

Hiroshima Conference
for the
Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons by 2020
Advance Program



July 27 to July 29, 2010
International Conference Center Hiroshima

Greetings from the President of Mayors for Peace
to the Hiroshima Conference

The status of nuclear weapons is changing dramatically. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon proposed his 5-point plan for abolition in October 2008. In April 2009, President Obama promised a “world without nuclear weapons.” In September 2009, the UN Security Council passed unanimously a resolution reaffirming the goal of a world without nuclear weapons, and in April 2010, the US and Russia signed a new START Treaty. Passions, expectations, and demand for a nuclear-weapon-free world are on the rise.

Such was the context as the NPT Review Conference unfolded at UN Headquarters in New York this past May 3 to 28. Mayors for Peace, now with nearly 4000 member cities in 143 countries and regions, formed a delegation that attended the conference and related events during the first week to help sound the alarm and urge government officials to call for immediate commencement of negotiations to abolish nuclear weapons by 2020. Among many other activities, we submitted to the President of the Review Conference more than a million signatures, each representing a citizen’s fervent wish for genuine peace free from nuclear weapons.

Total abolition of nuclear weapons is the most urgent issue facing humankind today. Here in Hiroshima, we are determined to rid the world of this menace while many of our *hibakusha* are still alive to experience it. To this end, we urged all states parties to make every effort for commencement of the good-faith negotiations stipulated in the NPT leading toward total abolition of nuclear weapons within a time-bound framework.

At the 7th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in Nagasaki last August, while focusing much of our campaigning on the Review Conference that has just ended, we simultaneously decided to hold a conference after that Review Conference to discuss the next phase of our campaign. We are announcing now that the Hiroshima Conference for the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons by 2020 will take place this July 27 to 29 in Hiroshima. May to July gives us very little time, but we need urgently to analyze the outcome of the NPT Review and discuss our next steps. It will be a Mayors for Peace conference, but representatives of NGOs, cities and national governments as well as concerned citizens are all more than welcome. To be effective, the campaign that emerges from this conference must reflect the collective will of the abolitionist majority.

We intend to identify and articulate that majority will, reflect it faithfully in the campaign objectives and strategy we adopt, and announce it to the world in the Peace Declaration issued on August 6 during the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony. In this connection, we are delighted to report that this year, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon will become the first UN Secretary-General ever to attend the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony. His presence will help us deliver our message to the world.

Please do join us for the Hiroshima Conference if you possibly can. We cities need to step in and help our governments give us what we have been seeking for so long – a nuclear-weapon-free world. Abolition is an idea whose time has come. Working together, we can actually succeed. Yes, we can!

Tadatoshi Akiba
Mayor of Hiroshima
President
Mayors for Peace

Outline

Name: Hiroshima Conference for the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons by 2020

Date: July 27 (Tuesday) to July 29 (Thursday), 2010

Venue: International Conference Center Hiroshima

Sponsored by: Mayors for Peace, Hiroshima City

Participants: Representatives of cities/municipalities, national governments, NGOs with general public invited to observe

Keynote Theme: NEGOTIATING NOW THE ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Schedule:

Tuesday, July 27	
AM	Registration
PM	Tour of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
Evening	Welcome Reception

Wednesday, July 28	
AM	Opening Ceremony A-bomb survivor testimony Keynote speech Douglas Roche, Chairman Emeritus of the Middle Powers Initiative Former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament "Nuclear Weapons: the global situation – changes and a proposal" (tentative) Plenary Session I Theme: Strategic implications of the NPT Review – the next step in the abolition of nuclear weapons -
PM	Plenary Session II Theme: Building a global movement - How Mayors for Peace can work with national governments, cities and NGOs -
Evening	Public Session Theme: What citizens can do to eliminate nuclear weapons by 2020? ----- Appeal Drafting Committee (closed committee) (Drafting the final appeal from the Hiroshima Conference)

Thursday, July 29	
AM	Plenary Session III Theme: Abolishing nuclear weapons by 2020 - Based on the content of Sessions I and II, articulate campaign intentions and commitments to the extent possible -
PM	Closing Ceremony (adopt Hiroshima Appeal) ----- Press Conference

Note: The agenda and even organization of the Hiroshima Conference is subject to change based on the outcome of the NPT Review Conference. Please check our website at: <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/index.html> for the updated information.

Pre-registration:

Please fill out the attached Application Form and send it back to us by June 30, 2010. To be a participating member of the conference, please re-register by June 30.

Registration:

Registration will open at 10.00 am and continue until 3.30 pm on Tuesday, July 27, in the Cosmos Room in the second basement (bottom floor) of the International Conference Center Hiroshima (ICCH). To register at other times, please go to the Mayor for Peace Information Desk in the ICCH also located in the second basement.

Presentations:

If you wish to speak during the Conference, please use the pre-registration form to tell us which session you would like to address, then send a draft of your speech in advance. Please limit your intervention to five minutes. We hope to let as many participants as possible offer their ideas.

Conference Languages:

English and Japanese (simultaneous interpretation)

Sharing of expenses:**1. Provided by sponsor**

- 1) Meals
 - Welcome Reception on Tuesday, July 27
- 2) Admission to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
 - Free access during the entire Conference Period (July 27 to 29)

2. Participant expenses

(expenses to be paid by representatives of cities/municipalities, national governments and NGOs)

- 1) Travel expenses
- 2) Accommodations
- 3) Meals not provided by the sponsor (see **1. Provided by sponsor**) above.

Other:**1. City and NGO Booths**

Details provided on request.

2. Travel and Accommodation Arrangements

Please arrange your own transportation to and from Hiroshima and accommodations during your stay. If necessary, please refer to the attached hotel list.

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22:00		15:30		22:00

ICCH = International Conference Center Hiroshima

■Membership :

3,880 cities/municipalities in 143 countries and regions (as of May 1, 2010)

Area	Members
Asia	1,100 cities in 29 countries and regions
Oceania	99 cities in 9 countries and regions
Africa	200 cities in 39 countries and regions

Area	Members
Europe	1,963 cities in 42 countries
North America	242 cities in 3 countries and regions
Latin America and the Caribbean	276 cities in 21 countries

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