AGENDA

April 25, 2020 (cont)
Noon-1 p.m. Lunch Break
1-2:30 p.m. Workshops/Forums Session
2:30–4 p.m. Second Workshop/Forums Session
4-5:00 p.m. CLOSING PLENARY

Secretary General António Guterres (United Nations–Invited)
Takakusaki Hiroshi (Gensuikyo/Japan – Conf)
Jackie Cabasso (United for Peace & Justice; WSLF/USA - Conf)
Reiner Braun (International Peace Bureau/Germany -Conf)
Beatrice Finn (Int’l Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons /Sweden - Conf)

Reading & Distribution of conference organizers’ statement
Closing

PARTNERS

LOCATION: The Riverside Church - 490 Riverside Dr – NYC
DATES: April 24-26, 2020
REGISTRATION https://worldconference2020.org/registration/
For more information: see worldconference2020.org
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Humanity faces two existential threats: increasing dangers of nuclear war and climate disruption. Human beings created these threats, which can only be reversed by mass popular actions.

2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki -- the beginning of the nuclear era which threatens human survival today. It marks the birth of international efforts to abolish nuclear weapons, and the 25th anniversary of the UN Climate Change Conference. It also marks the 10th NPT Review Conference to be held at the U.N. in April and May.

Our international coalition of disarmament, climate, justice and peace organizations is organizing a World Conference, rally, march and petitions presentations in New York City April 24-26 on the eve of the 2020 NPT Review Conference.

We are engaging the broadest possible collaborations with nuclear weapons abolition, peace, justice and environmental constituencies as well as with diplomats and politicians from countries which are actively and meaningfully committed to achieving a nuclear weapon-free world, a sustainable environment and social and economic justice.

We are committed to preventing nuclear war, prohibiting and eliminating all nuclear weapons, and working in solidarity with the world’s Hibakusha. We are equally committed to stemming and reversing the climate crisis, to social and economic justice, and to building the intersectional movements we need to prevail.

Our World Conference and rally provide unique opportunities for the world’s nuclear disarmament, peace, climate and justice movements to press our demands and to develop the alliances and intersectional movements we will need to prevail.

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**AGENDA¹**

**April 24, 2020**

5-6 p.m.  **Registration**

6-9 p.m.  **Opening** - Japanese choir and First Nation Welcome

**Formal Welcome & Conference Framing** - Joseph Gerson (CPDCS & AFSC/USA)

**Official Greetings** - Plenary

Setsuko Thurlow (Hibakusha of Hiroshima/Canada – Conf)

Ambassador Elayne Whyte Gomez (Costa Rica - Invited)

Noam Chomsky (Video) (Renowned Scholar/USA - Conf)

Michael Klare (5 College Peace & World Security Studies/USA – Conf)

Phillip Jennings (ITUC & Int‘l Peace Bureau/Britain – Conf)


Rev. Liz Theoharis – (Poor People’s Campaign/USA - Conf)

**April 25, 2020**

8-9 a.m.  **Registration**

9:00 a.m.  **Plenary Speeches** – organized by panels (9:00 - noon)

**SECTION 1** - Reporting & Analysis

Hibakusha Panel: Sueichi Kido (Nihon Hidankyo/Japan – Conf), Lee Ki-yeol (Korean A-Bomb Survivors Assoc/Korea – Conf), Leona Morgan (Nuclear Issues Study Group /Navajo - Conf)

Bill McKibben (350.Org/USA - Invited)

Youth speaker - TBD

Walden Bello (Focus on the Global South/Philippines – Conf)

Oleg Bodrov (Coalition for a Clean Baltic/Russia – Conf)

Binalakshmi Nepram (Control Arms Foundation /India – Conf)

**SECTION 2** - Actions & Strategies

Emad Kiyaei (IGD Group/Iran – Conf)

Sharon Dolev (Israeli Disarmament Movement/Israel – Conf)

Youngdae Ko (SPARK/Korea – Conf)

Arielle Denis (International Peace Bureau/France – Conf)

Tadatoshi Akiba (Gensuikin/Japan – Conf)

Andrew Lichterman (Western States Legal Foundation/USA - Conf)

Sharran Burrow (ITUC/Australia – Conf)

Sophia (Soda) Garcia (Pax Christi Philippines/Philippines -Conf)

¹Order of speakers subject to change