

Programme Schedule

Theme : The Landmark Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons Opportunities and Challenges
Venue : Deputy Speaker's Hall, Constitution Club, New Delhi
Date : 24-25 March 2018
Time : 24th March — 2.30 pm to 8 pm
25th March — 9am to 2pm

24th March:

9.00am to 1.30pm: **Medical students workshop**
Jawaharlal Nehru National Youth Centre, DDU Marg, New Delhi to be conducted by **Kelvin Kipkoech Kibet** and **Franca Lilith Brüggén** (International Students Representatives IPPNW)
1.30pm -2.00pm : **Registration**
2.00pm-2.30pm : **Short Film** on Nuclear Weapons
2.30pm-4.00pm : **Seminar - Inaugural session**
Tilman Ruff, Co President IPPNW & Founding Chair ICAN - **The treaty banning nuclear weapons: our best hope.**
Ira Helfand, Co President IPPNW & Member International Steering Group of ICAN - **The relevance of Nobel Peace Prize to ICAN in reference to humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons.**
4.00pm 4.30pm : **Tea**
4.30pm -6.15pm : **Global Nuclear Situation- new vistas ahead**
6.15pm 8.00pm : **Nuclear Dangers in South Asia- Reality and Opportunities**
8.00pm : **Dinner**

25th March

9.00am - 11.00am: **Social Dimensions of Nuclearism**
11.00am 11.15am: **Tea**
11.15am - 1.15pm: **Dialogue with Parliamentarians**
1.15pm-2.30pm : **Prescription for peace - Strategy Planning for Future**
2.30pm : **Lunch**



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INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "The Landmark Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons Opportunities and Challenges"

**24th and 25th March 2018,
Deputy Speaker's Hall
Constitution Club, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi 110001**

Dear Friends,

Despite ongoing tensions in various parts of the world, the year 2017 ended with a positive note. The historic Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) passed by the UN General Assembly on 7th July, henceforth a red letter day in history. This has raised many hopes for achieving a future and better world without nuclear weapons. Any use of nuclear weapons now would be much more catastrophic than what happened at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

The studies on the climatic consequences of even a limited nuclear conflict have predicted that over two billion people would be at risk of starvation.

Moving ahead with creating the agenda for a nuclear weapons free world, several organizations joined hands for collective action. The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was formed at the initiative of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) in 2006. ICAN was instrumental in bringing up evidence on catastrophic humanitarian impact of nuclear conflict before the UN during the debate on TPNW. Recognizing its contribution the Nobel Peace Prize Committee awarded the prize for year 2017 to ICAN. It is pertinent to mention that IPPNW was awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

It is unfortunate that none of the nuclear weapons possessing countries signed the TPNW. The nuclear-armed nations continue to spend close to US\$300 million (Rs.2000 crores) a day on their nuclear forces at a time when hundreds of millions of people across the globe go hungry.

The production, maintenance and modernization of nuclear forces diverts vast public resources away from health care, education, climate change mitigation, disaster relief, development assistance and other vital services. For countries like India and Pakistan that stand very low in the human development index, this is an alarming situation. Skirmishes at the border could trigger a larger and wider conflict.

It is therefore high time that a powerful anti nuclear movement is built in South Asia. In this connection the Indian Doctors for Peace and Development (IDPD), the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace (CNDP) and All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPSO) have decided to work together to organize an international seminar on the theme **"The Landmark Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons - Opportunities and Challenges"** on 24th and 25th March 2018 in Deputy Speakers Hall at Constitution Club, New Delhi.

We are honoured that Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar - former Minister Govt. of India, Shri D. Raja, M.P. Rajya Sabha, Shri Azeez Pasha - former Member Parliament, Shri Tarun Mandal - former Member Parliament, Maj. Gen (Retd) Vinod Saighal, Ms. Lalita Ramdas, Shri S P Uday Kumar, Dr Imrana Qadeer, Ms. Kamla Bhasin, Ms. Reetika Khera, Ms. Seema Mustafa, Dr Suvrat Raju and Dr Sanjay Nagral have consented to address in different sessions.

We invite you to be a partner in this movement for peace, health and development and join us in the seminar.

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