

About this event

Although the headlines are often dominated by dire threats of weapons of mass destruction proliferation, it is conventional weapons that are responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths and immeasurable human suffering every year. International progress toward combating the uncontrolled trade in conventional arms has been slow, yet new opportunities are emerging for coordinated global action. This year will be an especially important year at the United Nations for conventional arms proliferation issues. In July, the Arms Trade Treaty will be negotiated. September will mark the Review Conference of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms. And in November, Member States will start reviewing the UN Register of Conventional Arms. Although each of these UN processes have a different focus, all work in concert to help curb the illegal and irresponsible conventional arms trade.

Recognizing the importance of these discussions in addressing the scourge of the illicit trafficking in small arms, this meeting will set impending discussions at the UN in a broader context by considering the underlying threats that they seek to address. The Roundtable discussion will consider the modalities and consequences of the illicit trade in weapons, with specific focus on the elements of the threat that must be addressed. It will also cover the negative impact of irresponsible use of arms that prevents sustainable socio-economic growth of UN Member States. The panel focuses on how the problems of armed violence and mismanagement of arms have been tackled through various existing tools through pragmatic approaches and what needs to be done. Acknowledging that existing measures undertaken through UN Security Council Resolutions, international instruments, as well as development and capacity building programs are critical, but ultimately insufficient to fully address this burgeoning threat, the discussion will also draw upon successful regional initiatives and innovative new approaches that might inform our discussions throughout the course of 2012.

About Turtle Bay Security Roundtable

The Permanent Missions of Japan, Poland and Turkey have been co-hosting a series of events that focus on various security challenges posed in today's world. The seminar is organized in close cooperation with the Stimson Center, an internationally renowned think tank based in Washington DC, and enjoys a strong support from the United Nations. Its inaugural conference held in May 2011 was blessed with the presence of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who emphasized in his keynote speech the significance of international efforts in the area of non-proliferation, disarmament and the important role relevant UN Security Council Resolutions play in non-proliferation efforts.

These events have invited not only UN diplomats and leading experts in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation but also corporate executives and scholars in order to promote candid, in-depth and thought-provoking discussions. The organizers have also tried to facilitate cross-cutting analysis of wide-ranging issues by welcoming the participation of experts in the area of development and peace-building, key components to promote international peace and stability. Below are links to the two previous sessions:

First event (May 31, 2011): <http://www.un.emb-japan.go.jp/events/060211-2.html>

Second event (December 5, 2011): http://www.un.emb-japan.go.jp/events/120711_2.html



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The Turtle Bay Security Roundtable: Opportunities to Prevent Proliferation of Conventional Weapons

May 21, 2012
Japan Society
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An event hosted by:
the Permanent Missions of Japan, Poland
and Turkey to the United Nations
In cooperation with the Stimson Center*

- 9:00–9:20 **Registration and Morning Coffee**
- 9:20–9:40 **Opening Remarks:**
- › **Ambassador Lincoln Bloomfield Jr.**, Chairman, The Stimson Center
 - › **Ambassador Tsuneo Nishida**, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations
 - › **Ambassador Witold Sobków**, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations
 - › **Ambassador Ertuğrul Apakan**, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations

9:40–11:10 **First Session: The Threat of Conventional Weapons Proliferation: Patterns, Methods and Consequences**

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Opening Remarks:

- › **Ambassador Joy Ogwu**, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, Chair of the Second Review Conference on Small Arms Programme of Action

Moderator

- › **Rachel Stohl**, The Stimson Center

Panelists

- › “Overview of illegal trafficking,” **Christian Caryl**, Legatum Institute/Foreign Policy
- › “Sources of Supply,” **Paul Holtom**, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- › “Mechanics of the trade (brokers/shippers),” **Alex Vines**, Chatham House
- › “Illicit financial flows,” **Irwin Nack**, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd

Participants

- › **Members of the Panel of Experts from 1718, 1737 and 1973 Committees**
- › **Rico Carisch**, Compliance and Capacity International, LLC
- › **Katherine Prizeman**, Disarmament Program, Global Action to Prevent War

11:10–11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30–1:00 **Second Session: Conventional Arms Proliferation Challenges: Pragmatic and Innovative Approaches**

The end of the Cold War saw the emergence of conventional arms proliferation issues reflected in intra-state conflicts, a reliance on small arms as often the only weapon of war, and the integration of arms into the illicit networks of drug and

traffickers in conflict resources as well as criminal activities. Strengthening capacity and enhanced transparency as well as vigilance have been considered essential ingredients in identifying illicit trafficking of arms as well as improving accountability of all stakeholders involved in arms trade. Various existing measures are undertaken to address these challenges at the UN through such means as UN Security Council Resolutions, international instruments as well as development and capacity building programs. The menu of such programs ranges from strengthening export control measures and custom inspections in seaports and airports, stockpile management to education and awareness raising in post-conflict communities. This panel will focus not only on existing instruments at the international and regional levels to address the scourge of illicit weapons proliferation, but also prospective new efforts that can be leveraged to mitigate their destructive impact.

Moderator

- › **Brian Finlay**, The Stimson Center

Panelists

- › **Jeff Abramson**, Control Arms
- › **Alejandro Alvarez**, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP
- › **David Bosco**, School of International Studies, American University
- › **Antonio Evora**, Conventional Arms Branch, UNODA
- › **Petr Litavrin**, 1540 Committee Expert Group

Participants

- › **Members of the Panel of Experts from 1718, 1737 and 1973 Committees**
- › **Jeffrey Laurenti**, Century Foundation
- › **Volker Lehmann**, Friedrich Ebert Foundation
- › **Shoji Okuyoshi**, Hitachi America, Ltd.
- › **Loraine Rickard-Martin**, Compliance and Capacity International, LLC
- › **Carl Robichaud**, Carnegie Corporation
- › **Geoffrey Shaw**, IAEA New York Office

1:15–2:15

Luncheon

Keynote Speaker: Stephen Braun, national investigative correspondent and former National Security Editor of the Associated Press, and member of Los Angeles Times reporting team that won the Pulitzer Prize. Author of "Merchant of Death," chosen as one of the Washington Post's Best Books of the Year for 2007

2:15–2:30

Closing Remarks:

- › **Ambassador Ertuğrul Apakan** of Turkey
- › **Ambassador Witold Sobków** of Poland
- › **Ambassador Tsuneo Nishida** of Japan

2:30

End of the event

***all sessions will be open to the press but not attributable (with exception of opening/closing remarks and keynote speech)**