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

The Hague, The Netherlands

Date: 13 – 17 October

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

Monday, October 13

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> Michal Onderco ( <i>Professor of International Relations, Erasmus University Rotterdam</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</i>

## Day 2 - Nuclear Weapons; Field Visit

Tuesday, October 14

09:00 – 10:15	<b>Export Control Regimes</b> Sibylle Bauer ( <i>Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI</i> )
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:30 – 11:45	<b>Simulation Exercise on Export Controls</b> Sibylle Bauer ( <i>Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI</i> )
11:45 – 12:45	<i>Lunch</i>
12:45 – 13:15	<i>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 – 17:30	<i>Transport from TU-Delft Nuclear Research Reactor to the Asser Institute</i>

## Day 3 - Biological Weapons

Wednesday, October 15

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> )
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:45 – 12:15	<b>Banning the tests: the International Legal Regime for Nuclear Testing</b> Ana Sánchez-Cobaleda ( <i>Assistant Professor of International Law, University of Barcelona</i> )
12:15 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Weapons of Mass Destruction and Emerging Technologies</b> James Revill ( <i>Programme Lead, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Other Strategic Weapons, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research UNIDIR</i> )
14:30 – 14:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
14:45 – 16:15	<b>The Biological Weapons Convention</b> Daniel Feakes ( <i>Chief of Implementation Support Unit of the BWC, UNODA</i> )
16:15 – 16:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	<b>Unsubstantiated Use of CBW</b> Alexander Kelle ( <i>Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy</i> )

## Day 4 - Chemical Weapons; Field Visit

Thursday, October 16

09:00 – 9:30	<i>Transport to the OPCW Building</i>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Welcome at the OPCW Building</b>

	OPCW Staff
10:00 – 11:00	<b>OPCW and the Chemical Weapons Convention</b> Elisabeth Waechter ( <i>Head of the Public Affairs Branch, OPCW</i> )
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11:15 – 12:00	<b>End of Destruction of All Declared Chemical Weapons Stockpiles</b> Anton Utkin ( <i>Senior Chemical Demilitarization Officer, OPCW</i> )
12:00 – 12:45	<b>National Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention: Challenges and Opportunities</b> Rene Betancourt ( <i>Senior Programme Officer, Implementation Support Branch, OPCW</i> )
12:45 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:15	<b>Chemical Terrorism: Threat and Response</b> Cormac O'Reilly ( <i>Senior Policy Officer, OPCW</i> )
14:15 – 15:00	<b>Scientific and Technological Developments: Biological and Chemical Disarmament in a Technologically Evolving World</b> Peter Hotchkiss ( <i>Senior Science Policy Officer, OPCW</i> )
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Travel to the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech)</i>
15:00 – 16:30	<b>Guided Tour of the ChemTech Centre</b> TBD ( <i>Head of Logistics</i> ) Daan Noort ( <i>Head of Laboratory</i> )
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Travel from the ChemTech Centre to the Asser Institute</i>

## Day 5 - Current Challenges

Friday, October 17

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>Current WMD Issues in the Middle East</b> TBD
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Programme Evaluation/Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Panel Discussion: 'Fake News' and Fact-Finding: Disinformation about WMD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elisabeth Wachter (<i>Head of Public Affairs, OPCW</i>)</li> <li>• Jérôme Larosch, (<i>Acting Head of Non-Proliferation, Disarmament and Nuclear Affairs, Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs</i>)</li> <li>• Raimonda Miglinaite (<i>European External Action Service</i>)</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Closing Reception</b>