

# AGENDA

## 2018 Humanitarian Disarmament Forum: Humanitarian Disarmament Tools

New York

12 – 14 October 2018

#HDForum2018

### FRIDAY – 12 OCTOBER

#### **6:00-8:30 Welcome Reception - Press Box**

932 2nd Avenue (between 49th & 50th Streets) – cash bar

Hosted by the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots and Human Rights Watch

### SATURDAY – 13 OCTOBER

**Church Center** (777 First Avenue at 44th Street)

#### **8:30-9:30 Registration and light breakfast**

#### **9:30-10:00 Introductory interactions**

*Large group*

A series of small group interactions/games with the goal of getting to know each other/new people. Facilitated by Jeff Abramson, Forum on the Arms Trade

#### **10:00-11:00 Humanitarian Disarmament Tools: Framing and Approaches**

*Large group*

An eclectic exploration of humanitarian disarmament tools that frames the day for thinking creatively about advancing the HD agenda.

#### Panelists

- Update from “Humanitarian Disarmament: The Way Ahead” [meeting](#) and work done to create a shared definition of humanitarian disarmament - Bonnie Docherty (panelist and facilitator), Human Rights Watch, Harvard Law School’s International Human Right’s Clinic
- Using human rights as an entry point to humanitarian disarmament work - Yeshua Moser-Puangsuwan, International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC), Mines Action Canada
- financial pressure to end weapons production – Susi Snyder - PAX
- Environmental impact of conflict and steps taken to address them- Doug Weir, Conflict and Environment Observatory
- Drones (including work by the European Forum on Armed Drones, EFAD) and working with impacted communities - Wim Zwijnenberg - PAX

#### **11:00-11:15 Break**

**11:15-11:35 Lightning Updates: ICBL-CMC, ICAN**

*Large group*

Speakers

- International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC) - Paul Hannon, Mines Action Canada
- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) – Ray Acheson, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

**11:35-12:20 What are the Opportunities in the UN, Especially with the Secretary General’s Agenda for Disarmament?**

*Large group*

The Secretary General has launched a new [Agenda for Disarmament](#) that may present opportunities for the humanitarian disarmament community. What are those opportunities and what might be the concerns? More broadly, what are the opportunities within the UN? *This session off the record and not for tweeting.*

Panelists

- The Secretary General’s agenda, implementation plan, and opportunities – Michael Spies, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs
- The importance of humanitarian disarmament, what’s working, and opportunities – María Antonieta Jáquez Huacuja, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations, speaking in her personal capacity not as representative of Mexico
- Moving the humanitarian disarmament agenda within the UN today – Steve Goose (panelist and facilitator), Human Rights Watch

**12:20-1:00 Lunch**

**1:00-1:20 Lightning Updates: Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, INEW**

*Large group*

Speakers

- Campaign to Stop Killer Robots – Mary Wareham, Human Rights Watch
- International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW) – Hugo Van Halder, PAX

**1:20-2:30 HD Tools - Further Exploration**

*Small groups*

Five small group discussions, rotate every 20 minutes, attend those you like.

- defining and branding humanitarian disarmament
- using human rights as an entry point to humanitarian disarmament work
- environmental impact of conflict and steps taken to address them
- financial pressure to end weapons production
- interacting with the UN/Secretary General’s approach

**2:30-3:00 Report Back/Discussion**

*Large group*

**Dinner - Tuttle Bar and Grill** (735 2nd Avenue, between 39th and 40th Streets)

**5:00-7:00 Dinner and Talent Sharing**

Join for a meal and sharing of talents. Dinner provided. Drinks must be purchased separately.

**Sunday – 14 October**

**Church Center**

**8:30-9:30 Breakfast**

**9:30-10:15 Raising Voices and Meeting the Needs of Those Impacted by Conflict**

*Large group*

Humanitarian disarmament advocates often speak for the needs of those impacted by conflict. How do leaders of communities impacted by conflict drive and participate in humanitarian disarmament work? For those of us outside conflict areas, what are ways we can promote raising community voices and addressing local needs? Moderated by Dan Mahanty, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)

Panelists

- Connecting local perspectives to the national and international humanitarian disarmament agenda, with experiences from Nigeria – Mimidoo Achakpa, Accelerating Localisation Through Partnerships project and Women's Right to Education Programme
- Highlighting the case of individuals affected by explosive weapons in Syria – Alma Taslidžan Al-Osta - Humanity & Inclusion
- Elevating perspectives from countries impacted by US national security policies – Rahma Hussein, Columbia Law School

**10:15-11:00 Humanitarian Disarmament Tools II: Timing and Cross-Cutting Issues**

*Large group*

A second eclectic exploration of humanitarian disarmament tools.

Panelists

- Exploring the needs of campaigns at different stages – Matthew Bolton, International Disarmament Institute, Pace University
- Recent government-led initiatives related to gender – Allison Pytlak, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- Working with and empowering under-represented groups – Erin Hunt, Mines Action Canada
- HD cities - engaging cities to promote humanitarian disarmament – Doug Weir, Conflict and Environment Observatory

**11:00-11:15 Break**

**11:15-11:35 Lightning Updates: Control Arms, IANSA**

*Large group*

Speakers

- Control Arms – Raluca Masumen, Control Arms
- International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) – Mimidoo Achakpa, Accelerating Localisation Through Partnerships project and Women's Right to Education Programme (Nigeria)

**11:35-12:35 Cross-cutting issues**

*Small groups*

Four (or more) small group discussions, rotate every 20 minutes, attend those you like.

- Raising national/community voices in the humanitarian disarmament community
- Tackling the arms trade as part of humanitarian disarmament work
- Humanitarian disarmament cities
- Gender agenda

**12:35-1:15 Lunch**

**1:15-1:45 Safeguarding**

*Large Group (via skype)*

Short presentation on defining safeguarding and what has been happening in the sector, as well as steps to take regarding prevention, reporting, and response. Followed by question and answer. Facilitated by Anna Macdonald, Control Arms

- Lucy Heaven Taylor, humanitarian and development [consultant](#)

**1:45-2:30 HD Activity - Real Life Tool Choices**

*Large group*

An interactive humanitarian disarmament game in which participants decide whether the tools they are handed can help address the specific issues and challenges that someone else has identified. *Try to solve the challenge you've received and help others find the best tools. Compare solutions one-on-one.* Facilitated by Jeff Abramson.

**2:30-3:00 Closing Circle**

*Large group*

Everyone asked to reflect and share something they will take away from the meeting.