



## ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

# Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

## 2025

13-17 October

Asser Institute, The Hague

### Day 1

Monday, 13 Oct.

### International Arms Control Law & Nuclear Weapons

09:30 – 10:00

**Registration**

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**Welcome & Introductions**

Prof. Machiko Kanetake (*Academic Director, Asser Institute*)

Thea Coventry (*Researcher, Asser Institute*)

**Keynote Address**

H.E. Ambassador Odette Melono (*Deputy Director-General, OPCW*)

10:45 – 11:00

*Coffee/Tea Break*

11:00 – 12:30

**International Arms Control Law**

Simon Cleobury (*Head of Arms Control and Disarmament Research and Policy Advice Department, GCSP*)

12:30 – 13:30

*Lunch*

13:30 – 15:00

**The Future of Nuclear Arms Control and Strategic Stability**

Dr Oliver Meier (*Policy & Research Director, European Leadership Network*)

15:00 – 15:30

*Coffee/Tea Break*

15:30 – 17:00

**The Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Treaties**

Prof. Michal Onderco (*Professor of International Relations, Erasmus University Rotterdam*)

18:30

**Opening Dinner Dok 28**

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## Day 2

Tuesday, 14 Oct.

## Nuclear Weapons & Field Visit

09:00 – 10:15

### Export Control Regimes

Dr Sibylle Bauer (*Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI*)

10:15 – 10:30

*Coffee/Tea Break*

10:30 – 11:45

### Simulation Exercise on Export Control Regimes

Dr Sibylle Bauer (*Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI*)

11:45 – 12:45

*Lunch*

12:34 – 13:15

*Transport to Technical University (TU) Delft Nuclear Research Reactor*

13:15 – 17:00

### In-Person Field Visit: TU-Delft Nuclear Research Reactor

17:00 – 17:30

*Transport to Asser Institute*

## Day 3

Wednesday, 15 Oct.

## Nuclear Weapons, Biological Weapons & Emerging Technologies

09:00 – 10:20

### Nuclear Safeguards

Cristian De Francia (*Legal Officer, IAEA*)

10:30 – 10:45

*Coffee/Tea Break*

10:45 – 12:15

### Banning the Tests: The International Legal Regime for Nuclear Testing

Dr Ana Sánchez-Cobaleda (*Assistant Professor of International Law, University of Barcelona*)

12:15 – 13:00

*Lunch*

13:00 – 14:30

### Weapons of Mass Destruction and Emerging Technologies

Dr James Revill (*Programme Lead, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Other Strategic Weapons, UNIDIR*)

14:30 – 14:45

*Coffee/Tea Break*

14:45 – 16:15

### The Biological Weapons Convention

Daniel Feakes (*Chief of Implementation Support Unit of the BWC, UNODA*)

16:15 – 16:30

*Coffee/Tea Break*

16:30 – 18:00

### Unsubstantiated Use of CBW

Dr Alexander Kelle (*Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg*)



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## Day 4

Thursday, 16 Oct.

## Chemical Weapons & Field Visit

09:00 – 09:45

### OPCW and the Chemical Weapons Convention

Elisabeth Waechter (*Head of the Public Affairs Branch, OPCW*)

09:45 – 10:30

### Chemical Weapons Demilitarisation: Achievements and Challenges

Cheng Tang (*Individual Contractor, OPCW*)

10:30 – 11:00

*Coffee/Tea Break*

11:00 – 11:45

### National Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention: Challenges and Opportunities

Suzanna Khoshabi (*Programme Officer (Legal), OPCW*)

11:45 – 12:30

### Chemical Terrorism: Threat and Response

Keegan McGrath (*Senior Policy Officer, OPCW*)

12:30 – 13:15

*Lunch*

13:15 – 14:00

### Scientific and Technological Developments: Biological and Chemical Disarmament in a Technologically Evolving World

Dr Peter Hotchkiss (*Science Policy Adviser, OPCW*)

14:00 – 14:45

*Transport to the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech)*

14:45 – 17:00

### In-Person Field Visit: ChemTech Centre

Dr Daniel Noort (*Head, Laboratory ChemTech Centre, OPCW*)

Dr Ardalan Zargham (*Head, Technology Hub and Logistics, OPCW*)

17:00 – 17:30

*Transport to Asser Institute*

## Day 5

Friday, 17 Oct.

## Current Challenges

09:30 – 11:00

### Non-Proliferation Case Study: The DPRK Nuclear Issue

Prof. Remco Breuker (*Professor of Korean Studies, Leiden University*)

11:00 – 11:30

*Coffee/Tea Break*

11:30 – 13:00

### WMD Threats and Risks in the Middle East

Dr Abdolrasool Farzam Divsallar (*Senior Researcher, UNIDIR*)

13:00 – 14:00

*Lunch*

14:00 – 14:30

### Programme Evaluation

14:30 – 15:30

### Panel Discussion: 'Fake News' and Fact-Finding: Disinformation About WMD

- Elisabeth Waechter (*Head of the Public Affairs Branch, OPCW*)
- Michaele de Goeij (*Head of Arms Control, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)*)
- Dr Jurriaan van Diggelen (*Principal Scientist Military AI, TNO*)

15:30 – 16:30

**Closing Reception** 