



VIRTUAL DIALOGUE ON THE SOUTHEAST ASIA NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE ZONE TREATY, ITS PROTOCOL AND THE WAY FORWARD

31 August 2021, 5 – 7 pm (NY)

How: Microsoft Teams

Register [online](#) by 5 pm (NY) on 29 August 2021.

You will then receive an email with instructions on joining the meeting. Due to space constraints, participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

The Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (SEANWFZ Treaty) was signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995 by 10 Southeast Asian States (ASEAN Member States) and entered into force on 27 March 1997, committing the region to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in line with the 1971 Declaration on the Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (ZOPFAN).

The webinar falls under the implementation of Action 5 of United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres' *Agenda for Disarmament: Securing Our Common Future*, which aims to strengthen and consolidate nuclear-weapon-free zones, including by facilitating enhanced cooperation and consultation between existing zones, encouraging nuclear-weapon States (NWS) to adhere to the relevant protocols to the treaties establishing such zones.

Co-organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, this event aims to raise awareness on the issue of the SEANWFZ Treaty and to generate ideas for accelerating the signing and ratification of the Protocol to the Treaty by the NWS. The webinar is open for participation by New York, Geneva and Vienna-based diplomats, academia and representatives of civil society.

Speakers will engage in a moderated discussion representing different perspectives on the challenges surrounding implementation of the SEANWFZ, followed by a Q&A session with the audience.

Moderator: **Mr. Jean du Preez**
Senior Program Manager for Education and Training, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies

Speakers: **Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu**
United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs (introductory remarks)

Dr. William Potter
Founding Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation studies (Monterey) (introductory remarks)

Mr. Tim Caughley
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Dr. Elizabeth Mendenhall
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