

Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Information for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations

Summary

The present document provides preliminary information for participants at the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Any necessary additional information will be provided closer to the date of the session. Documentation and other information will be posted, as it becomes available, on the website of the 2023 Preparatory Committee (<https://meetings.unoda.org/npt-/treaty-on-the-non-proliferation-of-nuclear-weapons-preparatory-committee-for-the-eleventh-review-conference-first-session-2023>).



I. Dates and venue

1. The first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held in Vienna from 31 July to 11 August 2023.
2. The opening meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, 31 July, and will be held in the M-Plenary Conference Room (M-Building, first floor) at the Vienna International Centre.

II. Restrictions related to the coronavirus disease pandemic

3. As of 1 March 2023, there are no restrictions related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in place in the host country and host city. Participants are strongly encouraged to consult official Austrian sources for any restrictions that may be in place, including those that apply to travellers entering Austria, at the following webpage: www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information.
4. All participants, including vaccinated participants, are encouraged to take all feasible precautions to ensure the safe conduct of the meetings of the Preparatory Committee. Participants are also asked not to attend the meetings if they feel ill or have respiratory or other symptoms.

III. List of speakers and general debate

5. The list of speakers for the general debate will be open from 10 a.m. (New York time) on 30 June 2023. States parties wishing to add the names of their representatives to the list of speakers for the general debate are invited to contact the Secretariat (npt@un.org).
6. Given that a large number of States parties are expected to take part in the debate, national statements should be limited to five minutes and statements on behalf of groups of States parties to eight minutes. Similarly, statements in the exercise of the right of reply should not exceed five minutes for the first intervention and three minutes for the second. Longer statements, submitted in writing, will be reflected on the website of the Preparatory Committee (<https://meetings.unoda.org/npt/-/treaty-on-the-non-proliferation-of-nuclear-weapons-preparatory-committee-for-the-eleventh-review-conference-first-session-2023>).
7. Delegations are kindly asked to provide their statements in advance for the interpretation services. They may do so by sending an electronic copy of their statement to unov.conference@un.org and should clearly indicate the meeting (Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee), agenda item title and number and delegation name in the subject line of the email. Alternatively, delegations may provide 14 hard copies. The United Nations does not provide photocopying or printing services.
8. Delegations are kindly requested to email electronic versions of their statements to the Secretariat (npt@un.org) as early as possible, for posting on the website of the Preparatory Committee, and to clearly indicate the meeting (Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee), agenda item title and number and delegation name in the subject line of the email.

IV. List of participants

9. States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, in writing, the composition of their delegations at the session, as soon as possible and by no later than 30 June 2023. Lists of participants should be submitted in Microsoft Word format, under the cover of a note verbale from an embassy, the permanent mission or the ministry of foreign affairs and should be sent by email to the Secretariat (npt@un.org).

V. Accreditation and registration procedures

10. All members of delegations to the Preparatory Committee, unless they are already in possession of a valid grounds pass to the United Nations Office in Vienna, are requested to register using the Indico platform (<https://indico.un.org/event/1004476/>) by no later than 30 June 2023. There will be one registration form for the meetings of both the Committee and the working group on further strengthening the review process of the Treaty. Delegates must specify which meeting or meetings they will attend. Registrations will only be processed for members of delegations who are included on their delegation's list of participants (see section III).

11. Delegates will receive an email from the Indico system approving their registration within a few days of submitting their registration. Delegations will later receive a separate email from unodc-conferenceregistration@un.org, in which they will be requested to upload a passport-style photograph in digital format (JPG) that will be used for their conference pass. Delegates are highly encouraged to upload their photos in advance.

12. All delegates will receive a conference pass, which will allow them entry to the meeting. Delegates attending the meetings of both the Preparatory Committee and the working group will receive one badge for the meetings of both.

13. Identification passes will be issued at the United Nations Security and Safety Section Pass Office at Gate One of the Vienna International Centre. Participants who have uploaded their photograph in advance will be able to collect their pass from the area marked "Preprinted conference passes", located to the right after entrance through Gate One. Participants who have not uploaded their photograph in advance will be able to request and collect their pass from the Pass Office. The regular working hours of the Pass Office are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, and passes can be collected from 31 July until the end of the meetings of the Preparatory Committee, on 11 August. Participants who will also be attending the meeting of the working group will obtain one pass that will be valid for the meetings of both the Committee and the working group (covering the period from 24 July to 11 August) and may collect their pass in advance on 21 July, from 1 to 3.30 p.m., and on 23 July, from 3 to 6 p.m. Participants who are only attending the meetings of the Committee may collect their passes in advance on 28 July from 1 to 3.30 p.m., and on 30 July, from 3 to 6 p.m. Participants will need their valid passport to collect their pass.

VI. Documentation

14. All documents and statements for the first session of the Preparatory Committee will be available on the website of the Committee (<https://meetings.unoda.org/npt-/treaty-on-the-non-proliferation-of-nuclear-weapons-preparatory-committee-for-the-eleventh-review-conference-first-session-2023>).

15. Pursuant to the guidelines of the General Assembly on the submission of documents (in particular, Assembly resolutions [52/214](#), [53/208](#) and [59/265](#)), documents submitted by States parties should not exceed 20 pages (10,700 words). However, it is strongly recommended that documents not exceed five single-spaced pages (2,675 words) to reduce costs, facilitate translation and ensure timely issuance. Given the special circumstances under which the Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee work, States parties should submit pre-session documentation, including reports and working papers, to the Secretariat at least six weeks before the start of the first session of the Preparatory Committee and by no later than 12 June 2023 to facilitate translation into the official languages and issuance two weeks prior to the session. In order to comply with these requirements, delegations are encouraged to provide only new information when submitting reports. States parties are requested to submit documents in Microsoft Word format to Gunther Pointner (pointner@un.org), with a copy to the Secretariat (npt@un.org) and clearly indicate the meeting (Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee) in the subject line of the email. It should be noted that e-mail submissions become valid only upon acknowledgement of receipt by the Secretariat.

VII. Side events and exhibitions

16. The number of rooms available for side events during the first session of the Preparatory Committee is limited. However, States and organizations that plan to hold a side event utilizing United Nations facilities can apply for consideration by completing the side event request form annexed to the present document (annex I) and submitting it to the Secretariat (npt@un.org) by no later than 31 May 2023. The availability of facilities is not guaranteed, and applications will be considered with attention to the needs and requirements of the applicant. It should be noted that email submissions become valid only upon acknowledgement of receipt by the Secretariat.

17. Limited space is available for exhibition. To request the use of such space, applicants should complete the exhibition request form (annex II) and email it to the Secretariat (npt@un.org) as soon as possible and by no later than 31 May 2023. The availability of facilities is not guaranteed, and applications will be considered with attention to the needs and requirements of the applicant. It should be noted that email submissions become valid only upon acknowledgement of receipt by the Secretariat. Exhibitions may involve additional costs to be borne by the requester.

VIII. Secretariat

18. The Secretariat can be contacted at npt@un.org.

19. A provisional list of Secretariat officials is provided below.

<i>Area of responsibility</i>	<i>Name</i>
Secretary	Christopher King
Non-governmental organizations	Diane Barnes
Side events/exhibitions	Erika Kawahara/Mr. Hyoungh Rark Cho
Documentation	Gunther Pointner
Participant list	Lucia Andaya
Speakers list	Erika Kawahara

Annex I

Side event request form

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Please fill in all fields. This form must be returned by email to the Office for Disarmament Affairs (npt@un.org) by 31 May 2023. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

Profile of the organizer				
1. Submission date (DD/MM/YYYY)				
2. Organizer name(s)				
3. Main activities of the organization and website of the organization				
4. Has the applicant organized an NPT side event in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please indicate year of most recent event)		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Profile of the event				
5. Title of the event				
6. Brief description of the event				
7. Sponsors (if any)				
Planning requirements				
8. Proposed date and time All side events shall be held during lunch hour, beginning at 1.15 p.m. and ending at 2.30 p.m.	<i>First preference</i>		<i>Second preference</i>	
	From:	To:	From:	To:
9. Details of the intended audience and expected number of participants				
10. Equipment and technical services requested (PC and projector are provided). Nameplates are not included. Any costs will be borne by the requester.				
11. Name of speaker	Title	Affiliation	Need for temporary badge	
(1)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(2)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(3)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Total number of temporary badges required: (Please notify us immediately of any change in the request.)				
Contact information				
12. Main contact person	Name: Address:		Tel.: Email:	
13. Alternate contact person	Name: Address:		Tel.: Email:	

By submitting this request form, you shall be deemed to have accepted the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Side event must be open to all participants in the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
- (b) Side event organizers shall be responsible for ensuring access to United Nations premises by their event participants. The Office for Disarmament Affairs will not facilitate these arrangements;
- (c) Side event organizers shall be responsible for delivering, storing, distributing and removing their materials for their events. The United Nations will not receive or store any materials on behalf of side event organizers;
- (d) United Nations interpretation services are not available for side events;
- (e) Side event organizers shall be responsible for publicizing their events;
- (f) Confirmation of the programme of side events for the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will take place after the deadline for the submission of request forms. The United Nations will not respond to any request for earlier confirmation. All communication will be directed to the designated contact persons only;
- (g) Side event organizers shall assume full financial responsibility for event-related costs, risks and damages;
- (h) The United Nations may withdraw its confirmation of side events at any time and without incurring any liability in the event of extraordinary unforeseen circumstances.

Signed by:

(Authorized representative of the requester)

Date:

Note: Food and drinks are strictly prohibited in the conference rooms. Activities involving food and drinks are allowed only in the areas designated for that purpose. The United Nations will not facilitate such arrangements. Please note that your event must be adjourned in a timely manner and the participants must vacate the room at the stipulated time (no exceptions). A delayed start time, regardless of the reason (e.g., delayed ending of a prior meeting), will not permit an extension of the end time of your event. The audio feed for your event will be terminated promptly at the end of the stipulated time period, and service providers will begin preparing the room for the meeting to follow; no exceptions will be made.

Annex II

Exhibition application form

(State parties/intergovernmental organizations only)

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Please fill in all fields. This form must be returned by email to the Office for Disarmament Affairs (npt@un.org) by 31 May 2023. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

(Official use only)		Received on (DD/MM/YYYY)	Rejected: Late application Incomplete (#) Other (...)
1. Date of application (DD/MM/YYYY)			
Profile of the organizer			
2. Exhibitor(s) (e.g., name of photographer/ artist)			
3. Organizer(s) (e.g., name of organization presenting the exhibition)			
4. Endorsed by (name of Permanent Mission)			
5. Has the applicant organized an NPT exhibition in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Profile of the exhibition and planning requirements			
6. Title of the exhibition			
7. Request for support (e.g. panels, hanging materials)			
8. Brief description of the size and physical content of the exhibition	Size (H × W × D in centimetres)	Medium (photo, sculpture, etc.)	
9. Proposed date and time of set-up and breakdown			
10. Attach a full, non-returnable portfolio in electronic format, including all exhibition items and all texts or captions to be displayed, plus audio or video if applicable. <input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio attached			
Delivery and installation The United Nations Secretariat does not receive or store any materials on behalf of the organizers. The Secretariat refuses to take any delivery of exhibition items and shall be not responsible for such items.			

Contact information	
11. Main contact person	Name:
Mailing address:	
Email:	Tel.:
12. Alternate contact person	Name:
Mailing address:	
Email:	Tel.:
<p>We agree to assume full responsibility for delivering, insuring, storing, installing, maintaining, dismantling, crating, shipping and publicizing our exhibition, for the storage of shipping and packing cases during the exhibition, as well as for all related costs, including all costs incurred for the requested equipment and services.</p> <p>We agree to the following terms and conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) All materials must be submitted for review at least four weeks prior to the proposed date of the exhibition. If that timeline is not observed, the intended time slot may have to be changed. (b) All exhibition applications must be reviewed and approved by the Secretariat; (c) The size of each exhibition will need to be determined based on the total number of accepted exhibitions. An exhibition request may be accepted subject to adaptation; (d) Confirmation of exhibitions will be sent out by email as soon as an indicative schedule of exhibitions is finalized. The United Nations will not respond to any request for earlier confirmation; (e) Sales are not allowed at the Vienna International Centre exhibition areas or elsewhere on the premises; (f) The United Nations reserves the right to determine the exact location and display of each exhibition. The United Nations may withdraw its confirmation of exhibitions at any time and without incurring any liability in the event of extraordinary unforeseen circumstances. 	
Signed by: (Authorized representative of the requester)	Date: