

Nuclear disarmament through inter-parliamentary forums

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1:15 – 2:45 PM

Sponsored by Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND), World Future Council and the Global Security Institute

Chair: **Jonathan Granoff**, Global Security Institute

Speakers:

- **Paddy Torsney**, Permanent Observer of the Inter Parliamentary Union to the United Nations
- **Hedy Fry MP** (Canada), Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe
- **Bill Kidd MSP** (Scotland), PNND Co-President
- **Alyn Ware**, PNND Global Coordinator and member of the World Future Council

Parliamentarians play key roles to adopt legislation, shape policy, decide on budgets and ensure government accountability on issues relating to nuclear disarmament. In the globalised world of the 21st Century, parliamentarians have to engage in regional and international forums in order to advance cooperative security, reduce the reliance on national defence and military approaches to security, and achieve global abolition.

This event will focus on progress for nuclear abolition in the Inter Parliamentary Union, Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe and other inter-parliamentary forums – and how this can help civil society advance nuclear disarmament in their own countries.

WFC, PNND and the Inter Parliamentary Union have been cooperating to educate and engage parliamentarians on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament issues since 2008, with a key aim to enhance parliamentary action and build inter-parliamentary cooperation for nuclear disarmament.

Among other achievements, this collaboration led to the production of the Parliamentary Handbook "Supporting nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament", which identifies existing examples of good practice in the area of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and offers recommendations for further parliamentary action.

World Future Council also partnered with the IPU as well as the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, on the 2013 Future Policy Award, which was held on the theme of Disarmament, and celebrated tried and tested disarmament policies from around the world.