

Meeting of the International Group of Eminent Persons for a World without Nuclear Weapons (IGEP)

Background

- In 2022, then Prime Minister KISHIDA announced the establishment of IGEP. The first meeting of the IGEP was held in Hiroshima in December 2022.
- The purpose of the meeting is to have candid discussions among experts from both nuclear-weapon states and non-nuclear-weapon states on concrete paths toward a world without nuclear weapons, with the involvement of former and incumbent political leaders of the world.

The First Meeting

- Held in Hiroshima December 10-11, 2022.
- A total of 13 members attended.
- The video messages from six political leaders including former U.S. President Barack Obama were delivered at the opening session.
- The IGEP members analyzed the current international situation surrounding nuclear disarmament, while also having candid discussions regarding challenges.



The Second Meeting

- Held in Tokyo April 4-5, 2023 (hybrid meeting).
- A total of 14 members attended, five of whom were via online.
- On April 21, following the discussion at the second meeting, the IGEP issued the "IGEP Message to the First Preparatory Committee of the 2026 NPT Review Conference" scheduled from Jul. 31 to Aug. 11, 2023.



The Third Meeting

- Held in Nagasaki December 8-9, 2023 (hybrid meeting)
- A total of 14 IGEP members discussed in depth challenges in promoting nuclear disarmament from today's perspective.
- Former Prime Minister KISHIDA attended the closing session and stated that he will continue to demonstrate strong leadership toward a world without nuclear weapons, while also taking into account the sage views of the IGEP.



The Forth Meeting

- Held in Yokohama May 21-22, 2024.
- A total of 13 IGEP members attended in person. 2 members participated virtually.
- The IGEP members had discussions focusing on the impact of emerging technologies such as AI; responsibilities, ethics, and norms surrounding nuclear weapons; and updates to nuclear arms control and non-proliferation regimes.



The Fifth Meeting

- Held online November 5-6, 2024.
- A total of 14 members attended and had in-depth discussions with a view to making recommendations to the 2026 NPT Review Conference.
- Prime Minister ISHIBA sent a written message stating that in the midst of an international climate with increasing division and conflict, he looks forward to receiving recommendations grounded in its sage views and that he would like to contribute to the future of the international community together.

The Sixth Meeting

- Held in Tokyo March 30-31, 2025.
- A total of 14 members attended, two of whom were via online.
- On March 31, based on the discussions accumulated over the six meetings of the IGEP, the IGEP members issued the recommendations for the 2026 NPT Review Conference, entitled "Stepping back from the Nuclear Precipice: Urgent Actions in Pursuit of a World Without Nuclear Weapons."



15 members of the IGEP

	Name & Title		Name & Title
	★ Chair: Shiraishi Takashi (Japan) Special Professor Emeritus, Prefectural University of Kumamoto		Dina Kavar (Jordan) Ambassador of the Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States
	Angela Kane (Germany) Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations		Raden Mohammad Marty Muliana Natalegawa (Indonesia) Former Minister for Foreign Affairs
	Rose Gottemoeller (U.S.) Former U.S. Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs		Manpreet Sethi (India) Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS)
	Takamizawa Nobushige (Japan) Senior Fellow of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation		Akiyama Nobumasa (Japan) Professor, School of International and Public Policy, Hitotsubashi University/ Director of Center for Disarmament, Science and Technology, the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)
	George Perkovich (U.S.) Japan Chair for a World Without Nuclear Weapons Senior Fellow, Nuclear Policy Program Carnegie Endowment for International Peace		Tanya Ogilvie-White (New Zealand) Senior Research Adviser, Asia-Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (APLN)
	Gustavo Zlauvinen (Argentina) President of the 10th NPT Review Conference		Anton Khlopkov (Russia) Director of Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS)
	Ian Anthony (UK) Scientist, Department of Defence Analysis, Security Policy Section, Swedish Defence Research Agency, FOI		Tong Zhao (China) Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
	Bruno Tertrais (France) Deputy Director, Foundation for Strategic Research		