

Hiroshima - ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security 2019

Program Framework

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The program of the Academy is designed around four themes. The first theme, “**Humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons**,” is a crucial component of the program, particularly given that the Academy is held in Hiroshima. This is where we believe all discussions on nuclear weapons and global security must begin. The second theme is on “**Political, legal and technical aspects – nuclear weapons and global security**.” Leading experts in the field will offer lectures and workshops that aim to shed light on various aspects of the theme. At the same time, the third theme, “**Civil society in action**,” will take up a wide range of civil society efforts including education, raising awareness, and advocacy. Not only will participants learn from international civil society efforts as linked to the work of ICAN, they will also have opportunities to learn about local efforts that exist in Hiroshima. The timing of the Academy also allows for many diplomats and UN officials to be part of the program. Many of them will be in Hiroshima to attend the Peace Memorial Ceremony on August 6. As such, the fourth theme will be on “**Diplomacy for disarmament and security and the role of the United Nations**.” Participants will have opportunities to engage with government representatives, UN high officials, and other diplomats to learn about the realities of diplomatic negotiations on nuclear issues.

Participants will learn about the above four themes through a combination of **fieldwork, lectures, and group challenges**. In a separate document (**program timetable**), you will see how each session is linked to each theme. The program will be conducted entirely in English but there will be some sessions where speakers will speak in Japanese with interpretation into English.

Theme 1 | Humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons

Participants will visit the Peace Memorial Park and Peace Memorial Museum. There will be an opportunity to hear the testimony of a Hiroshima Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivor), **Keiko OGURA**, as well as a Korean Hibakusha, **LEE Jong Keun**. **Yuko TAKAHASHI**'s lecture will further participants' understanding of additional suffering experienced by non-Japanese Hibakusha. **Robert JACOBS** will then introduce the concept of Global Hibakusha, and in particular the experience of nuclear test victims around the world. To understand the health impact of radiation, participants will visit the **Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF)**, a US-Japan bilateral research institution that investigates the biological effects of radiation. At the same time, **Nanao KAMADA** will talk about non-RERF research on radiation that has been carried out in Hiroshima.

Theme 2 | Political, legal and technical aspects – nuclear weapons and global security

Participants will be encouraged to look at the historical background that has produced security and nuclear non-proliferation challenges that we face today. This includes learning about the history of the Nuclear Age, Cold War, and the international frameworks regulating nuclear weapons, such as the NPT. Participants will further discuss today's nuclear threats, such as regional security issues (with a focus on the Northeast Asian region) and the issues of fissile materials. In this context, participants will also reflect

on the process that has led to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and think about the future of nuclear order. **Nobumasa AKIYAMA, Keiko NAKAMURA, Tatsujiro SUZUKI, Kjolv EGELAND,** and **Rebecca GIBBONS** will lead the sessions pertaining to these issues.

Theme 3 | Civil society in action

Participants will learn about the initiatives taken by the City of Hiroshima and Mayors for Peace. Moreover, participants will be exposed to a wider range of local efforts by visiting and/or hearing from NGOs, schools, and media. There will also be some skill-based sessions in the latter part of the program, after ICAN's **Lucero OYARZUN** arrives. In these sessions, participants will acquire practical skills that will aid their campaign and advocacy efforts in the future.

Theme 4 | Diplomacy for disarmament and security and the role of the United Nations

While we still await final confirmation, many representatives of both nuclear-weapon states and non-nuclear-weapons states, have indicated that they would be willing to participate in the Academy to share their insights with the program participants. UN high representatives, such as UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs **Izumi NAKAMITSU** and Director of UNITAR Hiroshima Office **Mihoko KUMAMOTO**, also have expressed their commitment to the Academy.

Outcomes

Participants will learn about the four themes outlined above through a series of fieldwork, lectures, discussions, reflections, and group challenges. On the morning of the last day, participants will be responsible for giving **public presentations**. The presentations will feature what they learned over the ten days and potentially their vision for their future actions.

Throughout the program, participants will be given the opportunity to learn from firsthand experiences of various experts and thus are expected to face diverse viewpoints and to comprehend the complexity of these issues. Active discussions and interaction will hopefully enable participants of this program to acquire the necessary skills and innovative visions for a better change.

Staff

The program framework has been developed by the initiative of Peace Boat, the ICAN International Steering Group member organization in Japan, directed by **Akira KAWASAKI**, in consultation with Hiroshima Prefecture and the ICAN International Office in Geneva. The 10-day program will be led and facilitated by **Ami TERACHI**, and supported by **Nao FUKUOKA**, who is in charge of fieldwork in Hiroshima.