Nuclear Survivors Forum 2027 (NSF2027) Asia-Pacific on Peace Boat's 125th Voyage

Dates and Venue

- **March 13:** Activities in Papeete, Ma'ohi Nui (TBC)
- **March 18:** Activities in Apia, Samoa (TBC)
- **March 18 – 30:** Onboard programming (Apia, Samoa to Yokohama, Japan as the last leg of the 125th Global Voyage) https://peaceboat.org/english/voyage/125th-global-voyage
- **March 30:** Press Conference upon arrival at Yokohama Osanbashi Terminal
- **April 1:** Activities in Tokyo – Visits to Members of Parliament / Daigo Fukuryumaru Exhibition Hall visit / International Forum (TBC / Possibility of extension of stay for other visits in Hiroshima and/or Nagasaki)

Objectives

Based on the collaboration among nuclear survivor communities built within the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) process, this forum aims to empower and further develop a network of young advocates in nuclear-affected communities across the Asia-Pacific region, creating a long-term, sustainable community. Furthermore, it will specifically propose measures that the international community should take regarding the rights and requests of nuclear survivors and their communities.

Strategic focus areas

1) Mutual understanding of nuclear damage in various communities
Understand the differences and characteristics of nuclear damage across communities of the world and the Asia-Pacific, and identify their respective needs.

2) Mutual understanding of initiatives such as memory transmission/passing on of nuclear damage
Understand the memory transmission/intergenerational passing on of nuclear damage initiatives already practiced in various regions and learn from one another. In addition, empower youth and foster community building through creative forms of passing on experiences, such as dramatizing oral histories and utilizing cultural expressions (song, dance, etc.).

3) Confronting colonialism and militarization
Focus on the sacrifices and disproportionate burdens imposed on the Global South by

Northern-centric militarization and nuclear deterrence policies. Incorporating perspectives of decolonialism, re-examine their inhumanity and deepen discussions for the future.

4) How to further strengthen the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)
Progress victim assistance as stipulated in TPNW by ensuring the dignity of nuclear survivors, and putting the voices of nuclear survivors and communities at the center of efforts toward nuclear abolition.

Participants

Up to 10 youth (younger than 40 years old) advocates and practitioners from nuclear-affected communities in the Asia-Pacific with previous experience of practice and networking, who can expand and strengthen their activities through participation in this forum (from the Marshall Islands, Ma'ohi Nui, Fiji, Australia, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Japan, etc.). Recruiting youth (nominated by organizations) who can discuss in English, and have experience in memory transmission efforts, policy recommendations, video creation, etc.

Proposed Program (tentative)

- Workshops (for passing on the experiences of nuclear harms, to express learning through creative mediums, etc.)
- Drafting policy recommendations to the international community, video production, and discussing next steps as advocates based on discussions at the TPNW Review Conference
- Onboard lectures for 1,500 Peace Boat participants (sharing the current situation of nuclear-affected communities, and introducing culture)
- Learn about efforts in Japan including by visiting the onboard Nobel Peace Center outreach exhibition "Message to Humanity" commemorating Nihon Hidankyo's 2024 Nobel Peace Prize.
- Related programs in port (Samoa, Ma'ohi Nui) details TBD.
- Program after arrival in Japan (Tokyo; Hiroshima/Nagasaki optional) details TBD.

Expected Outcomes

• Strengthening youth advocate networks:

Visualize the needs of participating affected communities, connect experiences and wisdom across the Asia-Pacific, and establish a foundation for building a sustainable network structure even after the forum ends. Document onboard programs and dialogues on video, and publish this content on social media to broadly convey the reality of damage and the necessity of nuclear abolition to the international community.

• Recommendations to the 4th Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW:

Formulate a paper from the younger generation regarding the rights and demands of nuclear survivors and affected communities, for submission to their own governments as

well as governments coordinating victim assistance and environmental remediation under the TPNW.

• **Recommendations for governments, educational institutions, civil society, and UN agencies:**

Incorporate perspectives on understanding nuclear damage around the world, the Northern-centric nature of militarization/nuclear deterrence policies, the disproportionate burdens of nuclear arms, and colonialism, while re-examining the inhumane nature of these weapons and deepening discussions for the future. Make concrete actions to suppress the expansion of nuclear harm.

Costs

• Peace Boat will cover: Meals, board and accommodation (2 persons per cabin), and programmes both onboard and in port.

• Participants/Supporting organizations are requested to cover: Transport to and from the ship, travel insurance for the duration of the voyage and visa fees as applicable, as well as any personal expenses (laundry, communications, additional drinks etc.) during the programme.

Application / nomination

Please send the following documents by email to pbglobal@peaceboat.gr.jp **by January 15, 2027 (Japan Standard Time)**:

• A 1 page essay in English sharing participant's interests and motivation for joining this programme

• A brief resume - list your experiences and indicate any particular knowledge or skills you can bring to the programme - including any background experience in passing on the legacy of affected communities.

• Nomination letter from an organization/representative active in this issue. Please include the name and contact details of the nominating person.

Financial support

• It is hoped that nominating organizations will cover fully or partially the expenses mentioned above.

• Peace Boat will cover the costs of the voyage and programme in Japan, including the planned international conference (through means including a crowdfunding campaign). Nominating organizations are requested to support the travel expenses (outbound from home to Apia, Samoa and homebound from Tokyo to home) of their respective participants

as much as possible. Please seek broad cooperation from organizations and individuals who support the initiative and may be able to contribute financially or in kind.

• Introduction of donors will be highly appreciated.

Timeline

•**December 3**: Announcement at the Community Hubs during the TPNW Review Conference
•**Mid December**: Online information session
•**December-January**: Crowdfounding campaign launched
•**January 15, 2027**: Application deadline