

UN DISARMAMENT FELLOWS' VISIT TO BRUSSELS

13 - 15 September 2023

Background

Launched by the General Assembly in 1978 at its first special session devoted to disarmament, the Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament aims to train and build the capacity of officials from UN Member States to enable them to participate more effectively in international disarmament deliberating and negotiating fora.

Since its inception in 1979, the Programme has trained over 1000 government officials from 170 Member States, a large number of whom are now holding positions of responsibility in the field of disarmament within their own Governments and in disarmament-related international organizations.

Participants in the Fellowship Programme are selected by UNODA on the basis of nominations from Member States. The selection process takes into account the greater needs of developing countries by training their young diplomats in the field of disarmament and security, and the need for geographical and gender balance. Candidates are between 26 and 35 years of age.

The EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium is tasked with arranging the visit of the Disarmament Fellows to Brussels.

Day One

Wednesday, 13 September 2023

- 21:00** UN Fellows arrive at the **Thon Hotel EU**
- 21:30** Light dinner at the **Thon Hotel EU**
Address: Rue de la Loi 75, Brussels
Room: The Netherlands III



Day Two

Thursday, 14 September 2023

- 08:50** UN group meets in the Hotel Lobby
UN group moves to European External Action Service (EEAS) Building (10 mins walk)
Address: 9A Rond Point Schuman, Brussels
- 09:30** **Opening Remarks and Introduction to the Role of the European Union in Non-Proliferation, Disarmament and Arms Control**
Marjolijn VAN DEELEN, Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, European Union External Action Service (EEAS)
- 09:45** **The EU Council Working Party on Non-Proliferation and Arms Exports: the work of CONOP and COARM**
Pedro AROSTEGUI, Chair of the Council Working Party on Non-Proliferation (CONOP), EEAS
Michal KARCZMARZ, Chair of the Council Working Party on Arms Export Control (COARM), EEAS
- 10:45** Coffee Break
- 11:00** **Dual Use Materials and Exports Control**
Jorge TORRES, Official, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission
- 11:45** **Arms Control in Outer Space**
Roxana-Valentina BANU, Policy Officer in the Space Division, EEAS
- 12:30** **New Technologies, Artificial Intelligence, and Arms Control**
Lene RIETVELD, Policy Officer, EEAS
- 13:15** Lunch at EEAS Canteen
- 14:30** **The EU and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action**
Joseph-Michaël LEBLANC, Policy Officer, Iran Division, EEAS
- 15:10** **UN group moves to the EU Council (3 mins walk)**
15:30 **Guided Tour of the EU Council**
- 16:30** (optional) **UN group moves back to the Hotel (5 mins walk)**
- 18:45** (optional) UN group meets in the Hotel Lobby
- 19:00** **Dinner at Le Jardin du Sommelier**
Address: Rue Stevin 206, Brussels



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Day Three

Friday, 15 September 2023

The Thon Hotel EU - Room: The Netherlands I and II

- 09:00** **Welcome Remarks and Introduction to the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium**
Sibylle BAUER, Chair, EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Consortium /Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- 09:15** **NATO, the EU, and their Contribution to Non-Proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament**
Eirini LEMOS-MANIATI, Deputy Director, Arms Control, Disarmament, WMD Non-Proliferation Centre, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
Sigurd SCHELSTRAETE, Director of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium
- 10:15** Coffee Break
- 10:30** **The Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Nexus**
Raluca CSERNATONI, Fellow, Carnegie Europe
- 11:15** **The Value of Diversity in Arms Control, Non-Proliferation, and Disarmament**
Louis REITMANN, Research Associate, VCDNP
- 12:00** **Arms control and disarmament in outer space: from ballistic missiles to wiper malware**
Clémence POIRIER, Research Fellow, European Space Policy Institute (ESPI)
- 12:45** Lunch at the Thon Hotel
- 13:30** **UN group moves to the Parliamentarium (7 mins walk)**
- 14:00** **Guided Tour at the Parliamentarium**
Address: Pl. du Luxembourg 100, Brussels
- 15:30** **UN group moves to the House of European History (5 mins walk)**
- 16:00** **Tour of the House of European History**
Address: Rue Belliard 135, Brussels
- 18:00** Visit Adjourns



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