**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 Nations  Remarks 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** |