



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

**Eleventh Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on
Nonproliferation and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific
Bangkok, Thailand | August 5-6, 2024**

Crowne Plaza Bangkok Lumpini Park

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, August 5, 2024

- 8:30** **Registration**
Crowne 1-2, Level 21
- 9:00** **Opening remarks**
USCSCAP & CSCAP Vietnam
- 9:15** **Session 1: Nonproliferation, Disarmament, and Strategic Competition**
This session will examine the impact strategic competition among major powers is having on nonproliferation and disarmament in Asia. How has the competition influenced the major review conferences (NPT/CWC/BWC)? How has it influenced the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)? How has it influenced the major trade control regimes? What impact has the breakdown in arms control discussions between the US and Russia had on disarmament initiatives? How has it influenced China's nuclear weapons development policy? What impact has AUKUS had? What impact has it had on P5 initiatives on disarmament? How has it affected implementation of nuclear weapon-free zones like SEANWFZ? What has been preserved despite the strategic competition? What can be done to mitigate the negative aspects of the competition? What are the prospects for multilateral cooperation in promoting norms and control regimes?
- 10:45** *Break*
- 11:15** **Session 2: Risk Reduction in the Indo-Pacific**
This session will focus on risk reduction in the Indo-Pacific. What risk reduction measures should receive priority in the region? What measures should receive early attention in promoting risk reduction? What are the primary obstacles and challenges to adopting and implementing risk reduction measures in the Indo-Pacific? How can these obstacles and challenges be

overcome? What role could/should the US Nuclear Risk Reduction Center play in the region?

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Session 3: UN Security Council Resolution 1540 at 20 years

This session will provide a review of the impact UN Security Council Resolution 1540 has had on nonproliferation over the past 20 years and prospects for future work by the UNSCR 1540 Committee. How has the Committee's work evolved over the past two decades? What are the most successful aspects of UNSCR 1540? What are the least successful? What are the current and looming challenges associated with UNSCR 1540 implementation? What can be done to enhance the effectiveness of the Committee's work?

15:15 Break

15:45 Session 4: UN Security Council Sanctions Committee on North Korea

This session will examine the impact of the recent UN Security Council decision to terminate the work of the UNSC Sanctions Committee on North Korea Panel of Experts. What are the circumstances surrounding the termination of the Panel of Experts? What does the elimination of the panel of experts mean for the future of the Committee itself? Can it sustain its purpose without the Panel of Experts? How will the elimination of the Panel of Experts affect nonproliferation regimes in the Indo-Pacific? What is the best path moving forward to address concerns regarding WMD proliferation in the region?

17:00 Session ends

18:30 Dinner

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

9:00 Session 5: New Technologies for Verification and Monitoring

This session will focus on arms control and disarmament initiatives and the potential role of innovative technologies in enhancing verification and monitoring. What is the status of the International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification? What innovative technologies are available and how can they enhance the role of verification and monitoring? What are the obstacles to integrating these technologies?

10:15 Break

10:45 Session 6: The future of nuclear energy in the Indo-Pacific

This session will focus on recent developments in peaceful use of nuclear technologies in Asia. To what extent have regional countries begun integrating the use of small modular reactors into their clean energy transition plans? Has major power competition affected the development of innovative technologies associated with peaceful use of nuclear energy? What are the greatest concerns associated with expanded use of nuclear energy in the region? What are the greatest needs associated with the new interest in using nuclear energy as a power source? What role can ASEANTOM play in promoting enhanced coordination on nuclear governance among the ASEAN states?

11:45 **Wrap-up**

12:00 **Meeting ends**

12:15 **Closing Lunch**