

“REMAINING VIGILANT”

THE UN SG’s REPORT ON S&T: AVENUES FOR ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday 21 November 2018, 13.15 – 14.45
Room XXIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

We are currently witnessing remarkable developments in science and technology (S&T). These represent opportunities, but also pose challenges, some of which are relevant for the CCW community.

In this context, the UN Secretary-General’s report on “Current developments in science and technology and their potential impact on international security and disarmament efforts” (UN doc A/73/177) sheds light on “new and emerging weapon technologies that could imperil the security of future generations”. The SG calls on the international community to “remain vigilant” in respect of developments in S&T and his Disarmament Agenda, which dedicates a chapter to S&T, identifies a number of avenues for different stakeholders to engage.

The side event will discuss what it could mean to “remain vigilant” and what avenues for engagement are relevant for the CCW community.

Speakers

- Amb. Sabrina **Dallafior**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament (Welcome remarks)
- Ms Anja **Kaspersen**, Director, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
- Ms Hilary **Sutcliffe**, Director, SocietyInside and Co-chair, WEF Global Futures Council on Values, Ethics and Innovation
- Mr Richard **Lennane**, Executive Director, Geneva Disarmament Platform

The event is chaired by Ms Maya **Brehm**, Advisor, Article 36.

This side-event, hosted by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs and Article 36, is open to all interested states and non-state representatives.

A light sandwich lunch will be provided from 12:45 in front of the room.

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