



COUNCIL FOR SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC
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Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Asia Pacific
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AGENDA

Monday, March 5, 2012

Participant arrival and check-in

18:30 **Welcome Reception**

19:00 **Opening Dinner**

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

8:00 **Registration**

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

9:15 **Session 1: Recent Developments in the Global Nonproliferation Regime**
This session will focus on recent developments in nonproliferation and disarmament. Have there been any significant developments regarding action items identified at the 2010 NPT Review Conference? What are the prospects for the 2012 NPT Preparatory Committee meeting? What are the implications of the latest developments in Iran, Syria, and Myanmar? How is implementation of New START proceeding? How has the issue of missile defense influenced the process? What impact has it had in the Asia-Pacific? How significant is Indonesia's recent ratification of the CTBT? What are the implications of the recent developments on SEANWFZ?

10:45 **Coffee Break**

11:00 **Session 2: The Korean Peninsula and Denuclearization**
This session will examine the status of denuclearization talks on the Korean Peninsula. What are the respective parties' assessments of recent developments? What are the prospects for renewed multilateral discussions over the nuclear issue? Should the Six-Party Talks be resumed? What can be done to move the process forward?

12:30 **Lunch**

13:45 **Session 3: The Nonproliferation-Disarmament Nexus**
This session will examine the relationship between nonproliferation and disarmament. How accurate is the assumption that disarmament progress by the nuclear-armed states will lead the non-nuclear-armed states to adhere to

stronger nonproliferation measures? What is the track record? Can this rationale be operationalized? Can clear trade-offs be identified to allow clear benchmarks for implementation? How? What would be appropriate nonproliferation steps in return for disarmament progress? What role can countries in Asia-Pacific region play in this process?

15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:30 **Session 4: UNSCR 1540, and WMD Security and Safety**

This session will look the implementation of UNSCR 1540, and WMD security and safety in the Asia-Pacific. What is the implementation status of UNSCR 1540 in Asia? What substantive areas need to be addressed? What are the implementation challenges? How can multilateral organizations be used to improve UNSC 1540 implementation? What are the implications of Australia's recent decision to sell uranium to India? What is the outlook for the coming Seoul Nuclear Security Summit and beyond?

17:00 **Session adjourns**

18:30 **Dinner**

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

9:15 **Session 5: The 7th BTWC Review Conference**

This session will examine the proceedings and findings the 7th Biological Weapons Convention Review Conference that took place in Geneva on December 5-22, 2011. What did the Review Conference achieve? Did it meet expectations? What are the implications for Asia? What is the way forward through to the next (2016) Review Conference? How can Asia contribute productively to the interim inter-sessional process? What role can CSCAP and the ARF play in this process?

10:45 **Coffee Break**

11:00 **Session 6: The Chemical Weapons Convention**

This session will look at the Chemical Weapons Convention and recent developments pertaining to chemical weapons nonproliferation and disarmament. How should the OPCW's role evolve as the remaining chemical weapons stockpiles are eliminated? What are the key nonproliferation challenges and the road ahead for the CWC, particularly with regard to verification? How does this relate to BTWC challenges? What are the implications for Asia? What role can CSCAP and the ARF play?

12:15 **Lunch**

13:45 **Session 7: CSCAP Memoranda and Handbook Review**

During this session, participants will conduct reviews of the Disarmament and Nonproliferation Memoranda as well as discuss a review of the *Handbook on Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Asia Pacific*.

15:15 **Session 8: Wrap up and Future Plans**

This session will focus on future work of the Study Group. How should the Study Group focus its efforts? What can the group do to help develop the

ARF Working Plan on Nonproliferation and Disarmament? What can the Study Group do to encourage transparency and promote disarmament? How can the Study Group complement and support the ARF Inter-sessional Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament?

16:00 **Meeting Adjourns**

18:00 **Farewell Dinner**