

RECNA / Nagasaki 75th Anniversary Nuclear Scenarios Process

PrepCom #11 Agenda

(revised 26 Aug. 2020 9:30 a.m. JST)

Nagasaki: 26 August 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Singapore: 26 Aug. 2020, 8:30 a.m. • Sydney: 26 Aug. 2020, 10:30 a.m. • California: 25 Aug. 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Text in black is for discussion at this (or a subsequent) meeting.

Text in grey text is from previous PrepComs, retained here for reference.

1. Next meetings

- Weekly at same time, same Zoom link: <<https://zoom.us/j/83759992147?pwd=cy9hRVBPeXdoOEExHVmNRQ0dKbHdmUT09>>
- Agenda, documents available each week at: <<https://nautilus.org/recna-prepcom>>
- No PrepComs were held August 11/12 and August 18/19

2. Action items in process:

PARTICIPANT FORMAL INVITATION

Draft formal invitation: Tatsu to draft

Review mix, numbers of committed and possibles in participant spreadsheet, allocate who invites possible

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wsKq-isq4JyoEAl2RmauqkqoKHM7jefOfUjO19S-g/edit#gid=617737699>

Date to send out formal invitation Sep4

Iterative process—some will decline with hard times, some will dropout over coming months

Discussion:

Action Items:

Capture approved profiles from participants and compile

POSSIBLE OPENING CEREMONY

Proposal: Mayor prerecorded welcome (5 minutes, pre-translated video)? Gareth Evans, 5 min “keynote”; APLN, Moon-Chung-in, Special Advisor to ROK President, 2 min Nagasaki University-RECNA to be determined, 2 min. Total: 14 minutes... be open to public followed by open expert presentations also public Record for post event use

Discussion:

Action Items:

Followup next week.

PAPER STATUS: REFER TO SPREADSHEET

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16AX3W09z-IRqBEdTUv-s7XgoLoO9rdfWGZuEP9NNln0/edit#gid=0>

One gap: Nuclear modernization nuclear tactical weapons, especially in Korea [The New Era of Counterforce: Technological Change and the Future of Nuclear Deterrence](#)

Any commissioning updates from RECNA?

Any commissioning updates from APLN?

Papers already at hand are Behm, Hess, Miller. Sigal will file September 15.

Review process: one internal (Nautilus, APLN, or RECNA reviewer, one outside reviewer if time). PSNA co-chairs...identify reviewers now! Tatsu, Peter, Eun-ha to come up with list of reviewers

Budget and overspend

FOR RECNA

WP 3 Nuclear Winter (Dale Hess) \$500 ld.hess@ozemail.com.au

WP 4 Fire and nuclear targeting (Lynn Eden) \$1000 lynneden@stanford.edu,

WP 5 Pandemic (Prof. Moji and Prof. Pascie-Taylor) \$1000 (Nicholas Mascie-Taylor [<nmt1@cam.ac.uk>](mailto:nmt1@cam.ac.uk))

WP 6 Vaccine (David Legge, Sun Kim) \$500 each \$1000 total D.Legge@latrobe.edu.au (Sam Kim is not confirmed.)

WP 9 Demographic Change (Brian Nichiporuk) \$1000 briann@rand.org

WP 11 Nagasaki's Voice (Masao Tomonaga) No honorarium required

WP 13 Nuclear Modernization (Not confirmed) will be \$1000 when we find someone

NI will pay 1.5 direct to authors

RECNA Budget: 4K; current total is 5.5K

Website construction related to posting papers

which website? NI can do it. APLN can link...pw controlled.

Papers are separately posted on own website, timing coordinated

Some may be public in September, even August? regular PSNA papers, note for the project, also on NI and APLN.

Who ask to present: need 4-5; 2 nuclear, DPRK, 2 pandemic, civil society = 6

Script questions to 6 presenters...breakout...Q&A session, use chat to pose ?s, policy implications, Q and uncertainties what not known, staffer picks out ?s to be put to presenters

Discussion:

Action Items:

CO-FACILITATORS UPDATE

[Bernise Ang](#), co-founder, [Zeroth Labs](#), with her associate Shaun Koh;

Kiho Yi

JodiAnne Smith, Australia

Jamais Cascio

Discussion:

Action Items: issue TORs

PROJECT TIMELINES

Transfer to googledoc?

Refer to Table

Discussion:

Action Items:

TIMELINES

*Dates are Asia time. Subtract 1 day for U.S. dates. Subject to adjustment except **session dates***

July–August, 2020	Recruit remaining workshop participants
Dates TBD	Papers written, reviewed, revised, edited, some potentially published early in August-September (need website and email list)
Dates TBD	Podcast(s) produced?
Sept. 1–19	Interviews — 6–8 weeks ahead of kick-off Develop key ?s UCties with expert presenters
Sep 4	Formal invite to be issued from RECNA
Sept 30	Last day for papers to be submitted
Oct 7	Allocate participants to working groups
Oct. 15	Email agenda, bios, and relevant pre-reads, posted papers — 2 weeks ahead of kick-off
Week of Oct. 11–17	Facilitators’ tech training/run-through — 1–2 weeks ahead of kick-off
	Doug: LET’s HAVE THIS REPLACE PREPCOM AND DO IT AT THE SAME TIME
Week of Oct. 18–24	Facilitators’ kick-off — 1 week ahead of kick-off
	Doug: LET’s HAVE THIS REPLACE PREPCOM AND DO IT AT THE SAME TIME
Oct. 31–Nov. 1, 2020	ALL PARTICIPANTS KICK-OFF
Sat., Oct. 31	Day 1: Scenario Planning Kick-off / Expert Presentations
	Sat., Oct. 31 or Sun., Nov. 1: Brief facilitators’ meeting before Day 2
Sun., Nov. 1	Day 2: Uncertainties / Matrix Exploration
Week of Nov. 1–7	Facilitators’ Preparation — 1 week ahead of meeting
	Doug: LET’s HAVE THIS REPLACE PREPCOM AND DO IT AT THE SAME TIME
Nov. 14–15, 2020	SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT SESSION
Sat., Nov. 14	Day 1: Scenario Development Session
	Sat., Nov. 14 or Sun., Nov. 15: Brief facilitators’ meeting before Day 2
Sun., Nov. 15	Day 2: Strategic Implications

Brief facilitators debriefing post-event (perhaps ½ hour)

Dates TBD

Final Report Completed

Dates TBD

**Post-Workshop Papers Published; Final Reports to Funders;
Transition/Handoff to Follow-on Process**

INTERVIEWS

1 each from APLN, RECNA, NI, plus 3-5 big picture, wide-angled participants for Doug to interview to identify blind spots, etc. 45 minutes/interview

FINAL SYNTHESIS REPORT

Commence draft outline/proforma text for synthesis final report

Graphic

Work with Chuck to commence

How to disseminate final report and products

follow-on to Seoul?

Translation into Japanese; no budget for Korean APLN...Yonsoo
to followup with APLN

Discussion:

Action Items:

FOR REFERENCE

TITLE OF PROJECT

Tentative: Nagasaki 75th Anniversary Nuclear Risk and Pandemic Scenarios Project

CURRENT FOCAL QUESTION:

Scenarios 2030: What are the opportunities driven by global pandemics for Northeast Asian governments, civil society, and market actors to reduce nuclear risk and resume nuclear disarmament?

Summary

The *Nagasaki 75th Anniversary Pandemic-Nuclear Nexus Scenarios* process will take place in November 2020 (virtual event). This event is a partnership of [RECNA at Nagasaki University](#), [Asia Pacific Leadership Network](#), and [Nautilus Institute](#). Total participants will be about 36, divided into 4 small groups. The process will consist of four 3 hour on-line sessions. The participants will be from China and Russian Far East to the eastern United States across time zones, with diverse backgrounds.

Focal question (draft)

What are the opportunities driven by global pandemics for Northeast Asian governments, civil society, and market actors to reduce nuclear risk and resume nuclear disarmament?

Schedule: On-line (Zoom) Workshops

1st round: October 31 (Sat) 9:00-13:00 and Nov. 1 (Sun) 9:30-13:00 [Japan Time]

2nd round: November 14 (Sat) 9:00-13:00 and Nov. 15 (Sun) 9:30-13:00 [Japan Time]

Background: 2020 is a special year for nuclear disarmament, as it is the 75th the anniversary of atomic bombings over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the 50th anniversary of the Treaty on Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Nuclear threats and risks are now considered highest since the end of World War II, as the “doomsday clock” published by the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists show only “100 seconds” to midnight, which is the closest the doomsday since the clock was introduced.

Concurrently, the COVID-19 pandemic is now threatening the world, affecting all aspects of international society. Nuclear disarmament is no exception. The 10th NPT Review Conference which was scheduled to take place this April to May has been postponed to early 2021. It is not clear at all how this pandemic will affect the international order, as there are parallel trends in the world. One is the increasing international cooperation and solidarity to fight against the pandemic, and the other is increasing conflicts and antagonism among major countries. Therefore, it is critically important now to analyze the relationship between post-pandemic international order and the nuclear weapon risks.

In addition, both in the area of nuclear disarmament and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of local governments and non-governmental institutions play pivotal roles in reducing critical risks and increasing resilience against all existential threats. It is also important to understand the role of civil society in pandemic era to reduce nuclear risks and resume nuclear disarmament.

POTENTIAL KEY UNCERTAINTIES

Teams will identify uncertainties in the following categories: Social, Technological, Economic, Environmental, Political, and Military. We'll keep a running list as a steering committee as well.

- Will there be more cooperation or conflict among nuclear nations?
- Will there be more cooperation or conflict globally?
- Will the gap between nuclear weapons states and non-nuclear weapons states widen?
- What will happen to the international nuclear disarmament order, after postponement/cancellation of major conferences such as NPT Review Conference?
- Will China/US relations become worse or better
- How will the US election in November 2020 impact nuclear disarmament?
- Will big data be controlled more by government or by the private sector?
- Will civil society/local governments have more power than central governments to cope with such critical issues like pandemic or nuclear disarmament?
- Will domestic social unrest increase or decrease globally?
- Will military budgets increase or decrease globally?

Note: Numbered lines below are from Tatsu memo 2020/05/27:

1. Will the world be more based on cooperation or on conflicts?
2. What will happen to the international nuclear disarmament order, after postponement/cancellation of major conferences such as NPT Review Conference?
3. Will China/US relations become worse or better, what will happen after the US election in November 2020?
4. Will the gap between NWS and NNWS become wider or can we find common ground?
5. Will big data be controlled by government or by private sectors?
6. Will civil society/local governments have more power than central governments to cope with such critical issues like pandemic or nuclear disarmament?

Next five bulleted items added at PrepCom 2020/06/02:

- Add something about bioweapons
- Generational issues — shift in perspective of different generations in different cultures — [Kimiaki Kawai] change in mindset of ordinary people; people's thinking about how well government works, therefore how much they will support policies of government
- Media and communications
- Trust indices (ways to measure trust)
- [Tatsu] In context of pandemics, will people pay less attention to nuclear weapons?