

G78 Annual Policy Conference 2017

In cooperation with:

**The Rideau Institute, the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons,
Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, Mines Action Canada,
Physicians for Global Survival, Project Ploughshares,
World Federalist Movement - Canada**



Cartier Place Hotel in Ottawa: September 22-23, 2017

***Getting to Nuclear Zero
Building Common Security for a Post-MAD World***

PROGRAM

Friday September 22– Dinner

Introduction and Welcome: Roy Culpeper, Chair of the Group of 78

Keynote Address:

Tariq Rauf, Advisor at the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-test-ban Treaty Organization

The keynote speaker will address, in broad scope, the opportunities and challenges of nuclear disarmament and building an alternative common security system. He will identify the key questions and issues the international community faces in this quest that can be explored further by conference presenters and participants.

Saturday – September 23

9:00 AM Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Hon. Douglas Roche: “The Prohibition Treaty: A New Political Moment”

Panel 1 – Nuclear Disarmament Negotiations: Status and Prospects

Moderator: Bev DeLong, Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapon

Panelist: Cesar Jaramillo, Project Ploughshares

Panelist: Michael Hurley, Irish Diplomat (invited)

This panel will take stock of the status and/or results of the (L.41) UN-mandated negotiations that concluded on July 7.

Panel 2 – Common Security: Major Impediments

Moderator: Metta Spencer, Science for Peace; Editor: Peace Magazine

Panelist: Marius Grinius, Former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament

Panelist: Tom Collina, Ploughshares Fund (USA)

This panel will identify and analyze key impediments to greater international cooperation toward common security and how they might be addressed.

Lunch 12:15-1:15 PM

Panel 3 – Achieving and Sustaining Common Security: Key Elements

Moderator: Tamara Lorincz, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace

Panelist: Peter Langille, Sustainable Common Security and UNEPS

Panelist: Paul Meyer, former Ambassador for Disarmament; Adjunct Professor, Simon Fraser University and Senior Fellow, The Simons Foundation.

Panelist: Branka Marijan, Project Ploughshares

This panel will identify elements needing to be addressed to achieve greater common security.

Panel 4 – Canadian Leadership for Common Security

Moderator: Ernie Regehr, Senior Fellow at The Simons Foundation

Panelist: Tariq Rauf, Advisor at the Office of the Executive Secretary of CTBTO

Panelist: Peggy Mason, Former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament; CEO, Rideau Institute

This panel will explore the role Canada might play to help achieve common security in the world and advance ideas for action by Canada.

4:30 PM Conference Conclusion and Closing Remarks: Roy Culpeper

Group of 78 Annual Meeting to follow immediately