

POLICY IMPERATIVES FOR AN ARCTIC NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE

Only one circumpolar nation has NWFZ in its Arctic Policy - Next?



Program

October 26, 27, 2012

Ottawa University, VANIER BLDG, Social Sciences, 120 University Street, Ottawa, Canada K1N 6N5

The workshop will consider global security and governance for an Arctic without nuclear weapons
Held to honour the memory of Prof. Michael Wallace, expert analyst; Director, Canadian Pugwash

FRIDAY, October 26, 2012 - Public Forum – Rm 4004 – Social Sciences Bldg.

4:30 – 5:30 Reception

5:30 – Welcome and introduction of distinguished guests

5:40 – 7:00 Revisiting the Hiroshima Declaration

Can a Nordic-Canadian Nuclear-weapon-free Zone Propel the Arctic to Become a Permanent Zone of Peace? [[speech](#)]

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DISCUSSION FOLLOWING

7:30 – 9:00 Delegates dinner

SATURDAY October 27, 2012 Rm 4006 – Social Sciences Bldg.

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 am – Workshop: POLICY IMPERATIVES FOR AN ARCTIC NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE

9:00 – 9:15 **Opening Remarks** - Workshop Chair, Adele Buckley

9:15 – 10:45

Session 1:

Policy Status of the Circumpolar Non -Nuclear Weapon States and Other States with Arctic Interests

CIRCUMPOLAR NNWS: Canada, Denmark(Greenland), Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

Moderator: Peter Jones [University of Ottawa, Canada]

Rapporteur: Peter Meincke [Royal Commonwealth Society]

Panel Speakers: Thordur Oskarsson [Ambassador, Embassy of Iceland], Jean- Marie Collin[PNNND, Policy Expert, France], Rob Van Riet [World Future Council, UK; Nuclear Abolition Forum]

Discussion

10:45 -11:00 Refreshment break

11:00 - 12:00

Session 2:

Governance of the North on the Path to a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Arctic

Moderator: Adele Buckley [Canadian Pugwash]

Rapporteur: Alyn Ware [Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament [PNND]]

Panel Speakers: Dennis Bevington [MP NDP Western Arctic, NWT]; Shelagh Grant [Trent University]presented by Nicole Waintraub, [University of Ottawa]; Mayra Gomez [PNND]

Discussion

12:00 – 1:00 - Lunch

1:00 – 2:30

Session 3: Arctic Cooperation vs. Arctic Militarization

Moderator: Alyn Ware [PNND]

Rapporteur: Pierre Jasmin [l'Université du Québec à Montréal]

Panel Speakers: David Harries [Royal Military College; Foresight Canada]; Steven Staples [Rideau Institute]

Discussion

2:30 – 2:45

A Future World without Nuclear Weapons –Stephen Murray [Dept of National Defence, Canada]
Report on 1 of 4 Scenarios considered at Thinkers’ Lodge, Pugwash NS, in August 2012, as part of an exercise in Strategic Foresight

2:45 – 3:00 Refreshment break

3:00 – 4:15

Session 4: Proposing a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Arctic in the Geopolitical Environment

Moderator: Peter Stoett [Concordia University]

Rapporteur: Rob Van Riet [Nuclear Abolition Forum]

Panel Speakers: Alyn Ware [PNND], Jean-Marie Collin[PNND France], Erika Simpson [Western University]

Discussion

4:15 – 5:15

Session 5: Insights & Workshop Recommendations for Action

Moderator: Pierre Jasmin [l'Université du Québec à Montréal]

Rapporteur: Erika Simpson [Western University]

Panel Speakers: Rob Van Riet [World Futures Council]; Steven Staples [Rideau Institute]; Adele Buckley [Canadian Pugwash]

6:00 – 8:00 Delegates dinner

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Some discussion points

Session 1: Status of the Circumpolar Non-Nuclear-Weapon States and Other States with Arctic Interests

Officials or analysts from the non-nuclear weapon states are asked to give the present policy of their government on Arctic NWFZ, and if it has none to date, outline what conditions would be required to make progress. Each of Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Finland is already effectively a nuclear-free state, but, except for Denmark, this has not yet entered into policy decisions. Policies of nuclear-armed states UK and France will be presented, in relation to the potential for an Arctic NWFZ.

The government of Denmark has had a policy statement in support of Arctic NWFZ since fall, 2011. What are next-steps that could be taken now by any government?

Session 2: Governance of the North on the Path to a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Arctic

In the changing North, could there be new developments in governance that would be concurrent with and useful for the negotiations toward an Arctic NWFZ? Would the idea be welcomed? Or considered to be a distraction? Are there connections with human security, environmental security and traditional state security? Considering the history that prompted the ICC Resolution of 1983, should there be mandatory inclusion of indigenous peoples in all Arctic NWFZ negotiations?

Session 3: Arctic Cooperation vs. Arctic Militarization

While every circumpolar nation declares their intent to cooperate, and to live by the rulings of UNCLOS, military buildup and joint military exercises continue. In the light of opening of the “new” Arctic, how does this affect the intention to deploy nuclear-missile equipped submarines, surface vessels, missile bases and nuclear-weapons on aircraft? Canada, Norway, Denmark, Iceland [plus NWS United States] are members of NATO, a nuclear alliance. How does this affect the ability of NNWS to negotiate and conclude an Arctic NWFZ for their territories? Would Russia be more pliable in this cause if NATO was notably absent from the Arctic Ocean and environs? The Search and Rescue Agreement of May 2011 is a model – what other cooperative agreements are in sight?

Session 4: Proposing a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Arctic in the Geopolitical Environment

Examine the possible pathway toward partial NWFZs in the Arctic, e.g. Nordic, Nordic + Canada. What are the impediments to a cooperative agreement between the NNW states on a nuclear-weapon-free zone. Is it likely that such an agreement would pressure the U.S. and Russia to begin work on the NWFZ, for the Arctic alone? Likely time scales? What is the effect on NATO membership?

Session 5: Insights & Workshop Recommendations for Action

The goal is to summarize the potentially useful insights and information developed during the day and then to recommend next steps.

Format of the conference

Panel Sessions: Moderators will introduce each topic for 5 -10 minutes. Each panellist is kindly requested to speak for approximately 10 minutes, following which the discussion will be open to all participants. A power-point presentation projector will be available.

Discussion: The goal for each session is to have half of the period available for discussion. Please note that each intervention should be no more than 3 minutes. The discussions will end with comments from the panellists and conclusions by the moderator and rapporteur.

Note the expanded roles of the moderator and rapporteur, by comparison with many conferences.

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