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Nuclear Issues in Vienna

Course for Ambassadors

April 7-9, 2025

*Permanent Mission of Norway to the International Organizations in Vienna
Svalbard Room*

The ICON Vienna, Wiedner Gürtel 13/ Turm 24/ 16. OG, 1100 Wien

Drop-off address: Gertrude-Fröhlich-Sandner-Strasse 2, 1100 Vienna

Day 1: Monday, 7 April

09:10 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome Remarks and Course Introduction Ambassador Susan Eckey, Norway Elena Sokova, VCDNP
09:45– 11:15	Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and Its Review Process Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova, VCDNP
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	Nuclear Testing, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, and Current Challenges Dr. Nikolai Sokov, VCDNP
13:00	Light refreshments

Day 2: Tuesday, 8 April

09:30 – 10:30	International Atomic Energy Agency: Overview and Guide to Navigating the Policymaking Organs Laura Rockwood, VCDNP
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:15	The Legal Framework and Evolution of IAEA Safeguards Laura Rockwood, VCDNP

12:30 – 12:45	Break
12:30 – 14:00	Multilateral Diplomacy in Vienna <i>Panel discussion</i> Ambassador Evangelina Lourdes A. Bernas , Philippines Ambassador Atsushi Kaifu , Japan Ambassador Peter Potman , the Netherlands Ambassador Julia Emma Villatoro Tario , El Salvador
14:00	Light refreshments

Day 3: Wednesday, 9 April

09:15 – 10:30	Nuclear Security: Issues, Processes, and Mechanisms Elena Sokova , VCDNP
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:00	Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Science and Technology: Current Issues and Work in the Policymaking Organs Ingrid Kirsten , VCDNP
12 :00 – 12:15	Break
12:15 – 13:45	International Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime: Status, Challenges, and Priorities <i>Panel Discussion</i> Ambassador Corinne Kitsell , United Kingdom Rebecca Jovin , UNODA Ambassador Alexander Kmentt , Austria Ambassador Gustavo Zlauvinen , Argentina
13:45 – 14:00	Concluding Remarks
14:00	Reception