



## 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the General Assembly UNIDIR First Committee Side Events

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### 15 October

Conference Room 4

1:15-2:30 pm

**Partners:** Ireland,  
Namibia, ODA

### **Securing our Common Future:**

#### **Promoting Gender-Responsive Disarmament and Security**

The Disarmament Impact Group of the International Gender Champions–Geneva, ODA and UNIDIR welcome you to a discussion about the UN Secretary-General’s Disarmament Agenda and its calls for gender parity in international security forums, as well as for gender-responsive disarmament.

### 16 October

Conference Room 4

1:15-2:30 pm

**Partners:** ODA

### **Nuclear Risk Reduction**

Nuclear risk is dynamic, but currently rising. What are the essential issues that Member States should focus on? How can they respond in ways that manage and reduce nuclear risk and contribute to momentum towards nuclear disarmament efforts? This interactive event draws upon existing and ongoing research by UNIDIR and others, and discusses possible ways forward.

### 18 October

Conference Room A

1:15-2:30 pm

**Partners:** Sweden

### **Evidence of Absence: Verifying Removal of Nuclear Weapons**

Credible, reliable, and accurate verification techniques and arrangements are an essential element of the nuclear disarmament process. This event launches a new UNIDIR study that outlines a procedure for verifying the removal of nuclear weapons. Agreement on such a procedure would be a valuable additional disarmament tool and may help create conditions for more comprehensive disarmament measures.

### 19 October

Conference Room A

1:15-2:30 pm

**Partners:** Canada

### **Nuclear Security and Disarmament:**

#### **Securing Excess and Disarmament Fissile Materials**

This event will explore the link between measures that strengthen nuclear security and the efforts to cap and eliminate existing stocks of weapon-usable fissile materials. Speakers will also discuss the progress in securing and eliminating fissile materials that were released in the process of nuclear disarmament and the challenges that these efforts are facing today.

### 22 October

Conference Room A

1:15-2:30 pm

**Partners:** ODA

### **Addressing the International Security Implications of S&T: Innovations and Combinations**

Developments in science and technology are enabling, at an accelerating pace, the design and acquisition of new weapon technologies with unclear or potentially dangerous applications. This event seeks to provoke an interactive dialogue among experts and delegates about how the existing disarmament machinery could approach these effects and address potential gaps.



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### 22 October

Conference Room A  
1:15-2:30 pm

**Partners:** Australia,  
Egypt, Germany,  
CTED, ODA, UNODC

### Preventing Terrorists from Acquiring Weapons

Resolution 2370 calls on all States to eliminate the supply of weapons to those involved in terrorist acts. While numerous Security Council resolutions address terrorism, 2370 is the first to address the linkage between conventional arms and terrorist acts. This side event will consider views among relevant stakeholders on the threats and risks relevant to resolution 2370, and discuss key areas for potential future work.

### 24 October

Conference Room A  
8:30-9:45 am

**Partners:** Germany,  
Netherlands, PAX,  
Stimson Center

### The Expanding Use of Armed UAVs and the Need for International Standards

The rapid spread of armed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) has heightened concerns that they may enable practices which challenge existing norms restraining the use of lethal force. This panel will provide insight into the expanding development, transfer and use of armed UAVs and assess options to ensure they are used in ways which contribute to international peace and security.

### October 25

6:00-7:30 pm  
International Peace  
Institute  
777 UN Plaza

### Conventional Arms and Conflict Prevention

Poorly regulated arms and ammunition are key enablers of conflict and a means of sustaining it. The United Nations Secretary-General's Agenda for Disarmament calls for an examination of how disarmament and arms control can better contribute to conflict prevention. This side event will consider how conventional arms control supports conflict prevention and peacebuilding efforts.

## Who We Are

UNIDIR is an autonomous institution within the United Nations that **conducts independent research on disarmament and related problems**, particularly international security issues. The **vision** of UNIDIR is a stable and more secure world in which States and people are protected from threats of arms related violence. The **role** of UNIDIR is to support Member States, the United Nations and policy and research communities in advancing ideas and actions that contribute to a more sustainable and peaceful world.

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