



Pugwash, Parliamentarians and Political Will: Advancing the Agenda for Abolition

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament
International Conference and Council Meeting

*hosted by Middle Powers Initiative and Pugwash Peace Exchange
Thinkers Lodge, Pugwash
Nova Scotia, Canada*

July 10-12, 2008

Legislators from around the world will join with disarmament experts at the Thinkers Lodge in Pugwash in an unprecedented meeting to develop strategies for building the political will necessary to take bold steps for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament leading to the abolition of nuclear weapons and the achievement of a nuclear weapons free world.

Leadership changes in the Nuclear Weapon States are providing new opportunities for progress, provided that effective action is taken and sufficient political will is generated by legislators working in conjunction with experts, officials and key constituencies in civil society.

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, with over 500 legislators from 70 countries, is well placed to make a significant contribution to advancing the nuclear abolition agenda. This conference and board meeting will provide an opportunity to develop concrete and effective plans.



The Thinkers Lodge in Pugwash, Nova Scotia

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Draft Program

(tbc means invited but yet to be confirmed)

July 10:

5.30 pm Reception at Thinkers' Lodge

7:30 pm **Parliamentarians and practical steps for nuclear abolition**
Public meeting featuring a panel of PNND Co-Presidents

Chair: **Jeffrey Boutwell**
Executive Director of Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs

Welcome: **Stephen Leahey**, Chair of Pugwash Peace Exchange

Speakers: PNND Co-Presidents
Hon Marian Hobbs MP (New Zealand)
Alexa McDonough MP (Canada)
Uta Zapf MdB (Germany)
Senator Abacca Anjain Maddison (Marshall Islands)

July 11: Pugwash, Parliamentarians and Political Will Conference

9:00 - 10:15 am Opening session: *The International Disarmament Agenda*

Chair: **Hon Senator Douglas Roche**, Chair Middle Powers Initiative

Keynote: **Hon Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen**, Norwegian Minister of Defense
Emerging opportunities for nuclear disarmament

11:00 – 12:30 pm Session 2: *New opportunities and initiatives for nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament*

Chair: **Jonathan Granoff**

Speakers: **Hon Warren Snowdon MP**: *New opportunities and the role of middle power countries (tbc)*
Marit Nybakk MP: *The Seven Nation Initiative*
Martin Butcher: *A new NATO Strategic Concept without nuclear weapons*
Maria de los Angeles Antillón Guerrero MP: *The Costa Rican initiative for a Nuclear Weapons Convention*

12:30 – 2 pm Lunch

2 pm – 3.30 pm Session 3: *Non-proliferation steps that reinforce disarmament*

Chair: **Dr Sergei Kolesnikov MP**

Speakers: **Uta Zapf MdB**: *The NPT and nuclear technology assistance*
Dov Khenin MP: *Prospects for a Middle East Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (by DVD)*
Dr Adele Buckley: *Towards an Arctic Nuclear Weapon Free Zone*
Taro Kono MP: *A North-East Asian NWFZ (by DVD presented by Hiromichi Umebayashi)*

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm Session 4: *Relinquishing deterrence: engaging the Nuclear Weapon States*

Chair: **H.E. Paul Meyer** (tbc)

Speakers: **Jonathan Granoff**: *The New Momentum for Nuclear Abolition*
Baroness Sue Miller: *The UK, IPU and prospects for a nuclear weapons convention*
Dr Sergei Kolesnikov MP: *Building political will in Russia*
Hon Kim Howells, Minister of State at the UK Foreign Office. *UK steps toward nuclear abolition (by DVD)*

6 pm: Conference Dinner and Dialogue:

Prevention of nuclear genocide and achievement of nuclear abolition: Is it possible?

Chair: **Alexa McDonough MP**

Dialogue between:

LGen the Hon Senator Romeo Dallaire: PNND Special Representative, Pugwash Peace Exchange Patron, Former Commander of the UN Forces in Rwanda. Award winning author of *Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda*
and

Senator Emeritus Douglas Roche O.C.

Chair of Middle Powers Initiative, PNND Founder, Former Disarmament Ambassador for Canada

July 12: Conference continued

9:00 –10:30 Session 5: *Building political will and alliances*

Chair: **Senator Abacca Anjain Maddison**

Speakers: **Jeremy Corbyn MP:** *Parliamentarians, civil society and nuclear abolition*
Dr Raphael Chegeni MP: *Building links with the campaign on small arms and light weapons*
Keith Hunter, Warden of the County of Cumberland, Representative of Mayors for Peace: *Collaboration between mayors and parliamentarians*
Steve Starr: *Climatic consequences of nuclear weapons – building links with the environmental movement*

11:00-12:30 Session 6: *Disarmament steps non-nuclear States can take*

Chair: **Uta Zapf MP**

Speakers: **Hallgeir Langeland MP:** *Divesting from nuclear weapons corporations*
Hon Marian Hobbs MP: *Domestic legislation to prohibit nuclear weapons*
André Brie MEP: *Nuclear disarmament and the European Parliament*
Dr Erika Simpson: *Parliamentarians and NATO*

12:30 **Reflections:** **Ambassador Sergio Duarte**

Closing Comments: **Senator Emeritus Douglas Roche**

1 pm – 2.15 pm Post-conference lunch

2.30 pm – 4:45 pm **PNND Council Meeting:** *Formulating worldwide plans*

The PNND Council will be making plans for PNND activities and organizational development. All other conference participants are invited to attend as observers.

Additional Special Events organized by Pugwash Peace Exchange

5:00 – 5:45 pm **Dedication of Pugwash as a National Historic Site (tbc)**

5:45 – 7:00 **Reception and Silent Auction**
Pugwash District High School

7:00 pm **PNND Council and Pugwash Peace Exchange Dinner**
Pugwash District High School

Keynote: **H.E. Sergio Duarte,** U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs