



SEIZING THE MOMENT

A One-Day Consultation on Breakthrough Measures to Build a New East West Consensus on Weapons of Mass Destruction and Disarmament

24 October 2008 • New York

Conference Venues

Morning Session
(0900-1300 hours)

ECOSOC Chamber
United Nations Headquarters
First Avenue at 46th Street
New York, NY 10017

For security purposes, please arrive at U.N. Headquarters by 0800 hrs.
Please use the entrance on First Avenue at 46th Street. Conference
registration is located at the Visitor's Lobby from 0800-0845hrs.

Please bring a photo I.D. to enter the U.N. Headquarters.

Afternoon Session
(1400-1600 hours)

Breakout Groups 1-5:
The Ford Foundation
320 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017

Breakout Group 6:
Bahà'i UN Office
866 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

Presented in cooperation with:



AGENDA
(As of October 23, 2008)

08.00 – 08.50 **Participant Registration**

09.00 – 09.30 **Keynote Speech** - UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon

09.30 – 10.35 **Plenary Panel 1: Seizing the Moment: Highest Priority Steps for 2009**

- Chair/Lead Speaker:** Dr. Henry Kissinger (USA)
- Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei (Egypt)
- Ambassador Sergey I. Kislyak (Russia)
- General (ret.) Pan Zhenqiang (China)
- General (ret.) Ved Malik (India)
- Ambassador Henrik Salander (Sweden)
- Dr. Greg Austin (Australia)

10.35 - 11.10 Questions and Answers Portion – 1st Plenary Panel

11.10 – 12.10 **Plenary Panel 2: Asymmetrical Arms Control? Reconciling Unequal Power**

- Chair:** Ambassador Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras)
- Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala (Sri Lanka)
- General (ret.) Ehsan Ul Haq (Pakistan)
- Ambassador Sumio Tarui (Japan)
- Dr. William Potter (USA)
- Dr. Waheguru Pal Sidhu (India)

12.10 – 12.40 Questions and Answers Portion – 2nd Plenary Panel

12.40 – 13.00 Concluding Remarks

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch / Free Time

14.00 – 16.00 **Breakout Groups**

1: Delegitimizing Nuclear Weapons

- Chair/EWI Representative:* Dr. Greg Austin (Australia)
- Ambassador Max Kampelman (USA)
- Ms. Setsuko Turllo (Canada)

#2: Regional Balances and Global Regimes

- Chair:* Dr. Kanwal Sibal (India)
- Mr. Scott D. Sagan (USA)
- Ambassador Munir Akram (Pakistan)
- EWI Representative:* Mr. Andrew Nagorski (USA)

#3: “Getting to Zero”: What will it take and from whom?

- Chair/EWI Representative:* Dr. Waheguru Pal Sidhu (India)
- Mr. Paul Ingram (UK)
- Mr. Michael Krepon (USA)
- Dr. Ron Huiskens (Australia)

#4: Middle East: Dealing with Nuclear Imbalance

- Chair:* Dr. Rebecca Johnson (UK)
- Ms. Merav Datan (Israel)
- Dr. Paul Sullivan (USA)
- EWI Representative:* Ms Jacqueline Miller (USA)

#5: NPT: Making the 2010 Review a ‘Success’

- Chair:* Ambassador Sergio Duarte (Brazil)
- Mr. Jean du Preez (South Africa)
- Ambassador Knut Langeland (Norway)
- Ambassador Leslie Mbangambi Gumbi (South Africa)
- EWI Representative:* Mr. Ortwin Hennig, Ambassador (Germany)

#6: Strategy Session on Achieving a Nuclear Weapons Convention

- Co-Chair:* Mr. Jonathan Granoff (USA)
- Co-Chair:* Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala (Sri Lanka)
- Ambassador Robert Grey Jr. (USA)
- Ambassador Adiyatwidi Adiwoso Asmady (Indonesia)
- Ambassador Henrik Salander (Sweden)
- Ambassador Richard Butler (Australia)
- EWI Representative:* Dr. Stephen Noerper (USA)



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Goals of the Consultation

1. To devise practical steps for the global community to break existing deadlocks in negotiations over controls on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
2. To identify possible linkage between breakthrough issues and obstacles in single issues of WMD control (such as CW verification) and others that may seem unrelated (such as establishment of an international nuclear fuel bank)
3. To identify possible trade-offs between seemingly disparate areas of strategic policy and concessions on WMD breakthrough issues (such as the link between military uses of space and ratification of the Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty)
4. To contribute to trust-building between the Euro-Atlantic community and Asian states on issues of WMD controls and related issues of strategic policy

Methodology

The EastWest Institute, the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security; the British American Security Information Council and the Global Security Institute will assemble leading officials, specialists, business leaders and other public figures to debate ideas for breakthroughs in policy. A number of concrete policy proposals will be tabled at the event to form the basis of the discussion.

Conference Outcomes

The main outputs of conference will be a summary report, a set of recommendations, full video coverage, and wide press coverage.