# First Committee Side Events

## 78th session of the General Assembly

**2023 indicative schedule***

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<td>Conference Room 8</td>
<td>Exploring the Space-Nuclear Nexus&lt;br&gt;Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (contact: <a href="mailto:wmd@sipri.org">wmd@sipri.org</a>)</td>
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<td>Reducing Space Threats through Norms, Rules and Principles of Responsible Behaviours: a new approach to preventing an arms race in outer space&lt;br&gt;Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (contact: <a href="mailto:Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk">Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk</a>)</td>
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<td>Conference Room E</td>
<td>Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers: From Opacity to Transparency&lt;br&gt;United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs with the Stimson Center (contact: <a href="mailto:claudia.garcia-guiza@un.org">claudia.garcia-guiza@un.org</a>)</td>
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<td>Water and conflict: Addressing water insecurity issues in fragile and conflict-affected countries&lt;br&gt;Permanent Missions of Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland with PAX (contact: <a href="mailto:c.parandii@paxforpeace.nl">c.parandii@paxforpeace.nl</a>)</td>
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<td>The ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF): How to apply for VTF funding&lt;br&gt;Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom and Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat (contact: <a href="mailto:Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk">Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk</a>)</td>
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<td>10 Years of EU Support for ATT Implementation and Universalization: Taking Stock and Moving Forward&lt;br&gt;European Union in cooperation with the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) and Expertise France (EF) (contact: <a href="mailto:Pol-2-1-VN@newyork.diplo.de">Pol-2-1-VN@newyork.diplo.de</a>)</td>
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<td>Generation Z(ero): role of youth in achieving a world without nuclear weapons&lt;br&gt;United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (contact: <a href="mailto:marykate.monaghan@un.org">marykate.monaghan@un.org</a>)</td>
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<td>Conference Room 9</td>
<td>Arms Control and Armed Violence in Island States: Perspectives from the Caribbean&lt;br&gt;Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (contact: <a href="mailto:Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk">Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk</a>)</td>
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<td>Exploring the Complementarity of Existing Approaches for the Future of Outer Space Security&lt;br&gt;United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (contact: <a href="mailto:sarah.erickson@un.org">sarah.erickson@un.org</a>)</td>
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<td>Kuwaiti Mission, 321 E. 44th Street</td>
<td>Achieving Tangible Cooperation and Compliance to Avert Nuclear Catastrophe&lt;br&gt;Permanent Missions of Austria and Kuwait (contact: <a href="mailto:Matthias.EDTMAYER@bmeia.gv.at">Matthias.EDTMAYER@bmeia.gv.at</a>)</td>
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<td>The new Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management&lt;br&gt;Permanent Mission of Germany and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (contact: <a href="mailto:nora.allgaier@un.org">nora.allgaier@un.org</a>)</td>
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<td>25 October</td>
<td>Book Launch - “It is Possible: A future without nuclear weapons”</td>
<td>Conference Room 9</td>
<td>1:15–2:30 p.m. ET</td>
<td><a href="mailto:hyoung.cho@un.org">hyoung.cho@un.org</a></td>
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<td>25 October</td>
<td>SALIENT: Saving-Lives Entity Trust Fund</td>
<td>Conference Room 4</td>
<td>1:15–2:45 p.m. ET</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mashiko@un.org">mashiko@un.org</a></td>
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<td>26 October</td>
<td>Remembering Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, leader for disarmament</td>
<td>Location TBD</td>
<td>1:15–2:30 p.m. ET</td>
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Past events

2 October 1:15–2:45 p.m. ET
Responsible Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain
Permanent Missions of the Netherlands and the Republic of Korea (contact: tessa-de.haan@minbuza.nl)

5 October 1:15–2:45 p.m. EDT
Creating an Environment for Nuclear Disarmament
Permanent Mission of the United States (contact: HicksR2@state.gov)

10 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
A Declaration to Prevent Harm: Strengthening the protection of civilians from explosive weapons in populated areas
Permanent Missions of Ireland and Norway with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (contact: ciaran.doyle@dfa.ie)

10 October 1:00–3:00 p.m. ET
Mapping and Addressing the Security Risks Arising from Military Uses of Artificial Intelligence
Permanent Mission of Pakistan (gul.qaiser@gmail.com)

10 October 1:30–2:30 p.m.
IEDs - What lessons can be learnt from other mass explosive incidents and be applied to hotspots where IEDs are prevalent?
Permanent Mission of France (contact: philippe.lejeune@diplomatie.gouv.fr)

11 October 1:15–2:15 p.m. ET
The International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification (IPNDV)
Permanent Mission of the United States (contact: HicksR2@state.gov)

11 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
Explosive Weapons and the Arms Trade Treaty
United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation and Office for Disarmament Affairs with Action on Armed Violence (contact: mashiko@un.org)

13 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
Preparing for the Future of International Peace and Security
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (contact: sectec-unidir@un.org)

16 October 1:15–2:45 p.m. ET
10 Years on from Syria’s Accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention
Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (contact: Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk)

16 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
Publication Launch: The Application and Impact of Artificial Intelligence Beyond Weapons
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (contact: sectec-unidir@un.org)

17 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
Addressing the threat posed by nuclear terrorism to international peace and security: EU support to the UN for the universalization and effective implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT)
United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (contact: fanny.fert@un.org)

17 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
Autonomous Weapons Systems and human control – What are the challenges and how to overcome them?
Permanent Mission of Austria (contact: Matthias.EDTMAYER@bmeia.gv.at)

17 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
Establishing an International Agency for Biological Safety and Security
Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (contact: syrymbetzhangeldy@gmail.com)

17 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
Publication Launch: Risks of AI
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (contact: sectec-unidir@un.org)

18 October 1:15–2:45 p.m. ET
Autonomous weapons: state positions and trends in weapons systems
Permanent Mission of Belgium (contact: marie-adelaide.mathei@diplobel.fed.be)

18 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
Digital Tools for Disarmament: UNIDIR Portals and Databases
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (contact: sectec-unidir@un.org)

18 October 1:15–2:45 p.m. ET
In the Crosshairs? Addressing military drone use and proliferation
Permanent Mission of the Netherlands with PAX, the Stimson Center and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (contact: c.parandii@paxforpeace.nl and f.teodoro@paxforpeace.nl)

18 October 1:00–2:30 p.m. ET
Preventing the re-emergence of chemical weapons in the 21st century (concept note)
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (contact: courtney.cresap@un.org)

19 October 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET
Advocating for Nuclear Justice
Permanent Missions of Kazakhstan and Kiribati (contact: syrymbetzhangeldy@gmail.com)
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<td>Working to Strengthen the NPT Review Process</td>
<td>Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative</td>
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<td>Regional consultations on the Programme of Action to Advance Responsible State Behaviour in the Use of Information and Communications Technologies in the context of International Security pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/37</td>
<td>Permanent Missions of Egypt and France with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs</td>
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