UNITAR Hiroshima Training Programme on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Peace

Type: Workshop
Location: Hiroshima, Japan
Date: 26 Feb 2018 to 3 Mar 2018
Duration of event: 8 Days
Programme Area: Nuclear Disarmament and Non-proliferation
Specific Target Audience: No
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BACKGROUND

The 21st century has been referred to as the era of nuclear power. The situation surrounding this issue however is more challenging than ever, as both global and regional geopolitics become increasingly complicated. It is therefore essential to reinvigorate efforts to further promote nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

While the focus of the training is nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in a global context, with participant countries in this cycle hailing from ASEAN nations, many of the case studies and examples utilised will focus on this region. Among many of the pressing issues regarding nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, some of the key issues facing Asia are:

- The general, global decline in momentum of the Non-Proliferation Treaty regarding nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation;
- Coordination among non-nuclear countries is still limited in the region despite such being crucial in advancing nuclear disarmament;
- Asia is strategically important because of its the presence of a number of countries where the number of nuclear weapons is increasing; modernisation programmes of existing stockpiles continue to take place, and there is a continued focus on nuclear weapons as a key pillar of national security policies;
- The geopolitical landscape in the region is changing rapidly and becoming more challenging.
- Much of the projected growth in civil nuclear energy usage will occur in Asia. There remain attendant risks in regards to security, safety, and proliferation which will require increased regulation and collaboration.

The international fora which govern the discourse surrounding nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation are, by their
very nature, complex. In order for representatives attending these fora to be able to achieve national goals, and progress, they must be well versed not only in the current state of discussion, but also in effective communication, with a particular focus on the communication approaches utilised at such international meetings.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The UNITAR Hiroshima Training Programme on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (hereafter the ‘Programme’) will give participants a deep understanding of the current state of the nuclear debate, globally and regionally, as well as detailed insight to the processes, protocols, and procedures required at disarmament and non-proliferation conferences. The Programme will allow participants to effectively navigate disarmament conferences and maximize their impact toward creating a Southeast Asia free of nuclear weapons.

The Programme is targeted for selected officers from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence of ASEAN Member States. By bringing together representatives from Foreign and Defence Ministries, the Programme will create a unique environment to assess the current status and future prospects from diverse perspectives as well as to create regional networks of professionals.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the Workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe the current state of the global nuclear debate, including key challenges and opportunities;
- Discuss the recent history of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), incorporating trends and outcomes;
- Outline the interactions between UN Disarmament and Non-proliferation bodies
- Describe the impact of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons to the current nuclear discourse;
- Illustrate key elements of the debate regarding the Humanitarian Impacts of Nuclear Weapons;
- Outline the contributions made by Nuclear Weapons Free Zones to nuclear non-proliferation;
- Outline processes behind Confidence Building Measures;
- Restate the operation of the consensus rule at international fora;
- Outline effective negotiation and communication strategies utilised at international fora;
- Compare differing personality profiles, including their own, for insight into personal leadership and communication strategies

METHODOLOGY

The workshop and learning will be offered in a variety of formats to maximize participant engagement and knowledge retention. The specific methodological approaches to be utilised include:

- Pre-session Assignments
- Interactive Presentations
- Role-plays
- Small Group Engagement
- Open Discussion
- Multimedia Tools
- Individual Practical Exercises
- Post-program Review and Analysis
- Study tours of Local Organizations and Sites

TARGETED AUDIENCE

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