch Break

13:30 - 14:45  Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) from a Geo-Political Perspective
               Sico van der Meer (Research Fellow, Netherlands Institute of International
               Relations ‘Clingendael’)

14:45 - 15:15  Coffee/Tea Break

15:15 - 16:30  Weapons of Mass Distortion: Exploring the intersection between
               emerging technologies and nuclear stability
               Marina Favaro (Research Fellow, the Institute for Peace Research and Security
               Policy, University of Hamburg; Consultant, Science and Security Studies, King’s
               College London)

Day 2: Tuesday 28 September 2021

Nuclear Weapons

09:00 – 10:15  The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

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Dr Michal Onderco (Assistant Professor of International Relations, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee/Tea Break

10:45 - 12:00 The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
Dr Jenny Nielsen and Natalia Silkina (Public Information Officer, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation; Legal Officer, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation*)

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee/Tea Break

12:30 - 13:45 Nuclear Safeguards
Ionut Suseanu (Senior Legal Officer, International Atomic Energy Agency)

13:45 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:45 US-Russia Relations and Their Effect on International Arms Control
Dr Oliver Meier (Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg)

15:45 - 16:15 Coffee/Tea Break

16:15 - 18:00 Virtual Technical Visit TU Delft: Nuclear Technology & Proliferation
Marcel Schouwenburg (Senior Lecturer Radiation Protection, Technical University Delft)

Day 3: Wednesday 29 September 2021
Biological and Chemical Weapons; Export Controls

09:00 - 10:30 The Biological Weapons Convention
Daniel Feakes (Chief, Implementation Support Unit of the Biological Weapons Convention, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 - 12:15 Scientific and Technological Developments: Biological and Chemical Disarmament in a Technologically Evolving World
Dr Peter Hotchkiss (Senior Science Policy Officer, OPCW)

12:15 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:15 Export control regimes
Sibylle Bauer (Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI)
Day 4: Thursday 30 September 2021
Chemical Weapons
09:30 - 10:45  The Chemical Weapons Convention  
Yvonne Mensah (Head of Political Affairs and Protocol, OPCW)
10:45 - 11:15  Coffee/Tea Break
11:15 - 12:30  The Chemical Weapons Convention’s Mechanism of Verification – From Declarations to Inspections  
Dr Gareth Williams (Head of Safety and Analytical Chemistry Cell, OPCW)
12:30 - 13:15  Lunch Break
13:15 - 14:30  Chemical Terrorism: Threat and Response  
Cormac O’Reilly (Senior Policy Officer, OPCW)
14:30 - 15:00  Coffee/Tea Break
15:00 - 16:15  Upholding the Chemical Weapons Convention: the work of the OPCW Investigation and Identification Team  
Santiago Oñate (Coordinator, Investigation and Identification Team, OPCW)
16:15 - 16:30  Coffee/Tea Break
16:30 - 17:30  The OPCW Lab and Equipment Store  
Dr Timothy Wood (Senior Analytical Chemist, OPCW)

Day 5: Friday 1 October 2021
Current Challenges
10:00 - 11:15  When Non-Proliferation Fails: Case Study on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea  
Prof. Dr Remco Breuker (Leiden University)
11:15 - 11:45  Coffee/Tea Break
11:45 - 13:00  The Islamic Republic of Iran and Nuclear Weapons: What Is Next?  
Laura Rockwood
13:00 - 13:45  Lunch Break
13:45 - 15:15  The Future of WMD Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (Panel Discussion)
15:15 – 15:45  Coffee/Tea Break
15:45 - 16:15  Programme summary, evaluation, and closing reception

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