



The Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations in Geneva, Parliamentarians for Nuclear non-proliferation and Disarmament, the World Future Council and Youth Fusion

Cordially invite you to

Nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament in a complex security environment

A commemoration event for the International Day Against Nuclear Tests

September 5, 2022

Palais de Nations, Room XXV, 10:30-11:30

Introduction

The [International Day Against Nuclear Tests](#) was established by UN General Assembly [resolution 64/35](#), adopted unanimously in 2009, in order to increase awareness and education “*about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions and the need for their cessation as one of the means of achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.*” The day (August 29) coincides with the anniversary of the closure of the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site on 29 August 1991.

The devastating humanitarian impact of the nuclear tests conducted by the nuclear armed states provides a small glimpse of the catastrophic impact that could result from use of modern nuclear weapons in armed conflict. Prevention of nuclear war, and progress toward a nuclear-weapon-free world, are important goals of the International Day Against Nuclear Tests. The increase in tensions and outbreak of armed conflict involving nuclear armed states has made these objectives both more difficult and more important.

Coming one week after the conclusion of the 10th NPT Review Conference in New York, this event will provide an informal setting for exchange of views on how to take forward nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament in a complex security environment.

Programme:

Opening remarks

- **H.E. Ms. Tatiana Valovaya**, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva
- **H.E. Mr. Yerlan Alimbayev**, Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the UN Office at Geneva

Speakers

- **Mr. Samuel K. Lanwi Jr.**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the UN in Geneva;
- **Ms. Marzhan Nurzhan**, Deputy-Director of the Basel Peace Office. Member of the CTBTO Youth Group. Co-convenor of Youth Fusion. PNND Coordinator for CIS Countries;
- **Ms. Margareta Kiener Nellen**, Former Member of the Swiss National Assembly. Council member of PNND. Former Head of the Swiss Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE.

Moderator

- **Mr. Marc Finaud**, Senior Advisor and Associate Fellow (GCSP), Vice President at IDN (*Initiatives pour le désarmement nucléaire*).

Snacks and refreshments will be served outside the room from 10:15

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