



Vienna Center for Disarmament  
and Non-Proliferation

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## **Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament**

A short, intensive course for diplomats and practitioners

16 – 20 March 2026

### **Part I. Online preparatory module**

(To be completed by participants prior to the course in Vienna)

### **Part II. Five-day intensive short course**

#### **Day 1: Monday, 16 March**

<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	Welcome Coffee
<b>09:15 – 09:45</b>	Welcome, Introductions, Course Overview and Logistics <b>Elena Sokova</b> , VCDNP <b>Noah Mayhew</b> , VCDNP <b>Karolina Proprentner</b> , VCDNP
<b>09:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Nuclear Energy and the Fuel Cycle</b> <b>Dr. Marc Humphrey</b> , IAEA
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	Break
<b>11:15 – 12:45</b>	<b>Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: History, Provisions and Review Process</b> <b>Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova</b> , VCDNP
<b>12:45 – 14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Who is Who and Who Has What: An Overview of the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons</b> <b>Dr. Nikolai Sokov</b> , VCDNP
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	Break
<b>15:45 – 16:45</b>	<b>NPT Pillar 3: Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Technology</b> <b>Ingrid Kirsten</b> , VCDNP

**Day 2: Tuesday, 17 March**

<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones</b> <b>Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova, VCDNP</b>
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	Break
<b>10:45 – 11:30</b>	<b>The IAEA and its Policymaking Organs: Overview and Fireside Chat</b> <b>Noah Mayhew, VCDNP</b> <b>Laura Rockwood, VCDNP</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	Lunch (provided)
<b>12:30 – 14:15</b>	<b>The Evolution of Safeguards: A Journey Through Time</b> <b>Laura Rockwood, VCDNP</b>
<b>14:15 – 14:30</b>	Break
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Implementation of IAEA Safeguards</b> <b>Marta Ferrari, IAEA</b> <b>Jana Roeschlova, IAEA</b>
<b>16:00 – 16:15</b>	Break
<b>16:15 – 17:30</b>	<b>Case Studies in Non-Compliance and Verification</b> <b>Jacques Baute, Independent Expert</b>
<b>18:30</b>	Group Dinner (provided)  <i>Huth Gastwirtschaft</i> <i>Schellinggasse 5, 1010 Vienna, Austria</i>

**Day 3: Wednesday, 18 March**

- 09:00 – 10:30**                    **North Korea’s Nuclear Weapons Programme:  
Approaches to Negotiation and Current Status**  
Noah Mayhew, VCDNP  
Veronika Bartel, Open Nuclear Network
- 10:30 – 11:00**                    Transfer to the Vienna International Centre (VIC)
- 11:00 – 12:15**                    **The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty**  
Karli Seshadri, CTBTO  
Ahmed Maaty, CTBTO
- 12:15 – 13:00**                    **Tour of the CTBTO**
- 13:00 – 14:15**                    Lunch at VIC
- 14:15 – 16:00**                    **Tour of the IAEA**

**Day 4: Thursday, 19 March**

<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Nuclear Security: Roles, Responsibilities and Implementation</b> Elena K. Sokova, VCDNP
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	Break
<b>10:45 – 11:45</b>	<b>Prohibitions of Attacks on Nuclear Facilities</b> Noah Mayhew, VCDNP
<b>11:45 – 12:00</b>	Break
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>An Overview of Emerging Technologies and Impact on the Nuclear Field</b> Dr. Sarah Case-Lackner, VCDNP
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Nuclear Arms Control: Theory, Practice and Prospects</b> Dr. Nikolai Sokov, VCDNP
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	Break
<b>15:45 – 16:30</b>	<b>Alumni Panel</b>  Denis Cairney, Australia Ingeborg Leijtens, the Netherlands
<b>16:30</b>	<b>Alumni Social</b>

**Day 5: Friday, 20 March**

<b>09:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Humanitarian Initiative and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)</b> <b>Ambassador George-Wilhelm Gallhofer, Austria</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	Break
<b>10:30 – 12:15</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: Prospects for the 2026 NPT Review Conference</b> <b>Ambassador George-Wilhelm Gallhofer, Austria</b> <b>Ambassador Li Song, China</b> <b>Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova, VCDNP</b> <b>Laura Rockwood, VCDNP</b>
<b>12:15 – 13:15</b>	Lunch (provided)
<b>13:15 – 14:30</b>	<b>Nuclear Jeopardy</b> <b>Noah Mayhew, VCDNP</b>
<b>14:30 – 14:45</b>	Break
<b>14:45 – 15:30</b>	<b>Wrap-up Discussion: Everything You Wanted to Know About Nuclear and Didn't Have Time to Ask</b>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Evaluations</b>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Awarding of Certificates</b>