The Group of 78 Annual Policy Conference 2017

In cooperation with:
The Rideau Institute, 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
180 Cooper Street, just east of Elgin.

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

PROGRAM

Friday September 22 – Reception/Registration 5:30 PM; Dinner 6:30 PM

Introduction, Welcome: Roy Culpeper, Chair of The Group of 78

7:30 PM Keynote Address:

Tariq Rauf, Former Head of Verification and Security Policy Coordination, and Alternate Head of IAEA NPT Delegation, Office reporting to the Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency (2002-2011)

Tariq Rauf 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

9:30 AM Panel 1 – Nuclear Disarmament Negotiations: Status and Prospects

Moderator: Bev Delong, Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW)
Panelist: Cesar Jaramillo, Executive Director, Project Ploughshares
Panelist: Michael Hurley, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ireland in Ottawa

This panel will take stock of the status and/or results of the (L.41) UN-mandated negotiations that will have concluded on July 7.
11:00 AM 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

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: “Security Without Nuclear Weapons”

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

3:05 PM Panel 4 – Canadian Leadership for Common Security

Moderator: Ernie Regehr, Senior Fellow at The Simons Foundation
Panelist: Tariq Rauf, Former Head of Verification and Security Policy Coordination, and Alternate Head of IAEA NPT Delegation, Office reporting to the Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency (2002-2011)
Panelist: Peggy Mason, Former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, 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

Group of 78 Annual Meeting to follow immediately