

# International Online/Offline Conference & Round Table Discussions

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## PROGRAM – WITH RESERVATIONS FOR UNEXPECTED CHANGES

Presentations representing countries around the Baltic and in the Arctic zone (offline/ online)

**Note:** the program indicates the time of Saint Petersburg = Helsinki time. Time of Stockholm, Berlin, Copenhagen, Oslo = -1 hour. Washington, Ottava time = -7 hours.

# September 21, 2024 – Peace between people

**09:45 – 10:30 Opening of the conference** (5 - 10 min/speaker)

- Oleg Bodrov (5 min) Public Council of the Southern Coast of the Gulf of Finland, Board member of the International Peace Bureau, St. Petersburg, Russia, offline "Barriers to effective interaction between Russian and Western civil society to promote peace and sustainable development".
- Tamara Lorincz (5 min) Canadian organization Women's Voice for Peace (VOW), Canada, offline
  - "NATO and NORAD's strategy to militarize the Canadian Arctic sabotages the Indigenous plan for a Zone of Peace."
- David Swanson (10 min) World BEYOND War, USA, (online)
- Reiner Braun (5 min) International Peace Bureau (IPB), (online)

**10:30 – 11:30** Section I – 10 min/speaker

# Military actions and challenges of the militarization in the Baltic Sea - introductions

 Nikolay Kuz'min – Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of the Leningrad Region, member of the Standing Committee on Ecology and Natural Resources, Sosnovy Bor, Leningrad oblast, Russia (offline)

"Challenges and possible mechanisms for regulating the security of the eastern part of the Gulf of Finland and the Baltic region".

- Reiner Braun IPB Germany, (online):
   "The Baltic Sea the NATO sea and peace"
- Andrey Talevlin, PhD in Law, Coordinator of the Russian Social-Ecological Union,
   Chelyabinsk Region, Russia, (online):
   "Fulfillment of international obligations to ensure nuclear safety of nuclear power plants in conditions of military conflicts."
- Christer Lundgren journalist (retired but active), member of the Folket i Bild association,
  The National No to NATO Organization and the No to NATO Network, Sweden, (offline)
  "Sweden's long march into the NATO alliance."
- Tove Jensen spokeswomen for "Demos" an anti-imperialistic association in Copenhagen and the "Peace Initiative", Denmark, (online)
   "No to the US bases in Denmark."
- Olli Tammilehto writer and an old-line activist in Finnish environmental and peace movements. During the past year very active in the campaign against U.S. military bases, Finland, (online)

"How Finland became a vassal state of the USA and how the movement against this process was defeated."

11:40 - 13:00 - Section I

Round table discussion:

**Emphasis on cooperation and common activities** (All forenoon speakers)

## 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

**14:00 – 15:00** Section II – 10 min/speaker

Military actions and challenges of the militarization in the Arctic region - introductions

• **Elena Kruglikova**, veteran of the social-ecological movement of the Arctic region, Murmansk Oblast, Russia, (online).

"The Arctic of the future is the territory of good neighborliness."

- Tamara Lorincz Canadian organization Women's Voice for Peace (VOW), Canada (offline)
   "NATO and NORAD's strategy to militarize the Canadian Arctic sabotages the Indigenous
   plan for a Zone of Peace."
- **Martha Hennessy** prominent American peace and nuclear disarmament promoter, USA, (physical or virtual).

"In the Belly of The Nuclear Beast".

- Ingeborg Breines Former Chair of IPB and UNESCO Director, Norway, (online). "Do we need a humanistic revolution in order to counter the ongoing militarization of the north?"
- Agneta Norberg No to NATO, Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space – Sweden, (online).

"Bomb target Sweden - The North a platform for war fare against Russia."

15:00 - 16:00 - Section II

Round table discussion:

**Emphasis on cooperation and common activities** (all afternoon speakers)

## 16.00 – 17.30 Working groups:

- Group 1: Creation of a network of interaction between the participants of the conference further cooperation common activities
- Group 2: Elaboration of a joint declaration on action to achieve the goals of the conference to be sent to the organizers of the World Peace Forum 2025

# September 22, 2024 - Peace among people and with nature

**09:30 – 10:45 -** Section III (10 min/speaker)

# Military pollution and socio-ecological consequences of the militarization of the Baltic and Arctic regions

 Oleg Bodrov – Public Council of the Southern Shore of the Gulf of Finland - Interregional Public Socio-ecological Movement of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region, member of the Board of the International Peace Bureau. (St. Petersburg) – Russian Federation. (offline).

"Nuclear power plants as a new type of radiological weapon of mass destruction".

- Isabelle Cassel Deutscher Friedensrat (climate issue) Germany, (online).
   "Why peace and security today is so much more than just military concerns"
- Mechthild Klingenburg Vogel Kieler Friedensforum/Kiel Peace Forum Germany, (online)
   "Corroded Munition sunk in the Baltic Sea after World War II Easiest Way to get rid of Destructive Capabilities? - Symbol of the Risks of Unresolved Collective Traumatization."
- Palle Bendsen Friends of the Earth Denmark, (online) "Climate change and the Arctic"
- **Ulla Klötzer** Women for Peace Finland and GWUAN (offline) "Baltic Sea - Environmental and Military Legacies and Future Challenges"

10:45 - 12:00 - Section III

Round table discussion - Emphasis on cooperation and common activities, All forenoon speakers

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch

**13:30 – 14:30 -** Section IV – 10 min/speaker

Agenda 2030 - Sustainable Development Goals 16 & 17 through peace and partnerships - Public Statements - Public communiqué to the World Peace Forum 2025

- Oleg Bodrov Public Council of the Southern Shore of the Gulf of Finland, Board member of the International Peace Bureau, (St. Petersburg) – Russia(offline)
   "Goals, stakeholders, and possible models of their interaction in ecological regions to achieve the goals of the UN Sustainable Development Goals 16 & 17".
- Tamara Lorincz Canadian organization Women's Voice for Peace (VOW), Canada (offline). "The IPCC's Call for International Cooperation Means Ending War for Climate Justice"
- Angelika Claussen Co-Chair of the German section of IPPNW (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War / Physicians in Social Responsibility) and President of

IPPNW Europe, Germany, (online).

"Military conflicts like the wars on Ukraine and Gaza are significant drivers of climate change and environmental damage. A demand from the health movement: we need planetary health for peace!"

- Heidi Meinzolt member of WILPF and coordinator of a women's WG in the OSCE area -Germany, (online)
  - "Our joint contribution to a caring society is built on a preventive agenda"
- Susanne Urban WILPF Norway (online)

"Reconciliation - Clearing the past, building a future - Neighbors as friends not enemies — Common projects."

- Mia Stubbendorff Nej till NATO/No to NATO, Sweden, (offline)
   "Local activities and cooperation in the Nordic countries against imperialism and war of aggression."
- Lea Launokari Women for Peace and GWUAN Finland (offline)
   "Global Women for Peace United Against NATO GWUAN Future Events"

## 14.30 - 15.30 - Section IV

Round table discussion – Emphasis on cooperation and common activities (all afternoon speakers)

## 15:30 - 17:00

Working groups - Statements - Further steps

- Group 1: Creation of a network of interaction between the participants of the Conference further cooperation common activities
- Group 2: Elaboration of a joint declaration on action to achieve the goals of the conference to be sent to the organizers of the World Peace Forum 2025

## 17:00 - 18:00

Working group presentations – Further activities – Common statement approval

## 18:00 End of the Conference

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