

The Forum program

Friday July 4: Basel Rathaus (Town Hall)

- 14:00 Basel and the OSCE
- 15:30 OSCE and the integrated security agenda: Links between disarmament, environment, human rights...
- 16:15 Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons
- 18:00 Public Meeting
- 20:00 Conference Reception

Saturday July 5: Rochat Hotel

- 9:30 The cooperative security framework for nuclear abolition
- 11:15 The role of legislatures and parliamentarians/mayors
- 12:30 Concluding comments
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Departures or visit to Basel peace-related sites

Forum Details

Forum fee 150 CHF (includes meals)

Conference Hotel – Rochat Hotel

Rooms:

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| Single | 110 CHF |
| King size | 145 CHF |
| Double | 150 CHF |

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Basel Peace Office

The Basel Peace Office is established to advance research, teaching and policy-development programs dedicated to international peace, conflict resolution and security to achieve the global abolition of nuclear weapons.

The Basel Peace Office includes programs on:

- › Climate-Nuclear Nexus
- › Engaging legislators
- › Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and the law
- › Nuclear Weapon Free Zones
- › Religious communities and nuclear abolition
- › Sport and Peace



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The Basel OSCE Forum is part of the Basel Peace Office program to promote the OSCE including the OSCE Ministerial meeting in Basel, December 2014.

The **Basel OSCE Forum** is co-sponsored by the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (Switzerland), Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament in co-operation with Basel Stadt-Canton, Global Security Institute, Middle Powers Initiative, swisspeace Foundation, University of Basel Seminar für Soziologie, and the World Future Council.

The Basel OSCE Forum

Cooperative security and
a nuclear-weapons-free world



July 4–5, 2014
Basel, Switzerland

Hosted by **Guy Morin**,
President of Basel-Stadt Canton

Organized by the **Basel Peace Office**

Mayors, parliamentarians and civil society!

Join us in Basel to share initiatives, network with other legislators and advance the cooperative security framework for peace, prosperity and nuclear disarmament.



Guy Morin, President of the Basel-Stadt Canton, in the Council Chamber of the Basel Townhall.

Why legislators?

Legislators have a responsibility to represent the needs and aspirations of their constituents, and of future generations.

The exorbitant costs of nuclear weapons, and their threat to humanity and the environment, require legislators to cooperate for their global abolition.

Over 6000 legislators belong to Mayors for Peace or Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, co-sponsors of this forum.

Cooperative security and a nuclear-weapons-free world

17,000 nuclear weapons – costing over US\$100 billion per year to maintain – remain in the arsenals of the nuclear-armed States. Many of these are deployed in Europe.



Plutonium core of a nuclear weapon – the size of an apple – can destroy a city. Photo: Roberto Del Tredici

The International Committee of Red Cross, Swiss government and over 125 countries have recently highlighted the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons – whether by accident, miscalculation or intent.

States Parties to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty – nearly every country in the world – have committed to the elimination of nuclear weapons. But progress is blocked by the continued reliance on nuclear deterrence for security.

A stronger cooperative security framework is thus needed to resolve conflicts, prevent aggression, and end the reliance on nuclear weapons.

The OSCE

The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) provides a cooperative security framework to address key issues facing European countries, including arms control, confidence-and-security-building measures, human rights, national minorities, democratization, policing strategies, counter-terrorism and economic and environmental activities.

Switzerland has assumed the chair of the OSCE for 2014.

In July 2013, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly adopted the Istanbul Declaration which included paragraphs supporting initiatives by the United Nations and the Inter Parliamentary Union to achieve a nuclear weapons free world.



“ **The elimination of nuclear weapons is a global good of the highest order.**
– UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon