



New Zealand Institute of International Affairs 2014 FOREIGN POLICY LECTURE

Co-hosted with the United Nations Association of New Zealand

INVITATION

DISARMAMENT: THE BALANCE SHEET

A public lecture by

Angela Kane

UN High Representative for Disarmament

Monday, 7 April 2014

5.40-6.40pm

Lecture Theatre Two, Rutherford House (ground floor)

Victoria University Pipitea Campus

23 Lambton Quay, Wellington

Entry to Rutherford House is via Bunny Street or Lambton Quay. See grid c/d-10 on the [Pipitea campus map](#).

Light refreshments will be provided following the lecture.

RSVP required by 3 April 2014 to nziia@vuw.ac.nz

UN Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon has said our world is over-armed and peace is under-funded.

Are we any closer to nuclear disarmament since New Zealand took its stand in the 1980s? How realistic is a Middle East Zone free of Weapons of Mass Destruction? Why did Assad agree to give up chemical weapons? Is the Arms Trade Treaty all good news?

The UN's foremost disarmament expert will talk about these and other disarmament challenges and successes.



Angela Kane assumed the position of High Representative for Disarmament Affairs in March 2012. She heads the United Nations office that promotes nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and supports disarmament regimes involving other weapons of mass destruction. It also promotes disarmament efforts in the area of conventional weapons, particularly small arms which are the weapons of choice in contemporary conflicts. You may have seen Ms Kane feature prominently in the news in recent times. In 2013, she travelled to Syria to negotiate access for United Nations chemical weapons inspectors with Bashar al-Assad. This process culminated of course in the finding that chemical weapons had in fact been used- and resulted in Syria agreeing to rid itself of chemical weapons. Ms Kane is also the United Nations' points person in the negotiations aimed at moving forward on a Middle East Zone of free of weapons of mass destruction. Ms. Kane has held a wide range of high positions in the United Nations during her long career. Prior to assuming her current post, she was Under-Secretary-General for Management, following a term as Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs. She has also held leadership positions in peacekeeping and public information, and worked on disarmament issues earlier in her career. Her field experience includes stints in Ethiopia and Eritrea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and postings in Indonesia and Thailand. She has also held the positions of Director in the Department of Political Affairs and Director in the Department of Public Information.

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