



Work program and key dates/events for 2026

The Basel Peace Office undertakes research, program development and public education over a range of issues relating to international peace, nuclear disarmament and global climate protection. In addition, we organise a number of online events and a smaller number of in-person/hybrid events in Basel, at the United Nations in Geneva and New York, and in other key capitals/cities around the world.

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2. Key events/dates for 2026

1. Work program

a. PACEY Award and Intergenerational Forum

BPO will hold our annual *Intergenerational Forum on Peace, Climate Action and Nuclear Disarmament* on January 23, followed by the 2026 PACEY (Peace, nuclear Abolition and Climate Engaged Youth) Award Ceremony. This will include presentations from the nine finalists, voting to determine the three winners, and presentations of the three awards. During the year, BPO will follow-up with the 2026 winners to provide additional strategic and organizational support.

b. LAW not War and Common Security

BPO is a co-founder of [Legal Alternatives to War](#) (LAW not War), a global campaign to enhance the jurisdiction and use of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in order to assist countries to resolve international disputes peacefully rather than through recourse to the threat or use of force. In 2026 we will be organizing a number of events, articles and advocacy actions in Geneva, New York, the Hague and capitals of target countries.

BPO will undertake additional work on advancing the broader frameworks of Common Security and International Law as vitally important for resolving international disputes and preventing war. This will include further developing our [Common Security platform](#), promoting the common security recommendations in the [Peoples Pact for the Future](#), and advancing [common security approaches to achieving nuclear disarmament](#).

c. Nuclear risk-reduction and Disarmament

i. *Abolition 2000 and Youth Fusion*

Basel Peace Office (BPO) is a coordinating member of [Abolition 2000](#), the global civil society network to eliminate nuclear weapons. BPO will support the new Abolition 2000 secretariat, help organise the 2025 Abolition 2000 AGM, co-draft and promote Abolition 2000 international appeals and action alerts, co-manage the website and help organise some Abolition 2000 webinars. In addition, we will continue co-convene a number of other Abolition 2000 working groups including [Nuclear risk-reduction](#), [Nuclear-Weapon Free Zones](#), [UN Disarmament Agenda and a Nuclear Weapons Convention](#) and [Peace, Disarmament and SDGs](#).

Basel Peace Office will continue to provide support to Youth Fusion, the youth network of Abolition 2000. This will include joint events and program activities.

ii. *UNFOLD ZERO*

BPO co-founded [UNFOLD ZERO](#) with Global Security Institute, PNND, Mayors for Peace, PragueVision, World Federalists, World Future Council and Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace. In 2026, BPO will continue to promote UN initiatives and processes through the UNFOLD ZERO [newsletter](#) and [blog](#). And we will continue to organise actions, events and networking platforms including the NPT Review Conference in April/May and NuclearAbolitionDay.

iii. *Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference*

States Parties to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) will meet for four weeks in 2026 for the five-yearly review of the treaty. This is the major multilateral event for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. BPO will undertake advocacy leading up to the NPT conference, and will engage in the conference through side-events, advocacy meetings and public education.

iv. *Nuclear Abolition Day*

In 2025, BPO co-founded [NuclearAbolitionDay.org](#), a global coalition and platform for nuclear abolition actions and events on the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (September 26). The initiative was successful, so we will continue this for Nuclear Abolition Day 2026, and make it even better.

v. *NoFirstUse Global*

PragueVision and BPO host the secretariat and online platform for [NoFirstUse Global](#), a coalition of over 80 organizations engaging the nuclear armed and allied states to adopt no-first-use policies as a transformational measure in phasing out reliance on nuclear deterrence and achieving a nuclear-weapons-free world. In 2026, BPO will continue assisting in key events and program activities for NoFirstUse Global.

vi. Frameworks for a nuclear-weapons-free world

BPO will continue working in 2026 to promote feasible and effective frameworks for the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free world. **Three alternative frameworks** were identified and explored in the Abolition 2000 working paper [Frameworks for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World](#) and were included in the BPO *Food-for-thought* paper [Neutral countries and the Doomsday Clock: Opportunities for Switzerland to advance nuclear risk reduction and disarmament in the period 2023-2024](#). These alternative frameworks are:

- negotiation of a **comprehensive nuclear weapons convention** or package of agreements;
- negotiation of a **framework agreement** which includes the legal commitment to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, identifies the measures and pathways required in general terms, and provides a process for agreeing on details over time; or
- negotiation of **protocols to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)** or related instruments which nuclear armed and allied states would sign as part of a process for them to join the TPNW and build the nuclear destruction, elimination, verification and compliance process through the treaty.

As none of the nuclear-armed or allied States support the TPNW, one of the first two alternatives is more likely to be accepted and adopted. However, it is important to keep the TPNW option open as it already provides an avenue for non-nuclear States to build traction.

vii. 30th Anniversary of the ICJ nuclear weapons case

July 8 is the 30th anniversary of the historic International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on the Legality of Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons. BPO is engaging with International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms and others on plans for commemorative events including one in the Hague. In addition, we are participating in a consultation process led by Horizon 2045 on nuclear weapons and international law with a focus on potential return to the ICJ to strengthen further the legal framework for nuclear abolition.

viii. Move the Nuclear Weapons Money

BPO will continue to advance the [Move the Nuclear Weapons Money program](#) in 2026 through events and social media promotion including during the Global Days of Action on Military Spending.

ix. Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones

BPO has been active in building parliamentary and civil society support for a Middle East zone free from nuclear weapons and other WMD and for a North-East Asia NWFZ based on the [3+3 Model](#). We will continue to monitor and engage where possible in developments and events including through participation in the annual [UN Conference on establishing a Middle East WMD free zone](#), and through building parliamentary support for these proposed NWFZs.

x. Human Rights and Nuclear Weapons

BPO will continue to work in 2026 on our [Human Rights and Nuclear Weapons program](#). Through this program we engage human rights communities in nuclear weapons issues, and we undertake advocacy in the Human Rights Council on human rights obligations to end the threat of nuclear weapons and achieve nuclear disarmament. In 2026 this will include submissions to the Human Rights Council for the UPRs of nuclear armed and allied states, events in Geneva on nuclear weapons and human rights, and cooperation with Youth Fusion on their program on human rights and nuclear weapons. In addition, in 2026 we plan an online event in follow-up to our 2025 submission on the nuclear weapons policies and practice of Belarus and the proposal for a European NWFZ.

d. ICJ Climate Case

BPO will continue to work in 2026 on follow-up to the ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change, supporting and cooperating with World's Youth for Climate Change and the likeminded countries (led by Vanuatu). This includes building awareness and political traction on the obligations affirmed by the Court, and consideration of follow-up judicial action, including potential contentious cases in the ICJ.

e. Rights and Wellbeing of Future Generations

BPO will advance the rights and wellbeing of future generations including in relation to implementation of the *Declaration on Future Generations* adopted at the 2024 UN Summit of the Future. This will include participation on an advisory group on the Declaration on Future Generations established by the UN University in Geneva and the High Level Advisory Board on Multilateralism. In addition to the establishment of a [UN Envoy for Future Generations](#), this work will advance the [establishment of Representatives of Future Generations at local, national and regional levels](#).

f. Mayors for Peace

BPO serves as the Representative of Basel in *Mayors for Peace*, with a responsibility to build communication and cooperation between Basel and Mayors for Peace and to implement Mayors for Peace programs in Switzerland. This includes liaising with and building cooperation with the Mayors for Peace secretariat in Hiroshima, the Mayors for Peace European secretariate in Granollers (Spain) and other European Executive Members of Mayors for Peace including Manchester City (UK), Hannover (Germany), Malakoff (France), Biograd na Moru (Croatia) and Ypres (Belgium). An important part of this cooperation is inviting the European Executive Cities to the Basel Peace Forum and BPO side events.

g. PNND and IPU

BPO and PragueVision serve as the European and Head offices for [Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament](#) (PNND). PNND works closely with the Inter-Parliamentary Union to engage parliaments and parliamentarians from around the world. Key activities for PNND in 2025 will be:

- i) Further national, regional and global events in follow-up to the launch of [Assuring our Common Future: a parliamentary guide to disarmament for security and sustainable development](#);
- ii) Organising the PNND 2026 Assembly;
- iii) Organising parliamentary participation and side events at the NPT Prep Com;
- iv) Organizing panels at the IPU Assemblies in Tashkent and Geneva.

h. Mobilizing an Earth Governance Alliance (MEGA)

In March 2024, Basel Peace Office and partner organizations established [Mobilizing an Earth Governance Alliance](#) (MEGA), a coalition of civil society organizations working in cooperation with like-minded governments and other stakeholders to strengthen existing environmental governance. In 2026, we will be helping to organize a number of events to promote MEGA and some of the environmental governance [campaigns](#) and [proposals](#) that are part of MEGA.

Priority campaigns and proposals on which BPO will assist MEGA organize events and advocacy include:

- Declaration of a Planetary Emergency and Establishment of a Planetary Emergency Platform;
- UN Special Envoy on Future Generations and related Representatives for Future Generations at local, national and regional levels;
- Strengthening the COP process;
- Establishing a Global Environment Agency;
- Strengthening the role of judicial institutions including environmental cases in the International Court of Justice;
- Earth Trusteeship;
- Negotiating a Fossil Fuel Treaty;
- Adding ecocide as a crime under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

i. Basel mid-year event

In 2025, our mid-year event in Basel was the [The Good Future Forum](#). This was supported by funds from the World Future Council (as part of promotion of the 2024 World Future Policy Award), Dr Andi Nidecker and Quaker Peace and Service Aotearoa New Zealand annual grant. At this stage, we do not have funds for a mid-year event in 2026. However, we are applying to Basel Stadt Kanton for support for this from their new fund for [International Development and Cooperation](#).

2. Key events/dates, 2025

- Jan 19-30:** Prep Com for the UN negotiating conference on a Crimes Against Humanity Treaty, *New York*
- Jan 22-23:** Basel Peace Forum, Inter-generational Forum and PACEY Award events. *Basel and online.*
- Jan 24:** Doomsday Clock Announcement (Washington DC), Opening of the Conference of Disarmament, *Geneva.*
- Feb 12-13:** IPU Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the UN. *New York*
- Feb 16-17.** World Forum, *Berlin*
- March 3:** Event on Belarus nuclear weapons and a European NWFZ. *Online*
- March 3-4:** PNND event in Swiss Parliament. *Bern*
- March 7- April 7:** Alyn in New Zealand, Samoa and Vanuatu for LAW not War and World Future Council events
- April 9-10.** Normandy for Peace Global Forum. *Normandy*
- April 15-19:** IPU Assembly. *Turkey*
- April 27 – May 22:** NPT Review Conference, *New York*
- June 2-4:** IPU Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians. *Belgrade, Serbia.*
- July 4-8:** OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. *The Hague*
- July 8.** Anniversary of the ICJ AO on Nuclear weapons. *The Hague and other places*
- August 6-9:** Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days. *Online*
- Sep 21-Oct 2:** UN High Level period and 2 weeks of action. Includes UN Day for Peace, UN Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (Nuclear Abolition Day), NY Climate Week and UN Day for Nonviolence. *New York and online*
- Oct 19-23.** IPU Assembly, *Geneva*
- Oct 18-30.** International Law Week and UNGA Disarmament Committee. *New York*
- Nov 3-14.** Human Rights Council 50th Session, *Geneva*
- Nov 9-20:** UN Climate Change Conference (COP 31). *Turkey*
- Nov 25-29:** 7th Session of the UN Conference on Establishing a Middle East Zone free of WMD. *New York.*
- November** (date to be finalized): EU Nonproliferation and Disarmament Consortium Annual Conference

Note: Dates many events we are co-organizing are not yet finalised. This includes events for LAW not War, UNFOLD ZERO, Abolition 2000 and MEGA.