

Schedule and Update Program: 2023 World Conference against A and H Bombs

(As of August 1, 2023)

Please note: the programme below has been edited to provide the zoom links for Aotearoa New Zealand: the times below are all in JST (GMT+9), which is three hours behind the time here in Aotearoa. The sessions where there you can join online are highlighted in **yellow**



Theme and Overview of the World Conference

Main Theme:

With the Hibakusha, Let Us Achieve a Nuclear Weapon-free, Peaceful and Just World – for the Future of the Humankind and Our Planet

Conference Schedule:

- August 4 (Fri) – 5 (Sat): International Meeting (10F, Hiroshima JA Building,)
August 6 (Sun): Hiroshima Day Rally (Green Arena, Hiroshima Sports Center)
August 7 - 9: 2023 World Conference against A and H Bombs – Nagasaki
 August 7 (Mon) Opening Plenary (Nagasaki Shimin Kaikan Gymnasium)
 August 8 (Tue) Forums/ workshops/ field trips (different venues in Nagasaki City)
 August 9 (Wed) Nagasaki Day Rally/ Closing Plenary
 (Nagasaki Shimin Kaikan Gymnasium)

August 2 and 3: Arrival in Hiroshima

August 4 (Friday):

International Meeting (First day)

Venue: Hiroshima JA Building (4-7-3 Otemachi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima. Tel: 082-244-5360)

Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation is provided.

Format: In-person meeting & Livestreamed by Zoom (link below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83155817624?pwd=a21jUXB3Unc3S0RZOWp3VjJETHRNUT09>

Webinar ID: 831 5581 7624 Passcode: 238485

14:00-14:40 Opening Session

- Opening declaration; Introduction of overseas delegates
- Organizer's speech: Noguchi Kunikazu, Co-Chair, Steering Committee
- Greetings on behalf of the Hibakusha: Hamasumi Jiro, Assistant Secretary General, Japan Confederation of A-and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo)
- Presentation of messages (national governments, Hiroshima/Nagasaki mayors)

14:40-17:00 Session 1: "Spreading voices of the Hibakusha to the world"

- Speakers: Kodama Michiko, Hibakusha of Hiroshima
Yokoyama Teruko, Hibakusha of Nagasaki
Special report on the Black Rain Lawsuit: by Tamura Kazuyuki, Prof. Emeritus, Hiroshima University
Lee Ki-yeol and Sim Jin-tae, Korean A-Bomb Casualty Association, ROK
Abacca Anjain-Maddison, Representative of the Rongelap Islanders, the Marshall Islands

August 5 (Saturday):

International Meeting (Second day)

Venue: Hiroshima JA Building; Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation is provided.

Format: In-person rally & Livestreamed by Zoom (link below)

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09:30-12:00 Session 2: Prohibition of nuclear weapons and achieving a world without nuclear weapons

Speakers: Joseph Gerson, Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security, U.S.

Oleg Bodrov, Public Council of the Southern Coast of the Gulf of Finland, Russia

Roland Nivet, French Peace Movement

Lee Jun Kyu, Institute for Unification and Peace Policy, Hanshin University, ROK

Yasui Masakazu, Secretary General, Japan Council against A and H Bombs

12:00-13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30-16:00 Session 3: A nuclear weapon-free, peaceful and just world – Solidarity and actions of civil society

Speakers: Margaret Engel, Peace Action New York State, U.S.

Kate Hudson, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, U.K.

Reiner Braun, Scientists for Peace, Germany/ Ramstein Campaign - Close the US Airbase/ Former Executive Director, International Peace Bureau

Ulla Klotzer, Women for Peace – Finland/ Global Women United against NATO

Sean Conner, Executive Director, International Peace Bureau (IPB)

16:00-16:30 Closing Session:

Proposal and adoption of the Declaration of the International Meeting

Closing remarks

August 6 (Sunday):

Hiroshima Day Rally

Venue: Green Arena, Hiroshima Sports Center (4-1 Motomachi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima.)

Time: 13:00-15:30 Format: In-person rally & Livestreamed by Zoom (link below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87169618680?pwd=TUFxUzVTTzd1WTRHMjJzQVlldWRDUT09>

Webinar ID: 871 6961 8680 Passcord: 230806

Program:

Opening songs; Opening remarks; Introduction of overseas delegates and guests

Presentation of messages

Organizer's keynote report: Tomida Koji, Drafting Committee Chair

Greetings by Hiroshima Mayor: Matsui Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima (TBC)

Greetings from the Hibakusha: Mimaki Toshiyuki, Co-Chair, Nihon Hidankyo

Guest speaker: Wada Shizuka, Writer/ Co-convenor, Signature campaign to urge the Japanese government to join the TPNW

Greetings of solidarity from political parties/ parliamentarians

- Shii Kazuo, Chair, Japanese Communist Party

Special campaign: "Conveying Hibakusha's voices to the world":

- Setsuko Thurlow, Hibakusha of Hiroshima
- Yano Miyako, Hibakusha of Hiroshima
- Makino Kazumi, Chair, Black Rain Sufferers' Association of Hiroshima
- Abacca Anjain-Maddison, Rongelap Islander, Marshall Islands

Prohibition of nuclear weapons/ achieving a world without nuclear weapons –Movements in nuclear powers and "nuclear umbrella" states

- Ersilia Soudais, Member of French National Assembly, France Unbowed
- Daniel Högsta, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)
- Phan Thi Khanh Chi, Vietnam Peace Committee
- Corazon Fabros, Nuclear-Free Philippines Coalition/ Co-President, IPB

Cultural Program: Chorus "Hiroshima – Rivers of Love" and speech by Nakazawa Misayo (wife of Nakazawa Keiji, author of the "Barefoot Gen") - TBC

Report from the Scientists Forum of the 2023 World Conference "Sending out messages of peace from students, in the midst of stormy nuclear-arms buildup"

People's campaign to urge the Japanese government to join the TPNW:

- Youth organizing Committee of Kochi Prefecture
- Toyoki Keiko, Kofu Citizens Association to urge the signing/ratification of TPNW
- Murakami Atsuko, Through marcher of Tokyo-Hiroshima course, 2023 Nationwide Peace March

Message from Hiroshima (Hiroshima Organizing Committee)

Adoption of a conference declaration

Closing

August 7 (Monday): Move from Hiroshima to Nagasaki:

Opening Plenary, 2023 World Conference against A & H Bombs - Nagasaki

Venue: Nagasaki Shimin Kaikan Gymnasium (5-1 Uonomachi, Nagasaki. Tel:095-825-1400)

Time: 15:00-17:30 Format: In-person rally & Livestreamed by Zoom (link below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84081856572?pwd=NC9Fc2loY1V6cFhmWHdCSWZtaXp0dz09>

Webinar ID: 840 8185 6572 Passcode: 230807

Program:

Opening; Opening declaration

Introduction of overseas delegates and guests

Presentation of messages from overseas

Greetings by Nagasaki Mayor: Suzuki Shiro, Mayor of Nagasaki

Organizer's keynote report: Tomida Koji, Drafting Committee Chair

Greetings from the Hibakusha: Tanaka Shigemitsu, Co-Chair, Nihon Hidankyo

Guest speakers:

- Ambassador Alexander Kmentt, Director, Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Department, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria

- Minister Saúl Zambrano, Chargée d'Affaires, ad interim, Embassy of Mexico in Japan

Special report from the NPT 1st Preparatory Committee: Tsuchida Yayoi, Japan Gensuikyo

Greetings of solidarity from political parties/ parliamentarians

Reports by overseas delegates: Struggles to achieve a world without nuclear weapons:

- Joseph Gerson, Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security, U.S.

- Kate Hudson, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, U.K.

- Ulla Klotzer, Women for Peace – Finland/ Global Women United against NATO

- Yurii Sheliashenko, Ukrainian Pacifist Movement

- SPARK, ROK

Prepare for Peace, not War—For a Japan to join the TPNW:

- Special remarks: Kobayashi Setsu, Prof. Emeritus, Keio University

- Nationwide Peace March: Through marchers/ International Youth Relay marchers

- Voices from Fukushima youths: Stop releasing radioactive water to the sea!

- Kogusuri Gaku, Leader of Tokyo Students Peace Tour

Cultural Program: Ushijima Kazumi (singer)

Adjournment

[August 8 \(Tuesday\)](#)

(Workshops with Japanese-English translation)**

All workshops are in-person meetings; No online livestreaming.

[August 9 \(Wednesday\):](#)

[Nagasaki Day Rally/ Closing Plenary, 2023 World Conference -Nagasaki](#)

Venue: Nagasaki Shimin Kaikan Gymnasium

Time: 10:30-13:00 Format: In-person rally & Livestreaming by Zoom (link below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992882840?pwd=ejM0djY1K2NnMGVBK2sxaXICUkY1QT09>

Webinar ID: 899 9288 2840 Passcode: 230809

Program:

Speeches by guests:

- Nakamitsu Izumi, UN Under-Secretary-General/ High Representative for Disarmament
- Ahmad Faisal Muhamad, Permanent Representative, U.N. Mission of Malaysia

Greetings by guests: Kishimoto Satoko, Mayor of Suginami Ward, Tokyo

Minute of silence (at 11:02)

Special campaign: Conveying Hibakusha's voices to the world

- Tanaka Terumi, Co-Chair, Nihon Hidankyo
- Lee Ki-yeol and Sim Jin-tae, Korean A-bomb Casualty Association, ROK
- Abacca Anjain-Maddison, Representative of Rongelap Islanders, Former Senator, the Marshall Islands

Message from Nagasaki (Nagasaki Organizing Committee)

Speeches by overseas delegates for achieving the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons:

- Margaret Engel, Peace Action New York, U.S.
- Reiner Braun, Scientists for Peace, Germany/ IPB
- Roland Nivet, French Peace Movement
- Oleg Bodrov, Public Council of the Southern Coast of the Gulf of Finland, Russia
- Sean Conner, Executive Director, International Peace Bureau (IPB)

For a Japan to join the TPNW; Solidarity with the struggles of Okinawa/Nansei Islands against military bases and massive arms-buildup

- Akamine Seiken, Member of the House of Representatives/ JCP
- Relay talk by representatives of Kyushu area and Okinawa against massive military buildup
- Young delegates of New Japan Women's Association
- Young members of Nagasaki Democratic Medical Institutions

Concluding remarks of the "Peace Wave"

Adoption of the conference declaration

Proposal for future actions

Closing remarks/ Finale

August 10 (Thursday):

Leaving Japan by respective flights/ transportation methods – Good-bye!!