

Space Security Conference 2012: Laying the Groundwork for Progress

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THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH 2012

09:15 Opening Remarks

Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Director-General of UNOG; Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to the Conference (delivered by Jarmo Sareva, Director, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch)

09:40 Introductions

Theresa Hitchens, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Panel 1 – Looking towards the future of Space Security

09:45 *Deputy Assistant Secretary Frank Rose, AVC, Department of State, USA*

10:00 *Victor Vasiliev, Deputy Permanent Representative, Russian Federation*

10:15 *Ambassador Wu Haitao, Permanent Representative to the CD, People's Republic of China*

10:30 Q & A

11:00 Coffee Break (supported by the Government of Canada)

Panel 2 – On-going International Space Security Processes

11:30 *The EU Proposal for an International Code of Conduct: An Update – Frank Asbeck, Principle Adviser for Space and Security Policy, European External Action Service*

11:45 *The Space Sustainability Working Group – Peter Martinez, Chairman, South African Council for Space Affairs*

12:00 *The ITU – The World Radio Conference and Space Security – Yvon Henri, Chief, Space Services Department, International Telecommunications Union*

12:15 Q & A

12:30 Lunch

Panel 3 – Space Security: International Views

- 14:30 A US Perspective – *Peter Marquez, Former Director of Space Policy, National Security Council, The White House, USA*
- 14:45 An Indian Perspective – *Rajeswari Rajagopalan, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (VTC)*
- 15:00 A Russian Perspective – *Vladimir Ermakov, Deputy-Director, Arms Control Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation*
- 15:15 Q & A

Panel 4 – Some Technical Challenges

- 16:00 Radio Frequency Interference – *Pravir Chawdhry, Action Leader, Joint Research Centre, European Commission*
- 16:15 Space Situational Awareness: The Foundations – *Emmet Fletcher, Head, SSA-SST Segment, European Space Agency*
- 16:30 Space Debris Mitigation – *Muriel Richard, Deputy-Director, Swiss Space Center*
- 16:45 Data-sharing – The Realities – *John Sheldon, Professor, U.S. Air Force School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB*
- 17:00 Q & A
- 17:15 Close

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- 09:15 Recap of Day 1

Panel 5 – Space Security Basics

- 09:45 The 2012 Diplomatic Context – *Ambassador (retd) Paul Meyer, The Simons Foundation*
- 10:00 Space Weapons – The Realities – *Eva Bernhardsdotter, Researcher and Defence Analyst, Swedish Defence Research Agency*
- 10:15 Space Security: Why It Matters – *Victoria Samson, Washington, DC's Office Director, Secure World Foundation*
- 10:15 Q & A
- 10:45 Coffee break (supported by the Government of Canada)

Panel 6 – Stakeholder Panel – What We Want to See from TCBMs

- 11:15 An NGO Perspective – *Beatrice Fihn, Project Associate, Reaching Critical Will*
- 11:30 The UN User Perspective – *Francesco Pisano, Manager, UNOSAT*
- 11:45 The Operator's Perspective – *Aarti Holla-Maini, Secretary-General, ESOA*
- 12:00 Q & A
- 12:45 Wrap-up – *Ben Baseley-Walker, EST Programme Lead, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research*