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

The Hague, The Netherlands

18 September – 22 September 2023

Day 1 - General WMD Issues; Nuclear Weapons

Monday 18 September

9:00 – 9:30	<i>Registration</i>	Comments for 2024
9:30 – 10:40	Opening and Round of Introductions Thea Coventry (<i>Researcher, Asser Institute</i>) Thilo Marauhn (<i>Professor of International Law, Asser Institute; Justus Liebig University Giessen</i>) keynote address H.E. Ambassador Odette Melono (<i>OPCW Deputy Director-General</i>)	
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	International Arms Control Law Thilo Marauhn (<i>Professor of International Law, Asser Institute; Justus Liebig University Giessen</i>)	
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) in Contemporary International Affairs	

	Niels van Willigen (<i>Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Leiden</i>)	
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
15:30 - 17:00	The Future of Nuclear Arms Control and Strategic Stability Oliver Meier (<i>Policy & Research Director, European Leadership Network</i>)	
18:00	Opening Dinner	

Day 2 - Nuclear Weapons

Tuesday 19 September

9:00 – 10:30	The Global Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Regime Nick Ritchie (<i>Senior Lecturer in International Security, University of York</i>)	
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee/Tea Break	
10:45 - 12:15	Nuclear Safeguards Ionut Suseanu (<i>Head of the Non-Proliferation and Policy-Making Section, International Atomic Energy Agency</i>)	
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 - 14:45	IHL and the use of AI in Military Operations Henning Lahmann (<i>Assistant Professor, Leiden University</i>)	
14:45 - 15:00	Coffee/Tea Break	
15:00 - 17:30	Export Control Regimes and Simulation Exercise on Export Controls Sibylle Bauer (<i>Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI</i>)	

Day 3 - Biological Weapons; Emerging Technology; Export Controls

Wednesday 20 September

9:00 – 10:30	The Biological Weapons Convention Daniel Feakes (<i>Chief, Implementation Support Unit of the Biological Weapons Convention, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs</i>)	
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Biological Weapons, Biological Threats and Biosecurity Dr Una Jakob (<i>Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt</i>)	
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 14:15	Scientific and Technological Developments: Biological and Chemical Disarmament in a Technologically Evolving World Peter Hotchkiss (<i>Senior Science Policy Officer, OPCW</i>)	
14:15 – 15:00	<i>Transport to the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech Centre)</i>	
15:00 – 17:30	Guided Tour of the ChemTech Centre	

Day 4 - Chemical Weapons

Thursday 21 September

08:30 – 9:00	<i>Transport to the OPCW Building</i>	
09:00 – 9:30	Welcome at the OPCW Building OPCW Staff	
09:30 – 10:00	OPCW and the Chemical Weapons Convention Elisabeth Waechter (<i>Head of the Public Affairs Branch, OPCW</i>)	

10:00 – 10:40	End of Destruction of All Declared Chemical Weapons Stockpiles <i>Anton Utkin (Senior Chemical Demilitarisation Officer, OPCW)</i>	
10:40 – 11:20	National Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention: Challenges and Opportunities <i>Rene Betancourt (Senior Programme Officer, Implementation Support Branch, OPCW)</i>	
11:20 – 11:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:40 – 12:20	Chemical Terrorism: Threat and Response <i>Cormac O'Reilly (Senior Policy Officer, OPCW)</i>	
12:20 – 13:00	Upholding the Chemical Weapons Convention: The work of the OPCW Investigation and Identification Team (IIT) <i>Ambassador Hernan Salinas Burgos (IIT Coordinator, OPCW)</i>	
13:00 – 13:30	Career opportunities with the OPCW <i>Micheál Conneely (Head, Human Resources Branch, OPCW)</i>	
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 16:45	Nuclear Technology + Virtual Visit Nuclear Delft Reactor <i>Marcel Schouwenburg (Senior Lecturer Radiation Protection, Technical University Delft)</i>	

Day 5 - Current Challenges

Friday 22 September

9:00 – 10:30	Non-Proliferation Case Study: The DPRK Nuclear Issue	
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	Remco Breuker (<i>Professor of Korean Studies, Leiden University</i>)	
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee/Tea Break	
10:45 – 12:15	Nuclear and Radiological Security Jonathan Herbach (<i>Legal Officer, International Atomic Energy Agency</i>)	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:15 – 14:45	Protecting Nuclear Power Plants during Armed Conflicts  Eirini Giorgou (<i>Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross' Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit</i>)	
14:45 – 15:15	Programme Evaluation	
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
15:30 – 16:45	Panel Discussion: 'Fake News' and Fact-Finding: Disinformation about WMD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jérôme Larosch (<i>Acting Head of the Non-proliferation, Disarmament and Nuclear Affairs Division, Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs</i>) • Elisabeth Waechter (<i>Head of the Public Affairs Branch, OPCW</i>) • Raimonda Miglinaite (<i>Information and communication expert at the European External Action Service</i>) 	
16:45 – 17:30	Closing Reception	