Program of International Conference
“Building a Nuclear – Weapon – Free World”
(28-30 august 2016)

28 August, Sunday
According to schedules:
- Arrival of guests and participants of the Conference Meeting at the International Airport of Astana
- Hotel check-in and conference registration
- City tours (sightseeing of Astana)
19.00 – 20.30 Welcome reception for the Conference participants and guests hosted by the Mayor of Astana

29 August, Monday
08.45 - Departure to the Palace of Independence
09.00 – 09.30 - Late registration, tour of an exhibition
10.00 – 10.05 - Conference Opening
10.05 – 10.25 Speech of the President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev
10.25– 11.00 - Plenary session

Chair: Kassym-Zhomart Tokayev, Chairman of the Senate of Kazakhstan

Speakers:
- Olzhas Omaruli Suleimenov, Founder of the Nevada-Semipalatinsk anti-nuclear movement
- Aleksander Kwaśniewski, Former President of Poland
- Michael Moller, Director-General of the United Nations in Geneva
- Lassina Zerbo, Secretary-General of the CTBTO
- Christine Beerli, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
- Jayantha Dhanapala, President of Pugwash Conferences. Chair of the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference. Former UN Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs.
- Saber Chowdhury, PNND Co-President, President of the Inter Parliamentary Union

11.00 – 11.15 - Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30 -  **Panel Session 1**

**Topic:** Security without nuclear weapons or war: “Manifesto of The World for the 21st century.”

**Chair:** Erlan Idrissov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan.

**Speakers:**
- **Senator Ed Markey**, Member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. PNND Co-President (by video, tbc)
- **General Bernard Norlain**, France. Former Air Force Commander. Member of Global Zero
- **Ella Gandhi**, South Africa. Vice-President of Religions for Peace (grand-daughter of Mahatma Gandhi).
- **Emmanuel Dupuy**, France. Adviser to Herve Morin, Leader of the Centre Party and former Minister for Defence.
- **Rev Kyoichi Sugino**, Japan/USA. Deputy-Secretary-General of Religions for Peace
- **Senator Mushahid Sayed**, Pakistan. Chair of the Senate Committee on Defense
- **Peggy Mason**, Canada. President of the Rideau Institute. Former Disarmament Ambassador
- **Denise Pascal Allende MP**, Chile. President of the Committee on Middle East Questions to the IPU
- **Kevin Miletic**, UK. Deputy-Director, Strategic Concept for the Removal of Arms and Proliferation
- **Dr Michele Di Paolantonio**, Italy. International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
- **Reiner Braun**, Germany. International Peace Bureau

12.30 – 13.30 -  **Lunch:** Palace of Independence restaurant

13.30 – 14.45 -  **Panel Session 2**

**Topic:** A nuclear test ban and the role of the UN in achieving nuclear disarmament.

**Chair:** Alyn Ware, PNND Global Coordinator

**Speakers:**
- **Thani Thongphakdi**, Thailand. Chair of the UN Open Ended Working Group
- **Daniel Poneman**, Distinguished Fellow at the Paulson Institute at the University of Chicago. Former US Deputy Secretary of Energy
- **Sergio Duarte**, Brazil. Member of the Group of NGO Experts from New Agenda Countries. Former UN Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs.
- **Oscar Temaru**, Mayor of Fa’a, French Polynesia
- **Senator Kenneth Kedi**, Marshall Islands. Speaker of the Parliament
- **Jiko Fatafehi MP**, Fiji. Speaker of the Parliament
- **Dr Trevor Findlay**, Australia. Member UNSG’s Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters
- **State Senator Nan Orrock**, USA. President, Women Legislators Lobby.
- **Senator Salwa Damen el Masri**, Jordan. PNND Co-President
- **Graham Hassall**, New Zealand. United Nations Association
14.45 – 15:45 -  Panel Session 3

Topic: National prohibition and Nuclear-weapons-free zones. Geography of a sustainable world

Chair:  Tarja Cronberg, Chair Middle Powers Initiative. PNND Past-President

Speakers:
- **Roberto Leon Ramirez MP**, Chile. President of the Latin American and Caribbean Group in the IPU
- **Bill Kidd MSP**, Scotland. PNND Co-President
- **David Cunliffe MP**, New Zealand
- **Marianne Malak Kamal MP**, Egypt. Minister of Immigration
- **Noel Stott**, South Africa. Institute for Security Studies
- **Herman Spanjaard**, Netherlands. Dutch Medical Association for Peace Research (NVMP)
- **Natalia Díaz Quintana MP**, Costa Rica. PNND Co-President
- **Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan**, Mongolia. President of Blue Banner

15.45 – 16.00 -  Coffee break

16.00 – 17.20 -  Panel Session 4

Topic: Initiatives and campaigns – legislators, religious leaders and civil society

Chair:  Jonathan Granoff, USA. Parliament of the World’s Religions UN Ambassador. UN Representative for the Nobel Peace Summits.

Speakers:
- **Karipbek Kuyukov**, Honorary Ambassador of the ATOM Project
- **Imam Malik Mujahid**, USA. Chair of the Parliament of the World’s Religions
- **Marie Dennis**, USA. Co-President of Pax Christi International
- **Thore Vestby**, Norway. Vice-President, Mayors for Peace
- **Kazuo Ishiwatari**, Japan. Director of Peace and Global Issues, Soka Gakkai International
- **Barry Ladendorf**, USA. President, Veterans For Peace
- **Mary Anne Plaatjies van Huffel**, South Africa. President of World Council of Churches, Africa
- **Galen Carey**, USA. National Association of Evangelicals
- **Meredith Horowski**, USA. Global Zero Program Director
- **Holger Güssefeld**, Germany. World Future Council
- **Jasminka Bajlo**, Croatia. Vice-President, Mayors for Peace
- **Martin Fleck**, USA. Physicians for Social Responsibility

17.20 – 17.35  Closing of the conference: Adoption of the Conference Declaration

18.30 - 19.30  Reception and concert hosted by the Chairman of the Senate of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**Additional events**

**August 30 – PNND meeting**

9:30 – 12:30. International guests are invited to a PNND follow-up meeting at Rexus Hotel to discuss parliamentary actions for nuclear disarmament and cooperation with mayors, religious leaders and other constituencies. Followed by PNND-hosted lunch.

**August 31: Optional trip to Semey and the former nuclear test site**

Includes a one hour flight from Astana to Semipalatinsk (Semey), a welcome by the Mayor of Semey, and choice of visit to the medical research centre in Semey or the nuclear test site in Kurchatov. There will be a fee of about US$400 for the travel for this side-trip.