



Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP)

**Tenth Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on
Nonproliferation and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific**

**Bangkok, Thailand
July 27-28, 2023**

AGENDA

Thursday, July 27, 2023

- 9:00** **Opening remarks**
USCSCAP & CSCAP Vietnam
- 9:15** **Session 1: Impact of Recent Global Developments on Nonproliferation and Disarmament**
This session will examine the impact recent global developments have had on nonproliferation, disarmament, and nuclear security in Asia. What impact has the war in Ukraine had on global arms control and nonproliferation processes? What impact has the termination of the Open Skies Treaty and Russia's suspension of its participation in the New START had on global arms control processes? How have recent trade control measures affected the effort to prevent the proliferation of WMD-related materials? What is the status of the International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification?
- Speaker(s):** Manpreet Sethi, Ron Huisken
- 10:15** *Break*
- 10:30** **Session 2: Regional Developments and Risk Reduction in Asia**
This session will focus on recent developments in the Indo-Pacific region and the potential role for WMD-related risk reduction or arms control measures. What impact is US-China competition having on arms control and nonproliferation processes in Asia?
- Speaker(s):** David Santoro, Miles Pomper
- 11:50** **Morning session concludes**
- 12:00** **Lunch**
- 13:30** **Session 3: Pacific Islands and Disarmament**
This session will feature perspectives from Pacific Island nations on the impact of nuclear testing and current nuclear policies of states on the region. What impact do contemporary nuclear policies and the increasing big-power geo-strategic competition have on the Pacific Island countries and the region's security dynamics? What role do the Pacific Islands countries envisage for

themselves in advancing the goals of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and the objectives of the TPNW? What opportunities and challenges exist for Pacific Island nations to enhance collaboration and cooperation with other countries in the Asia-Pacific region to address common concerns related to nuclear risks, climate change, and environmental preservation?

Speaker(s): Vijay Naidu, Bedi Racule, Henrietta McNeill

14:45 **Break**

15:00 **Session 4: Nonproliferation Regime Developments**

This session will examine recently concluded and upcoming review conferences and events related to the non-proliferation regimes. What are the significant outcomes from the Tenth Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Ninth Review Conference of the Biological Weapon Convention, and the Fifth Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention? How have respective review conferences changed over the past decades?

Speaker(s): Gabrielle Essix, Rajiv Nayan

16:30 **Session ends**

18:30 **Dinner**

Friday, July 28, 2023

9:00 **Session 5: Asia's Changing Nuclear Landscape**

This session will focus on the emerging interest in nuclear energy in Asia. What are the recent developments related to the use of nuclear power in Asia? What impact has the emergence of small modular reactor technologies had on those considerations? What are the implications of SMRs and FNNPs for nuclear security? What are the legal and regulatory implications? What are the potential obstacles?

Speaker(s): Jorshan Choi, Go Myong-Hyun

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **Session 6: Nuclear Governance**

This session will focus on developments in nuclear governance. What progress has been made to enhance nuclear safety and security governance in the Indo-Pacific in recent years? What areas need improvement? What role can SEANWFZ and ASEANTOM play in promoting enhanced coordination on nuclear governance among the ASEAN states? Can these mechanisms be used as a model for nuclear governance in the broader region? What are the opportunities and challenges to do so? Is there a role for the various centers of excellence that have been established in the region?

Speaker(s): Karla Mae Pabelina, Haruetai Kasiwattanawut

11:45 **Wrap-up**

12:00 **Meeting concludes**

12:15 **Closing Lunch**