



COUNCIL FOR SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC

Fourth Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific Hanoi, Vietnam, October 26-27, 2017

AGENDA

The purpose of this NPD Study Group Meeting is to make recommendations for the new ARF Inter-sessional on Nonproliferation and Disarmament co-chairs regarding nonproliferation regime implementation requirements and to prioritize topic areas for future agendas that focus on sharing best practices, confidence building measures based on international and regional standards and arrangements, and capacity building for fulfilling obligations associated with treaty compliance and UNSC Resolutions.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

18:30 **Welcome reception**

19:00 **Opening dinner**

Thursday, October 26, 2017

8:30 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome remarks**
 Nguyen Vu Tung
 Ralph Cossa

9:05 **Session 1: Recent developments that influence nonproliferation and peaceful use of nuclear technology**
 The session will focus on the recent comprehensive review of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 and other recent NPD-related developments. What are the main findings of the comprehensive review of UNSCR 1540? How will the review impact implementation of the resolution in Asia? How will other recent developments in the utilization of nuclear, chemical, and biological technology impact nonproliferation efforts in the region? How will these developments affect NPD-related priorities in Asia? What are the implications of the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons?
 Speaker: Manpreet Sethi

10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:45 **Session 2: The Korean Peninsula**
 This session will examine the current situation on the Korean Peninsula. What are the respective parties' assessment of recent developments? What actions should be taken to improve the situation? What impact does the recent adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2371 have on the region? Is there a role for ASEAN-based organizations responding to the situation on the peninsula?
 Speakers: Andrea Berger, Cheon Seong-Whun

- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 13:30 **Session 3: Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention in Asia**
This session will focus on requirements for implementing nonproliferation measures outlined in the chemical and biological weapons conventions. What are the primary proliferation risks associated with the growth of chemical and biological research and industrial facilities in the region? What obligations do States Parties have to ensure the nonproliferation requirements in these conventions are met? What are the most common implementation shortfalls in Asia? What standards are used to measure implementation efforts? Do regional organizations have a role in implementing these conventions?
Speakers: Joseph Ballard, Shuji Amano
- 15:00 **Coffee break**
- 15:30 **Session 4: Nuclear security governance in Asia**
This session will focus on nuclear governance in Asia? How will the emergence of small modular reactors as an alternative energy source impact nuclear security governance in Asia? How far advanced is SMR technology? How would these types of reactors be utilized? What are the advantages of this technology versus large-scale reactors? What impact would the deployment of these reactors have on nuclear safety, security and safeguards in the region? What impact would utilization of these reactors have on the legal framework for nuclear accidents in Southeast Asia? How will these developments influence implementation of measures to counter proliferation and promote nuclear safety and security in the region? How will the newly established ASEANTOM relationship with the IAEA affect nuclear governance in Asia?
Speakers: Jorshan Choi, Anatoly Diyakov, Christophe Carle
- 17:00 **Session adjourns**
- 18:30 **Dinner**

Friday, October 27, 2017

- 9:00 **Session 5: NPD Priorities in Asia**
This session will examine nonproliferation priorities in Asia based on the ARF Workplan on Nonproliferation and Disarmament and the ASEAN Political-Security Blueprint 2025. What priorities have been established in these documents? What are the criteria for establishing priorities? Are the priorities consistent with perceived threats? How can these documents be improved? How can CSCAP influence the prioritization process?
Speakers: Carl Baker, Jacqueline Espenilla, Robert Finch
- 10:15 **Coffee break**

- 10:30 **Session 6: NPD Capacity building**
There are a wide range of capacity-building initiatives that can be used to enhance national implementation efforts to enhance nonproliferation in the region. While UNSCR 1540 mandates the establishment of a mechanism for matching requests for assistance, serious gaps remain in matching requests for assistance with donor offers. This session will include presentations explaining what organizations offer the assistance, the types of assistance available, and the process for requesting assistance.
Speakers: Christophe Carle, Guy Valente
- 12:00 **Session 7: Wrap-up and next steps**
This session will discuss meeting key findings and recommendations and reflect on next steps for the Study Group and, specifically, how it can best support and advance the work of the ARF ISM on NPD.
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30 **Meeting adjourns**