



Programme

Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons

International Conference

Oslo, 4–5 March 2013

Venue: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Oslo, Norway

Registration: Sunday 3 March from 17.00 at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

Monday 4 March from 08.00 at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

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10:00–11:00 Opening

Espen Barth Eide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway

Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Antonio Guterres, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Liv Tørres, Secretary General of Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)

Rashid Khalikov, the Director of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Geneva

Video statement from Civil Society

11:00 – 13:00 Working session I

Immediate humanitarian impact of a nuclear weapon detonation

Co-chairs: Ambassador Christian Guillermet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica and Ambassador Steffen Kongstad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

The aim of the first working session is to provide the conference with concrete description of a nuclear weapon detonation and the current global status, and its immediate effects on people, health and infrastructure. The session will start with expert presentations, followed by a plenary discussion open to all delegations.

Nuclear weapons: How they work and what they would do to you

Dr. Patricia Lewis, Research Director, Chatham House, London

Immediate impact: Death, damage and medical needs

Sir Andy Haines, Professor, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Medical effects of a nuclear weapon detonation

Dr. Masao Tomonaga, Director of the Japanese Red Cross Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivors Hospital

Scenario of a nuclear detonation

Norwegian Defence Research Establishment and Norwegian People's Aid
Elin Enger, Senior Scientist, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

14:30 – 17:00 Working session II

Wider impact and longer-term consequences

Co-chairs: Director General Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko, Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa and Director General Aud Lise Norheim, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

The second session aims to provide the conference with an overview of some of the wider impacts and longer-term consequences of nuclear weapon detonations. The session will start with expert presentations on the damage and disruption testing and use of nuclear weapons can cause with regard to food security, public health and the environment. The presentations will be followed by a plenary discussion open to all delegations.

Social and economic impacts: Structural restoration of lives and livelihoods in and around affected areas

Neil Buhne, Director of the Bureau of Crisis Prevention and Recovery, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP BCPR)

The legacy of nuclear testing: The case of Kazakhstan

Kanat B. Saudabayev, Chairman of the Commission on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Director of the Nazarbayev Center

Food security and global consequences

Peter Scott-Bowden, Senior Emergency Advisor, UN World Food Programme

Wider humanitarian impact: The long-term effects on health, environment and development

Dr. Ira Helfand, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

18:30–20.30 Reception with buffet in Oslo City Hall hosted by State Secretary Gry Larsen

Tuesday 5 March

10:00–12:00 Working session III

Humanitarian preparedness and response

Co-chairs: Ambassador Alexander Kmentt, Director for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Austria and Director General Mona Juul, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

The final working session will present an overview of the state of preparedness and the needs for adequate humanitarian response to a nuclear weapon detonation. Experts from national protection and response authorities and humanitarian organisations will provide presentations to be followed by a plenary discussion open to all delegations.

Emergency Preparedness and Response in the Event of a Nuclear Detonation, the cases of Norway and Romania

Dr. Ole Harbitz, Director General, Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority (NRPA)
Dr. Adriana Baciu, The Nuclear Regulatory Authority in Romania (CNCAN)

Preparedness and response: The role of OCHA and the Inter Agency Standing Committee

Rashid Khalikov, the Director of OCHA in Geneva

Challenges in responding to the use of nuclear weapons

Dr. Gregor Malich, Head of NRBC Operational Response Project, ICRC

12:00–13:30 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

13:30–15:00 Concluding remarks and chair's summary

Gry Larsen, State Secretary at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will chair the closing session. Following interventions from the floor by delegations, the Chair will present the chair's summary.