



**Eighth Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on
Countering the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Asia Pacific
Hotel (TBD), Bangkok, Thailand Dec. 2-4, 2008**

Agenda

Tuesday, Dec 2, 2008

Participant arrival and check-in

19:00 Opening Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008

9:00 **Welcome remarks**
(CSCAP Vietnam and USCSCAP)

9:15 **Session 1: The Global Nonproliferation Regime**
Discussions will focus on developments since our last meeting that impact the global nuclear nonproliferation regime. What is the status of the Iranian nuclear negotiations? What has been the impact and implications of the U.S.-India Civilian Nuclear Agreement? What are the prospects for the U.S.-Russia Agreement for Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation? What are the implications U.S.-Russia arms control agreements? What is the World Institute for Nuclear Security? What are the anticipated policies of the new administration in Washington DC? What is the status of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation (NPT) of Nuclear Weapons? How do these developments affect the Asia Pacific region?

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 **Session 2: Developments in the Disarmament Movement**
This session will discuss the likelihood of nuclear disarmament as a realistic strategy in the current international security environment and examine some of the alternative approaches that have received attention. How realistic are these proposals? Is a “grand bargain” between nuclear weapons states and nonnuclear weapons states possible? How would such proposals be implemented? Are confidence-building measures possible and feasible? How would these developments affect security relationships in the Asia-Pacific region and how can countries in the region contribute?

- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 **Session 3: Developments on the Korean Peninsula**
This session will examine the progress of the Six-Party Talks on Korean Peninsula denuclearization. What are the respective parties' assessments of the process? What progress has been made by the working groups? What actions need to take place for the process to move forward? What are the prospects for further success with the verification regime? What is the impact on the global nonproliferation regime? What kind of positive role can/should CSCAP and/or ARF play in the process?
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:45 **Session 4: Radiation Detection and Monitoring Cooperation**
This session will examine opportunities for cooperation related to the monitoring and detection of radioactive materials to support nonproliferation, nuclear safety, and emergency response goals. It will provide an overview of initiatives currently underway, consider the challenges and opportunities for cooperation in this area, and provide an overview of the technical aspects of radiation detection and monitoring. What are the technical requirements for establishing a regional sensor network? How could improved cooperation in this area address concerns? How would regional radiation detection system support the safe, secure development of nuclear energy? How would such a system support other nonproliferation initiatives such as UN Security Council 1540 and the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism? What are the challenges - political and technical - associated with a cooperative regional approach?
- 17:00 Session adjourns
- 18:30 Dinner

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008

- 9:00 **Session 5: Nuclear and Radiological Safety in East Asia**
This session will focus on the implementation of a comprehensive nuclear and radiological safety regime in East Asia. What are the major components of such a regime? What is the role of the ASEAN Nuclear Safety Network in establishing safety criteria for nuclear energy facilities? What are the lessons learned from Malaysia's sensor network? What is the availability of comprehensive response plans for nuclear-related emergencies? With the development of nuclear power facilities, should consideration be given to developing regional response plans? What are the basic requirements for an effective plan? What role should ASEAN's action plan for SEANWFZ play in this safety regime?

10:00	Coffee Break
10:15	<p>Session 6: Review and update on Asia-Pacific WMD Handbook and Action Plan</p> <p>This session will provide an update on the Asia-Pacific Handbook and Action Plan. It will include a review of completed chapters and a discussion of the issues to be included in the action plan.</p>
12:00	Lunch
13:30	<p>Session 7: Wrap up and Future Plans</p> <p>Continue the review of the Asia-Pacific Handbook and Action Plan, as needed. This session will also focus on future work of the Study Group. How should the Study Group focus its efforts? What are the implications of the inauguration of the ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on nonproliferation and disarmament? How can the WMD Study Group complement and support this effort? How can it coordinate with other Study Groups? How can it better disseminate its product and facilitate the implementation of its recommendations?</p>
16:00	Meeting Adjourns
18:30	Farewell Dinner