



Invitation

Meeting of NGO CSW Vienna and NGO CSD Vienna

Thursday, 22 February 2024, 3pm - 4:30pm

HausWirtschaft, Bruno-Marek-Allee 5, 1020 Vienna and hybrid

Perspectives on the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and future activities

The discussions at this meeting, as well as the declaration and decisions adopted by states parties, show a firm commitment to advancing work to stigmatize and eliminate nuclear weapons. There is much to be done for the achievement of nuclear abolition, and the obstacles can sometimes feel unsurmountable, especially amidst rampant nuclear weapon modernisation, abrogation of arms control treaties, and threats of use. But there is another way, another world, that is actively being built by the TPNW community. The second meeting of state parties adopted several further steps to reach the long-term goal of a nuclear free world.

The Treaty's gender perspective inspires other disarmament instruments and processes and the integration of the work on disarmament with the women's peace and security agenda and other areas such as the SDGs, human rights and development are important ways forward in reaching the goals of global justice and peace.

Questions raised in the discussion might be: What are the perspectives for the next steps in implementing the treaty? What role is the diplomacy in Austria playing in it and what are steps to be taken until the third meeting of the state parties? What are main challenges and obstacles and how can they be overcome (i.e. the resistance of NATO countries to sign and ratify the treaty)? What is the role of cross-regional coalitions in implementing the treaty? Why are feminist perspectives important for nuclear disarmament and disarmament in general? How can synergies between the WPS agenda and the disarmament agenda be strengthened?

Speakers:

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| Alexander Kmentt | Ambassador, Director of the Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Department of the Austrian Foreign Ministry (<i>online participation</i>) |
| Renata H. Dalaqua | Head of the Gender and Disarmament Programme of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) (<i>online participation</i>) |
| Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova | Director of the International Organizations and Non-Proliferation Program of the Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) |
| Rebecca Jovin | Chief of the Office of United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) at Vienna |
| Fabian Hämmerle | ICAN Austria |
| Rosa Logar | WILPF Austria |

Facilitator: **Anna Alvazzi del Frate** Kennis: Knowledge for Safety and Good Governance, Vice-Chair of The Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

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