**INFORMAL WORKSHOP ON GOOD PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED**

**WITH RESPECT TO THE EXISTINNG NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES**

7 to 9 July 2020

(To be held virtually via Microsoft Teams)

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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| **Tuesday 7 July 2020** |  |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | **Opening of the informal workshop**Welcome remarks by Ambassador Sima Bahous, President of First Session of the Conference, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United NationsRemarks by Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs |
| 10:15 am – 11:30 pm | **Theme 1: Adapting to the regional context****Moderator: Mr. Sudqi Al’Omoush,** Deputy Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations |
|  | **Dr. Renata Dwan**, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research*Proposed Topic: The ways and means in which nuclear-weapon-free zones contribute to regional peace, stability and other political objectives***Ambassador** Gerardo Alberto Simón Yerres, Chairman of the OPANAL Council*Proposed Topic: How the Treaty of Tlatelolco contributed to regional peace and stability while helping brake the Cold War nuclear arms race***Ambassador Fatima Kyari Mohammed**, Permanent Observer of the African Union *Proposed Topic: The denuclearization of Africa: negotiating a nuclear-weapon-free zone in a region with a nuclear-armed State***Ambassador Syed Mohamad Hasrin Aidid**, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations*Proposed Topic: The role of the Treaty of Bangkok in maintaining peace and stability in Southeast Asia****Q & A*** |
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| 11:30 am – 12:45 pm | **Theme 2: The role of general obligations and provisions in the context of global disarmament and non-proliferation objectives****Moderator: Mr. Sudqi Al’Omoush,** Deputy Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations |
|  | **Dr. William Potter**, Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey*Proposed Topic: How specific obligations in existing nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties reinforce and extend provisions in the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons***Ms. María Antonieta Socorro Jáquez Huacuja**, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Naitions*Proposed Topic: How norms in nuclear-weapon-free zones contribute to global disarmament and non-proliferation***Mr. Noel Stott**, Verification Research, Training and Information Centre*Proposed Topic: The relationship between South Africa’s nuclear disarmament and the negotiation of the Treaty of Pelindaba* ***Q&A*** |
| **Wed. 8 July 2020** |  |
| 8:00 am – 9:15 am | **Theme 3: How zones address transit, visitation and overflight; regulation of exclusive economic zones and the high seas****Moderator: Mr. Thomas Markram,** Director and Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, UNODA |
|  | **Dr. Michael Hamel-Green**, Emeritus Professor, Victoria University Melbourne.*Proposed Topic: The experience of South Pacific States in ensuring the absence of nuclear-armed vessels in their national waters and ports***Ms. Maratee Nalita Andamo**, Minister-Counsellor,Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand*Proposed Topic: How the Southeast Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty dealt with issues of transit passage and regulation of exclusive economic zones***Mr. Dastan Yeleukenov**, Director International Security, Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan*Proposed Topic: How the Central Asian nuclear-weapon-free zone treaty deals with transit and visitation* |
|  | **Q&A** |
| 9:15 am – 10:30 am | **Theme 4: How zones address relations with external States, including security assurances****Moderator: Mr. Thomas Markram,** Director and Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, UNODA |
|  | **Ms. Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova**, Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation*Proposed Topic: The compatibility of alliance arrangements with nuclear-weapon States in nuclear-weapon-free zones***Ambassador Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan**, Blue Banner, Mongolia*Proposed Topic: Mongolia’s experience in negotiating security assurances***Mr. Dastan Yeleukenov**, Director International Security, Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan*Proposed Topic: How the Central Asian States navigated their partnerships with nuclear-weapon States while successfully obtaining security assurances* |
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| **Thursday. 9 July 2020** |  |
| 10:00 am – 11:15 am | **Theme 5: How zones address arrangements for regional control and cooperation****Moderator: Mr. Xiaoyu Wang,** Chief, MEFZNWMD Unit, UNODA |
|  | **Ms Lourdes Vez Carmona**, Head of the Non-Proliferation and Policy-Making Section, Office of Legal Affairs, IAEA*Proposed Topic: The role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in connection with the existing nuclear-weapon-free zones* ***Dr*. Marco Marzo**, Secretary-General of ABACC *Proposed Topic: The contribution of bilateral arrangements to regional and global peace and security objectives***Mr. Messaoud Baaliouamer**, Executive Secretary, African Commission on Nuclear Energy*Proposed Topic: The role of regional organizations in facilitating peaceful uses of nuclear energy* |
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| 11:15 pm – 12:30 pm | **Theme 6: How zones institutionalize arrangements for regional peace, disarmament and non-proliferation** |
|  | **Moderator: Mr. Xiaoyu Wang,** Chief, MEFZNWMD Unit, UNODA**Dr. Patricia Lewis**, Director, International Security Programme Chatham House*Proposed Topic: The potential for organizations established by nuclear-weapon-free zones to contribute to regional peace, stability and other political objectives* **Ambassador Flavio Roberto Bonzanini**, Secretary-General of OPANAL*Proposed Topic: The role of international organization in promoting regional and international norms**Proposed Topic: How various zones engage with existing regional organizations***Dr. Nola Faasau**, Acting Legal Adviser, Pacific Islands Forum **HE Mr Colin NAMALAMBO,** AFCONE Commissioner |
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| 12:30 pm – 12:45 pm | **Wrap-up** |