

Myanmar-US-UK Nonproliferation Dialogue

Agenda

February 6-8, 2014

Thursday, February 6, 2014

US-UK Participants Arrive

Friday, February 7, 2014

8:30 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome Remarks**

9:15 **Session 1: Comparative Security Perspectives**

This session will compare and contrast the main threats and challenges in the region and reflect on Myanmar's place in it. What are the principal security issues that each country faces? How does each country view the regional balance of power? What factors influence that balance and how are current trends impacting it? Specifically, what is the role of the United States? How does each side view the role of China and India? What is the role of the UK, EU, and ASEAN? Are there any other key players that play a significant role in the region?

Brad Glosserman
Chaw Chaw Sein

10:45 **Coffee Break**

11:00 **Session 2: Perceptions of WMD Threats**

This session will examine perceptions about weapons of mass destruction (WMD) threats. What are WMD threats? How does each country understand and perceive such threats? Does each side consider them to be serious security challenges? How much do WMD threats feature as priorities in each country's security assessments? More generally, how serious are such threats in Southeast Asia? In the Asia-Pacific region more broadly?

U Ye Min Thein
Sharon Squassoni

12:30 **Lunch**

13:45 **Session 3: The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and Related Nonproliferation Mechanisms**

This session will look at views of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), nuclear safeguards, and the Southeast Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), along with other key nonproliferation mechanisms. What is the role of the NPT and NPT review process? What is the role of nuclear safeguards? How far along is Myanmar's implementation of its Additional Protocol? What is the role of SEANWFZ and other nonproliferation mechanisms, such as the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT)?

Mark Fitzpatrick
U Aung Htoo

15:15 Coffee Break

15:30 Session 4: The Role of Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures

This session will reflect on the role of transparency and confidence-building measures in nonproliferation. How are transparency and confidence-building measures applied in the area of nonproliferation? Why are they important? What can be done unilaterally, bilaterally, and multilaterally to enhance transparency and build confidence?

U Ko Ko Hlaing (TBC)
Lewis Dunn

17:00 Session Adjourns

17:30 Meet in Hotel Lobby for Bus Trip to Dinner Venue

Saturday, February 8, 2014

8:30 Meet in Hotel Lobby for Bus Trip to Meeting Venue

9:15 Session 5: The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention

This session will explore the Biological and Toxin Weapons (BTWC). What is the role of the BTWC? What are its main provisions and requirements? What is the purpose of BTWC confidence-building measures? What is on the agenda of the BTWC review process? How is BTWC implementation proceeding? What is the role of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU)? What are the requirements for accession to the BTWC?

Jaime Yassif
U Htin Lin (TBC)

10:45 Coffee Break

11:00 Session 6: The Chemical Weapons Convention

This session will examine perceptions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). What is the role of the CWC? What are its main provisions and requirements? What are the chemical substances under control? How does the CWC verification system work? What is the role of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)? What is on the agenda of the CWC review process? What are the requirements for accession to the CWC?

TBD

Raymond Zilinskas (and Danilo Campisi)

12:30 **Lunch**

14:30 **Session 7: UN Security Council Resolution 1540**

This session will emphasize that all WMD, missiles, and other sensitive technology are subject to control. What is UNSCR 1540? What are its main provisions, especially regarding trade of strategic goods and the physical protection of sensitive technologies? How is it being implemented? What are the reporting requirements? How can our countries cooperate to better implement the Resolution? How does the Proliferation Security initiative support NSCR 1540 and broader non-proliferation goals? What is the role/value of UN sanctions in general?

Zachary Davis

TBD

16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:15 **Session 8: Looking toward the Future**

This session will reflect on next steps for the bilateral relationship and future cooperation on nonproliferation and on security issues more broadly. What is the future of Myanmar relations with the US/West as they relate to nonproliferation issues? How can both sides work together to better address these issues? What specific issues should they prioritize? What should they not do to keep relations moving forward? What are the major near-term challenges and major milestones? How can the US and UK, among others, contribute to this process?

Aung Myint Oo

Murray Hiebert

17:45 **Meeting adjourns, Bus trip back to Hotel**

18:30 **Farewell dinner at the Kandawgyi Palace Hotel**