



Work program and key dates/events for 2022

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The Basel Peace Office undertakes research, program development and public education over a range of issues relating to international peace and nuclear disarmament. In addition, we organise a number of online events and a smaller number of in-person/hybrid events in Basel, at the United Nations in Geneva and New York, in Prague and in other key capitals/cities around the world.

1. Work program

Abolition 2000

Basel Peace Office (BPO) is a coordinating member of [Abolition 2000](#), the global civil society network to eliminate nuclear weapons. BPO will help organise the 2022 annual meeting of Abolition 2000, co-draft and promote Abolition 2000 international appeals and action alerts, co-manage the website, support the secretariat (in London), help organise some Abolition 2000 webinars, and help run Abolition 2000 Global Council Meetings. In addition, we will continue to co-convene a number of [Abolition 2000 working groups](#), including [Nuclear risk-reduction](#), [Nuclear-Weapon Free Zones](#), [UN Disarmament Agenda and a Nuclear Weapons Convention](#), [Economic Dimensions of Nuclearism](#) (Move the Nuclear Weapons Money), [Peace, Disarmament and SDGs](#) and [Youth Fusion](#) (the [Abolition 2000 Youth Network](#)).

Basel Peace Forum and PACEY Award

BPO will organise an intergenerational dialogue on peace, climate action and nuclear disarmament to be held in conjunction with the 2022 Basel Peace Forum. The event will also include the 2022 PACEY (Peace, nuclear Abolition and Climate Engaged Youth) Award finalist presentations, voting and award ceremony. In addition, BPO will organise a follow-up public event in Basel in mid-late 2022 with the two winning PACEY Award projects to report on progress on the two projects.

Engaging legislators - PNND

BPO and PragueVision serve as the European and Head offices for [Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament](#) (PNND). The BPO Director (Alyn Ware), BPO Deputy Director (Marzhan Nurzhan) and PragueVision Vice-Chair (Vanda Proskova) serve as the principal (unpaid) staff for PNND. Key activities for PNND in 2022 will be:

- a) Further national, regional and global events in follow-up to the launch of [Assuring our Common Future: a parliamentary guide to disarmament for security and sustainable development](#);
- b) Organising the PNND 2022 Assembly;
- c) Organising parliamentary participation and side events at [Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference](#) in January 2022;
- d) Organising events/actions as part of the [PNND Gender, Peace and Security program](#) and the [PNND Climate / Nuclear Disarmament Nexus Program](#);
- e) Engaging parliamentarians in disarmament through the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly and OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

Humanitarian impact, human rights and the law

BPO will continue to promote the humanitarian and legal imperatives to prevent nuclear war and achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world. This includes further implementation of the UN Human Rights Committee 2018 affirmation that nuclear weapons violate the Right to Life, through further submissions to UN Human Rights bodies challenging States parties nuclear weapons policies in their periodic reviews.

We are also planning to join IALANA and Youth Fusion in co-sponsoring a summer/winter school for international relations, law, science and medical students on the issues of peace, disarmament, human security, law, global health, climate protection and sustainable development. Details are still to be developed.

Korea peace and denuclearization process

BPO is a leading participant (co-organiser) in three initiatives/processes relating to the Korea peace and denuclearization process. These are the 3+3 Coalition for a North East Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone, the annual PyeongChang Peace Forum (on the anniversary of the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics which initiated the North/South Summits) and the Korea Peace Network. In 2022, we will play an active role in events and programs of these three initiatives.

Mayors for Peace

BPO serves as the Representative of Basel in *Mayors for Peace*, with a responsibility to build communication and cooperation between Basel and Mayors for Peace and to implement Mayors for Peace programs in Switzerland. This includes liaising with and building cooperation with the Mayors for Peace secretariat in Hiroshima, the Mayors for Peace European secretariate in Granollers (Spain) and other European Executive Members of Mayors for Peace including Manchester City (UK), Hannover (Germany), Malakoff (France), Biograd na Moru (Croatia) and Ypres (Belgium). An important part of this cooperation is inviting the European Executive Cities to the Basel Peace Forum and BPO side events.

Move the Nuclear Weapons Money

BPO will continue to advance the Move the Nuclear Weapons Money program through events, social media promotion and publication of a nuclear weapons divestment handbook.

NoFirstUse Global

PragueVision and BPO host the secretariat and online platform for [NoFirstUse Global](#), a coalition of over 70 organizations engaging the nuclear armed and allied states to adopt no-first-use policies as a transformational measure in phasing out reliance on nuclear deterrence and achieving a nuclear-weapons-free world. In 2022, BPO will assist in organising key events and program activities for NoFirstUse Global.

Nuclear Games

Nuclear Games is a key initiative of BPO to educate and engage youth through personal stories of the impact of the nuclear age told through an innovative and inter-active online platform. In 2022, BPO will cooperate with Docmine and Youth Fusion on a re-launch event of Nuclear Games and on further promotion.

Nuclear weapons treaties: NPT, Ban Treaty and Nuclear Weapons Convention

The NPT is the cornerstone multilateral agreement for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. BPO will participate in the NPT Review Conference which takes place from January 4-28, 2022. The Review Conference, which takes place every 5 years, will include all States Parties (nuclear weapon states, allied states and non-nuclear states). The Swiss government is part of the *Stepping Stones initiative*, a coalition of 16 countries (some non-nuclear and some allied countries) which is promoting nuclear risk reduction and disarmament measures at the NPT. BPO will liaise with them, as well as organise, or co-organise, a number of side events including on nuclear-weapon-free zones, no-first-use, a nuclear weapons convention and Nuclear disarmament and human security.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) is a treaty negotiated and signed by non-nuclear states. BPO and PNND will continue to encourage parliaments and governments of ratifying countries to

adopt strong implementing legislation, based on the model of the New Zealand which prohibits transit and financing as well as possession, manufacture, use and threat or use of nuclear weapons, and which establishes a public advisory committee and a Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control to promote nuclear disarmament.

BPO is a convening member of the Abolition 2000 working group on a Nuclear Weapons Convention. The working group is advancing ways to use the NWC approach to engage nuclear armed and allied states in advancing nuclear disarmament. In 2022, this will include production of working papers, events and advocacy.

Nuclear Weapon Free Zones – Europe and the Middle East

BPO has been active in building parliamentary and civil society support for a Middle East zone free from nuclear weapons and other WMD. We will continue to monitor and engage where possible in developments and events including through participation in the annual UN Conference on establishing a Middle East WMD free zone, and through building parliamentary support for the proposed zone. BPO has promoted discussion on a European NWFZ, including organising events on this topic at the UN and at the NPT Prep Com. In 2022, we will work with the Abolition 2000 NWFZ working group on discussions and possible events on the European NWFZ proposal.

Peace and Sport

BPO has developed a proposal with Non-violence International, the Olympism Project and World Future Council on an *Olympic Peace Convocations Initiative: Advancing the Olympic Truce vision*. The proposal envisages a series of convocations (specialized conferences) of Olympic sportspeople and international peace practitioners to take place every two years in conjunction with the Olympic Games. We are currently liaising with the project partners and the International Olympic Committee Education Commission to ascertain whether we can launch this in conjunction with the 2022 Winter Olympics.

Religions for Peace

BPO is a member of the [Abolition 2000 Interfaith Working Group](#). The BPO Director is author of the [Religions for Peace Nuclear Disarmament Resource Guide](#). A German language edition of the Resource Guide was published with the support of Prof Lucas Kundert and the Basel Reformed Evangelical Church in 2017. In 2022, BPO plans to continue participating in inter-faith nuclear disarmament events, promotion of the resource guide, and engaging religious leaders in our key initiatives including Move the Nuclear Weapons Money and UNFOLD ZERO.

UNFOLD ZERO – United Nations initiatives for nuclear disarmament

BPO co-founded [UNFOLD ZERO](#) with Global Security Institute, PNND, Mayors for Peace, PragueVision, the NGO Committee on Disarmament, World Federalists, World Future Council and Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace. In 2020, UNFOLD ZERO will continue to promote UN initiatives and processes through the [UNFOLD ZERO newsletter](#) and [blog](#). And we will continue to organise actions, events and networking platforms including for the [Global Week of Action on Peace, Climate and Nuclear Abolition](#) and other relevant UN Days.

Youth programs including Youth Fusion

BPO will continue its youth internship program to train youth in international diplomacy, policy development and campaign building. BPO will also support and co-manage [Youth Fusion](#), the global youth network of Abolition 2000. We will also continue to participate in the IPU Network of Young Parliamentarians, and advance nuclear disarmament initiatives to young parliamentarians through this network.

2. Key events/dates, 2022

Note: We are still to decide on which of the International/UN days we organise events. For IPU and OSCE Parliamentary Assemblies and for the NPT Review Conference and UN General Assembly, we will hold side events and engage in the committee/plenary sessions.

Jan 4-28: *NPT Review Conference.* We will be organising various meetings and side events during the conference. **New York and online.**

Jan 19: *Nuclear weapons and human security.* Global parliamentary event as part of implementation of Assuring our Common Future. **Online.**

Jan 20-21: *Basel Peace Forum and PACEY Award events.* **Basel and online.**

Jan 24: *Anniversary of UN Resolution 1 (1).*

Feb 9-11: *PyeongChang Global Peace Forum.* **PyeongChang and online**

Feb 17-18: *IPU Parliamentary Hearing at the UN.* **New York**

Mar 1: *World Future Day and Nuclear Remembrance Day*

Mar 8: *International Day for Women*

Mar 20-24: *IPU Assembly.* **Nusa Dua, Indonesia**

Mar 22-24: *Conference of States Parties to the TPNW.* **Vienna and online.**

May 24: *International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament*

Jul 2-6. *OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.* **Birmingham, UK**

July? *IALANA/BPO/Youth Fusion summer school.* **Basel?**

August 6-9: *Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days*

Aug 25-29: *Global Ethics Forum and WFC AGM.* **Pontresina, Switzerland**

Aug 29: *UN International Day Against Nuclear Tests.*

Aug 30: *WFC/BPO follow-on event after WFC AGM.* **Basel**

Sep 21-Oct 2: *UN High Level period and 2 weeks of action.* Includes UN Day for Peace, UN Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, NY Climate Week and UN Day for Nonviolence. **New York and online**

Oct 4-30. *UNGA Disarmament Committee.* **NY and online**

Oct 19-23: *IPU Assembly.* **Kigali, Rwanda**

Nov 1-5: *Geneva Peace Week.* To include the *Youth Mock Court for the Right to Peace.* **Geneva and online**

Nov?: *3rd Session of the UN Conference on Establishing a Middle East Zone free of WMD.* **New York and online**

Dec 10: *Human Rights Day.* Anniversary of launch of Youth Fusion

Dates still to be decided:

- Abolition 2000 Annual Meeting
- PNND Assembly
- PACEY 2022 Award follow-up event
- Nuclear Games re-launch
- Launch of Nuclear weapons divestment handbook
- Various PNND/IPU events on follow-up to the handbook, including global ones on Small arms and light weapons/Arms Trade Treaty, Disarmament and sustainable development, and Gender and Disarmament, plus regional and national events including Central Africa and South Asia.
- BPO Annual Meeting