TOWARDS A (NUCLEAR) WEAPONS-FREE WORLD: REPORTS ON CURRENT PROCESSES INCLUDING THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS

Date/Time: 12 December 2024, 3:30-5pm CET Vienna International Centre room C0237 and online

Developing and implementing international disarmament treaties is a long and difficult process. States are often slow in making firm commitments and taking actions. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was adopted by 122 countries and currently counts 94 signatories and 73 states parties. The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), aiming to regulate the trade in conventional arms, has 116 states parties. There is seemingly a continuous modernization of nuclear and other weapons, and a threat to use nuclear weapons during conflicts.

In view of the Third Meeting of the TPNW States Parties (UN Headquarters New York, (3-7 March 2025), this event aims to hear from leading diplomats and civil society representatives about progress in those processes. What are the hindrances, the gaps, the next possible steps and what is the contribution of civil society, particularly in the view of disarmament as part of "The Pact of the Future"? How might a Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD4), as envisioned by "The Pact of the Future", contribute to advancing greater international commitment to disarmament processes?

Speakers

Welcome by Evelyn Dürmayer, Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women Vienna

Bogenbainly Abylaikhom, Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (tbc)

Rosa Logar, WILPF Austria

David Atwood, Kennis / Small Arms Survey

Fabian Hämmerle, ICAN Austria

George-Wilhelm Gallhofer, Nuclear Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Delivery Systems, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Austria

Discussion with the audience and invited speakers

Moderator

A healthy planet

For future generations

Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Kennis: Knowledge for Safety and Good Governance