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

The Hague, The Netherlands

30 September – 4 October 2024

### **Day 1 – International Arms Control Law; Nuclear Weapons**

Monday 30 September

09:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration</i>
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Opening and Round of Introductions</b> Thea Coventry ( <i>Researcher, Asser Institute</i> ) Thilo Marauhn ( <i>Professor of International Law, Asser Institute; Justus Liebig University Giessen</i> ) <b>Keynote Address</b> H.E. Ambassador Odette Melono ( <i>OPCW Deputy Director-General</i> )
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<b>International Arms Control Law</b> 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	<b>The Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Treaties</b> Thea Coventry ( <i>Researcher, Asser Institute of International and European Law</i> )
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	<b>The Future of Nuclear Arms Control and Strategic Stability</b> Oliver Meier ( <i>Policy &amp; Research Director, European Leadership Network</i> )
18:30	<i>Opening Dinner, Somos Peru - Javastraat 13, 2585 AB – The Hague</i>

### **Day 2 - Nuclear Weapons; Field Visit**

Tuesday 1 October

09:00–10:30	<b>Nuclear Safeguards</b> Ionut Suseanu ( <i>Head of the Non-Proliferation and Policy-Making Section, International Atomic Energy Agency</i> )
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10:30 – 10:50	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:50 – 12:15	<b>Nuclear and Radiological Security</b> <i>Jonathan Herbach (Legal Officer, International Atomic Energy Agency)</i>
12:15 – 13:15	<i>Lunch &amp; Transport to the Technical University (TU) Delft Nuclear Research Reactor</i>
13:15 – 17:00	<b>Field Visit: TU-Delft Nuclear Research Reactor</b>
17:00 – 18:00	<i>Transport from TU-Delft Nuclear Research Reactor to the Asser Institute</i>

## Day 3 - Biological Weapons

Wednesday 2 October

09:00 – 10:00	<b>Export Control Regimes</b> <i>Sibylle Bauer (Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI)</i>
10:00 – 10:10	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:10 – 11:30	<b>Simulation Exercise on Export Controls</b> <i>Sibylle Bauer (Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI)</i>
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11:45 – 13:15	<b>Banning the tests: the International Legal Regime for Nuclear Testing</b> <i>Ana Sánchez-Cobaleda (Assistant Professor of International Law, University of Barcelona)</i>
13:15 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>The Biological Weapons Convention</b> <i>Daniel Feakes (Chief of Implementation Support Unit of the BWC, UNODA)</i>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
15:45 – 17:15	<b>Scientific and Technological Developments: Biological and Chemical Disarmament in a Technologically Evolving World</b> <i>Peter Hotchkiss (Senior Science Policy Officer, OPCW)</i>
17:15 – 18:00	<b>Career opportunities with the OPCW</b>

## Day 4 - Chemical Weapons; Field Visit

Thursday 3 October

07:45 – 8:15	<i>Transport to the OPCW Building</i>
08:30 – 9:00	<b>Welcome at the OPCW Building</b> OPCW Staff
09:00 – 09:30	<b>OPCW and the Chemical Weapons Convention</b> <i>Elisabeth Waechter (Head of the Public Affairs Branch, OPCW)</i>
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Transport to the Asser Building</i>
10:00 – 11:00	<b>End of Destruction of All Declared Chemical Weapons Stockpiles</b> <i>Anton Utkin (Senior Chemical Demilitarization Officer, OPCW)</i>
11:00 – 12:00	<b>National Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention: Challenges and Opportunities</b>

	Rene Betancourt ( <i>Senior Programme Officer, Implementation Support Branch, OPCW</i> )
12:00 – 12:15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
12:15 – 13:15	<b>Chemical Terrorism: Threat and Response</b> Cormac O'Reilly ( <i>Senior Policy Officer, OPCW</i> )
13:15 – 14:00	<b>Upholding the Chemical Weapons Convention: The work of the OPCW Investigation and Identification Team (IIT)</b> Ambassador Hernan Salinas Burgos ( <i>IIT Coordinator, OPCW</i> )
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Brown bag Lunch &amp; Travel to the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech)</i>
15:00 – 17:00	<b>Guided Tour of the ChemTech Centre</b> Daan Noort ( <i>Head of Laboratory</i> )
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Travel from the ChemTech Centre to the Asser Institute</i>

## Day 5 - Current Challenges

Friday 4 October

9:30 – 11:00	<b>Non-Proliferation Case Study: The DPRK Nuclear Issue</b> Remco Breuker ( <i>Professor of Korean Studies, Leiden University</i> )
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Unsubstantiated Claims of Chemical and Biological Weapon Use in International Armed Conflicts</b> Alexander Kelle ( <i>Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy</i> )
13:00 – 13:45	<i>Lunch</i>
13:45 – 15:00	<b>Negotiating the 'Nuclear Ban' Treaty (TPNW)</b> Leo Hoffmann-Axthelm ( <i>EU-Representative, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons</i> )
15:00 – 15:45	<b>Programme Evaluation</b>
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Panel Discussion: Artificial Intelligence and Weapons of Mass Destruction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michal Onderco (<i>Professor of International Relations, Erasmus University Rotterdam</i>)</li> <li>• Jérôme Larosch, (<i>Acting Head of Non-Proliferation, Disarmament and Nuclear Affairs, Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs</i>)</li> <li>• Peter Hotchkiss (<i>Senior Science Policy Officer, OPCW</i>)</li> </ul>
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Closing Reception</b>