



First Committee Side Events

78th session of the General Assembly

2023 indicative schedule*

20 October

Conference Room 8
1:15–2:30 p.m. ET

RSVP Exploring the Space-Nuclear Nexus

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (contact: wmd@sipri.org)

20 October

Conference Room 6
1:15–2:30 p.m. ET

Reducing Space Threats through Norms, Rules and Principles of Responsible Behaviours: a new approach to preventing an arms race in outer space

Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (contact: Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk)

20 October

Conference Room E
1:15–2:30 p.m. ET

Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers: From Opacity to Transparency

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs with the Stimson Center (contact: claudia.garcia-guiza@un.org)

20 October

Conference Room 7
1:15–2:45 p.m. ET

RSVP Water and conflict: Addressing water insecurity issues in fragile and conflict-affected countries

Permanent Missions of Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland with PAX
(contact: c.parandii@paxforpeace.nl)

23 October

Conference Room 6
1:15–2:30 p.m. ET

The ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF): How to apply for VTF funding

Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom and Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat (contact: Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk)

23 October

Conference Room 7
1:15 p.m. ET

10 Years of EU Support for ATT Implementation and Universalization: Taking Stock and Moving Forward

European Union in cooperation with the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) and Expertise France (EF) (contact: Pol-2-1-VN@newyork.diplo.de)

23 October

Conference Room 8
1:15–2:30 p.m. ET

Generation Z(ero): role of youth in achieving a world without nuclear weapons

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (contact: marykate.monaghan@un.org)

24 October

Conference Room 9
10:00 a.m. ET

Arms Control and Armed Violence in Island States: Perspectives from the Caribbean

Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (contact: Alessia.Bossi@fcdo.gov.uk)

24 October

Online
1:15–2:30 p.m. ET

RSVP Exploring the Complementarity of Existing Approaches for the Future of Outer Space Security

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (contact: sarah.erickson@un.org)

24 October

Kuwaiti Mission,
321 E. 44th Street
1:15–2:45 p.m. ET

RSVP Achieving Tangible Cooperation and Compliance to Avert Nuclear Catastrophe

Permanent Missions of Austria and Kuwait (contact: Matthias.EDTMAYER@bmeia.gv.at)

24 October

Conference Room 9
1:15–2:45 p.m. ET

The new Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management

Permanent Mission of Germany and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
(contact: nora.allgaier@un.org)

25 October Conference Room 9 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET	Book Launch - “It is Possible: A future without nuclear weapons” United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs with the Permanent Mission of Austria (contact: hyoung.cho@un.org)
25 October Conference Room 4 1:15–2:45 p.m. ET	SALIENT: Saving-Lives Entity Trust Fund United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (contact: mashiko@un.org)
26 October Location TBD 1:15–2:30 p.m. ET	Remembering Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, leader for disarmament United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (contact: konot@un.org)

* This schedule comprises the information received by UNODA as of close of business 19 October 2023. The list will be updated on a regular basis at <https://meetings.unoda.org/ga-c1/general-assembly-first-committee-seventy-eighth-session-2023>. Member States and NGOs that wish to add their events to this list can contact Diane Barnes at diane.barnes@un.org.



**United Nations Office
for Disarmament Affairs**

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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| 19 October
1:15–2:45 p.m. ET | Strengthening weapons and ammunition management in Africa (concept note)
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and Office for Disarmament Affairs
(contact: paul.holtom@un.org) |
| 19 October
1:15–2:30 p.m. ET | Working to Strengthen the NPT Review Process
Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (contact: Demi.Della-Porta@dfat.gov.au) |
| 19 October
1:15–2:45 p.m. ET | 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
Permanent Missions of Egypt and France with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
(contact: virginia.browning@un.org) |