



## **Framework Forum Roundtable: Issues and proposals for taking forward nuclear disarmament**

Monday April 18: 13:00 – 17:45  
Permanent Mission of Canada  
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### **Introduction**

The last year presented a mixed picture for nuclear disarmament. The NPT RevCon did not produce a final outcome report and the Conference on Disarmament (CD) was unable to agree on a program of work. At the First Committee, a number of resolutions provided means of advancing disarmament, including a resolution to begin FMCT negotiations in the CD and a resolution establishing an Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) with a mandate to recommend measures to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations.

Prospects for progress on nuclear disarmament in 2016 seem equally difficult, although the CD has been debating several options for a program of work and the OEWG may produce broad recommendations for ways forward. This roundtable will provide an opportunity to reflect on some of the key issues being raised in the CD and the OEWG and consider the possibilities for progress on a range of measures, including recommendations for action by non-nuclear, allied and nuclear-armed States.

### **Program**

#### **1300 - Lunch session: Political and Security Challenges and Opportunities**

**Welcome:** H.E. Ambassador Rosemary McCarney, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations and the Conference on Disarmament

**Chair:** Hubert Schillinger, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Geneva Office

#### **Speakers:**

- Daryl Kimball, Executive Director, Arms Control Association  
*Nuclear policies and current conflicts*
- Tarja Cronberg, Chair Middle Powers Initiative  
*Diplomacy and nuclear non-proliferation/disarmament*

## **1430 - Session 2: Possible Measures to take Forward Nuclear Disarmament**

**Chair:** Louise Doswald-Beck, Association of Swiss Lawyers for Nuclear Disarmament

**Speakers:**

- H.E. Ambassador Thani Thongphakdi, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations. Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) -  
*Summary of legal measures presented to the OEWG*
- John Burroughs, Executive Director of Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy  
*Legal analysis of proposed measures*
- H.E. Ambassador Robert Wood, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament  
*International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification*

## **1600 - Session 3: Prospects for success**

**Chair:** Marc Finaud, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

**Speakers:**

- Jarmo Sareva, Director of UNIDIR  
*What could the OEWG achieve?*
- H.E. Ambassador Matthew Rowland, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Britain and Northern Ireland to the Conference on Disarmament  
*Exploring the possible – P5 and the CD*
- Ute Finckh-Krämer MdB, Vice-Chair, Bundestag Sub-committee on Disarmament and Arms Control  
*Building political will*

**Conclusions:**

- Tarja Cronberg
- H.E. Ambassador Rosemary McCarney