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## **Draft work program and key events**

**November 2015 – November 2016**

### **1. Work program**

#### **Climate-Nuclear Nexus**

BPO will continue to cooperate with World Future Council on the Climate-Nuclear Nexus program. The second edition of the Climate-Nuclear Nexus book will be released at the end of November. BPO will promote the book and the program at various events, and in conjunction with Peace and Planet (see below), IPB (Disarmament for Development) and IPU programs.

#### **Engaging legislators - PNND**

BPO will continue to serve as the head office of PNND with the BPO Director serving as PNND Global Coordinator. PNND plans a regional conference (probably in Basel) on the European Nuclear Weapon Free Zone proposal, a seminar in the European Parliament leading to a resolution supporting the OEWG, side events at the IPU assemblies in Geneva and Zambia, side events at one or two of the OSCE Parliamentary Assemblies, regional conferences in the Middle East and South Asia (contingent on funding), a conference in Astana (25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of the nuclear test site), and a number of events in national parliaments. The full PNND work program is attached.

#### **Framework Forum and the OEWG**

BPO will co-organise (with PNND, MPI and FES) a Framework Forum event in Geneva in March and in Stockholm in August (to be confirmed). The most recent Framework Forum event in September focused on the proposal for an Open Ended Working Group (OEWG), and helped lead to the United Nations deciding in November to re-establish an OEWG – to operate in Geneva. Basel Peace Office was very active in the 2013 OEWG and will be very active in the 2016 OEWG.

#### **Nuclear Abolition Forum**

BPO will host a workshop of academics, parliamentarians and other policy-makers on the topic of the next edition of the Framework Forum, i.e. cooperative security and nuclear abolition. BPO will work with the World Future Council to seek suitable writers for the edition, and to edit and produce the edition.

#### **Peace and Planet and Abolition 2000**

Basel Peace Office (BPO) is a member of the *Abolition 2000 Global Network to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons* and a participant in the *Peace and Planet campaign* established by Abolition 2000. BPO will continue to serve as the manager of the Abolition 2000 facebook page and website blog. BPO will help organise the Abolition 2000 annual meeting which may be held in Geneva during the OEWG.

BPO might also take on responsibilities of one of the Abolition 2000 Global Offices (current ones are in The Hague, Santa Barbara and Oakland, USA) contingent on funding.

### **Religions for Peace**

BPO Director is the author of the Religions for Peace Nuclear Disarmament Resource Guide, and co-hosted the launch of the German version in Basel in December 2014. BPO will work with Religions for Peace on publishing the Arabic, French and Spanish versions during 2016.

### **Mayors for Peace**

BPO will continue to build on the cooperation with Mayors for Peace including by inviting European, Middle East, South Asia and Central Asia members to the regional PNND conferences, and by continuing to build endorsements for the Joint Statement of Mayors, Parliamentarians and Religious Leaders which we will present to the OEWG. BPO will liaise with Mayors for Peace with a view to including Basel in the Mayors for Peace 50 cities art exhibition.

### **Nuclear Zero case**

BPO will continue to work with World Future Council, the Swiss Association of Lawyers for Nuclear Disarmament and IALANA to promote and support the case lodged by the Marshall islands in the International Court of Justice on the nuclear disarmament obligation. This will include dialogue with like-minded countries to encourage support through utilising their right of intervention.

### **UNFOLD ZERO**

BPO co-founded UNFOLD ZERO with PNND, Mayors for Peace, PragueVision, the NGO Committee on Disarmament and Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace, in conjunction with the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. BPO will continue to advance UNFOLD ZERO through website/facebook promotion, events at key international meetings and providing a cooperative platform for commemorating the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons in September 2015.

### **Youth programs**

BPO will continue its youth internship program to train youth in international diplomacy, policy development and campaign building. BPO will also promote the Youth Pledge for Nuclear Abolition and work on joint events with the Youth Future Project and the IPU Network of Young Parliamentarians.

## **2. Basel Peace Office Key events for November 2015 – Nov 2016**

### **Nov - Dec 2015**

Nov 27:	<b>Geneva.</b> Launch of Climate-Nuclear Nexus 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition.
Nov 30	<b>Stockholm.</b> PNND member Tony de Brum receives Right Livelihood Award. PNND meetings
Dec 5-6,	<b>Paris:</b> IPU Parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the UN Climate Change Conference
Dec 8,	<b>Paris:</b> PNND Africa and African Civil Society Conference: Climate change and nuclear disarmament

## 2016

### *Switzerland events: (dates to be confirmed)*

- March: **Geneva:** Framework Forum roundtable  
April: **Basel:** Public screening of *The Man Who Saved the World* (English version)  
May: **Geneva:** Side event at the OEWG  
June: **Basel:** Regional Conference on a European NWFZ  
July: **Basel/Geneva:** Nuclear Abolition Forum academic roundtable  
September: **Geneva:** UN Commemoration event for the International Day for Nuclear Elimination  
October: **Geneva:** PNND side event at the Inter Parliamentary Union Assembly,

### *Other events:*

- Feb 24-26 **Vienna:** OSCE PA Winter Meeting  
Mar 10-12 **St Petersburg:** CIS Parliamentary Assembly Commission on Defense and Security Issues  
Mar 19-23 **Lusaka:** IPU 134th Assembly  
April: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Spring Meeting. Date and venue to be finalised.  
July: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Annual Meeting. Date and venue to be finalised.  
Aug 29 **Astana:** International Conference for 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of closing of Soviet nuclear test site  
Sep OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Fall Meeting. Date and venue to be finalised.  
Sep **Stockholm.** Framework Forum conference  
Oct **New York:** UN General Assembly.  
Nov **St Petersburg** CIS Parliamentary Assembly: Political Issues and International Cooperation.

### *Other possible events contingent on funding:*

**PNND South Asia Regional Conference.** Bangladesh. Organised by PNND Bangladesh Section, PNND India and PNND Head Office.

**4<sup>th</sup> Humanitarian Impact Conference, South Africa.** PNND would organise an international parliamentary roundtable in the South African parliament as we did for the Norway and Austria Humanitarian Impact conferences.

**PNND Middle East Conference.** Jordan. Organised by PNND Jordan, PNND Arab Coordinator and PNND Head Office

Events in key European parliaments including Belgium, Czech Republic, European Parliament, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands Norway and Switzerland.