

(As of June 26, 2018)

Schedule & Program: 2018 World Conference against A and H Bombs (Provisional)

Main theme:

A Nuclear Weapon-Free, Peaceful and Just World

August 1 (Wed.)

Afternoon: Dedication of flowers to Hiroshima A-Bomb Memorial Cenotaph (Peace Park);
Visit to Peace Memorial Museum

15:00- Registration (2F, Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima)

19:00-20:00 Information meeting for overseas delegates (2F, Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima)

August 2 (Thu.)

Morning: Visit to A-bomb hospitals

14:00-19:00 **International Meeting of the 2018 World Conference against A & H Bombs**
(Hiroshima Bunka Koryu Kaikan Hall)
Opening Plenary, Plenary Session I and II

August 3 (Fri.)

09:30-12:30 **International Meeting** (Hiroshima Bunka Koryu Kaikan Hall)
Plenary Session III

14:00-18:00 **Workshops (I - III), International Meeting**

20:00- **Drafting Committee Meeting** (2F, Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima)

August 4 (Sat.)

10:00-11:30 **Closing Session, International Meeting**

14:00-16:30 **Opening Plenary, 2018 World Conference against A & H Bombs - Hiroshima** (Green Arena, Hiroshima Prefectural Gymnasium)

(Related event)

18:00-20:00 Ring! Link! Zero! - Youth Rally 2018 (Small Arena, Prefectural Gymnasium)

August 5 (Sun.)

09:30-15:00 **Workshops/ Field trips/ Special meetings**
(Different venues throughout Hiroshima City)

13:00-16:00 **International Forum: Dialogue between Governments & NGOs**
Special meetings

Related event

18:00-20:00 No Nukes! Women's Forum 2018 (Small Arena, Prefectural Gymnasium)

August 6 (Mon.)

08:00-08:45 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony (Peace Park)
10:30-13:00 **Closing Plenary, 2018 World Conference – Hiroshima**
(Green Arena, Prefectural Gymnasium)
19:30-20:30 Lantern Floating Ceremony (Motomachi River Park)

August 7 (Tue.)

Morning Move to Nagasaki by chartered bus or train; Visit to A-bomb monument and A-bomb Museum

August 8 (Wed.)

13:00-16:00 **International Forum:**
(Nakabe Auditorium, Nagasaki University)

August 9 (Thu.)

10:30-13:00 **Nagasaki Day Rally, 2018 World Conference against A & H Bombs**
(Nagasaki Shimin Kaikan Gymnasium)
14:00-15:00 Nagasaki Day Street Signature Campaign (Kuroganebashi Bridge)
18:00-20:00 Farewell Party (Washington Hotel)

August 10 (Fri.)

Departure; Visit to local groups

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***International Meeting:
2018 World Conference against A and H Bombs
August 2-4, Hiroshima
Hiroshima Bunka Koryu Kaikan***

August 2 (Thursday) 14:00 - 19:00

Opening Session

Appointment of chairpersons; Introduction of overseas delegates;
Address of the Organizer:
Greetings on Behalf of the A-Bomb Survivors:
Presentation of messages from Heads/leaders of States, Hiroshima and Nagasaki Mayors and others

Plenary Session I: “Damage and Suffering from A-Bombs in Hiroshima & Nagasaki; Inhuman Nature of Nuclear Weapons; Struggle of the Hibakusha”

Introductory speeches:

Q & A, discussion and statements

Plenary Session II: “Prohibition and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and Role of Peace Movement and Civil Society; Promotion of the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; Overcoming Nuclear Deterrence Doctrine”

Introductory speeches:

Q & A, discussion and statements

August 3 (Friday)

Plenary Session III: (09:30-12:30) “Nuclear Abolition and Solidarity/Cooperation with Other Movements - Peaceful Settlement of Conflicts, Eradication of Radiation Damage, Zero Nuclear Power, Ecology, Development, Overcoming Poverty & Social Gap and People’s Living”

Introductory speeches:

Q & A, discussion and statements

Workshops: (14:00-18:00, on 3 themes)

Workshop I: “Damage and Suffering from A-Bombs in Hiroshima & Nagasaki; Inhuman Nature of Nuclear Weapons; Struggle of the Hibakusha”

Workshop II: “Prohibition and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and Role of Peace Movement and Civil Society; Promotion of the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; Overcoming Nuclear Deterrence Doctrine”

Workshop III: Plenary Session III: (09:30-12:30) “Nuclear Abolition and Solidarity/Cooperation with Other Movements -- Peaceful Settlement of Conflicts, Eradication of Radiation Damage, Zero Nuclear Power, Ecology, Development, Overcoming Poverty & Social Gap and People’s Living”

Drafting Committee Meeting: 20:00- (2F, Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima)

August 4 (Saturday)

Closing Session: (10:00-11:30)

Reports from workshops; Report from the Scientists’ Forum

Opening Plenary: 2018 World Conference against A & H Bombs – Hiroshima

Program: Opening: music, Introduction of overseas and domestic delegates
Organizer's Keynote Report
Greetings by guests:
Statements by U.N./Government representatives
Appeal from the Hibakusha
Statements by overseas delegates
Statements by Japanese grass-roots group representatives
Reports on the Nationwide Peace March

Related program:

18:00-20:00 Youth Rally "Let's Abolish Nuclear Weapons" Ring! Link! Zero 2018

August 5 (Sunday)

Forums, Workshops and Field Trips: 2018 World Conference against A & H Bombs – Hiroshima

**International Forum: For Prohibition and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons --
Dialogue between Governments and NGOs (13:00-16:00)**

The world made a new step forward toward a world free of nuclear weapons by the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in July 2017. Representatives of non-nuclear governments, including Non-Aligned Movement, that contributed to the establishment of the treaty will join discuss with NGO and civil society movement on what is now necessary to realize the total ban and elimination of nuclear weapons. (English-Japanese simultaneous translation will be available.)

Special Meeting 1: For a Nuclear-free, Bases-free Japan; Solidarity with Okinawa

Stopping the construction of a new U.S. base at Henoko, Okinawa and achieving a nuclear-free and bases-free Okinawa is the task for all the people of Japan. Discussion will focus how to build a movement in solidarity with the "All-Okinawan" Forces.

Special Meeting 2: Non-Nuclear and Peaceful Korean Peninsula and Asia -- What role should Japan play?

A current for promoting dialogue toward realizing a peaceful Korean Peninsula is growing.

Exchange of opinions will be held with overseas delegates from Asia on what we should promote, taking advantage of the emerging opportunity.

Workshops and Field Trips (09:30 - 15:00: Workshops are held at various venues throughout Hiroshima City.)

1. Grass-roots actions for creating a Nuclear Weapon-Free, Peaceful and Just World

Setups for joint efforts are being established in many local communities in Japan to promote the collection of hundreds of millions of Hibakusha Appeal Signature Campaign, beyond differences of political affiliation and for the defense of peace and democracy. Japanese and overseas delegates will join discussion on building grass-roots actions to achieve a total ban and the elimination of nuclear weapons.

2. Creating Nuclear-free and Peace-oriented Local Municipalities

Over 60% of the heads of local municipalities have endorsed the “Hibakusha Appeal” signature campaign and more than 200 local assemblies have adopted resolutions to urge the Japanese government to sign and ratify the nuclear prohibition treaty. The workshop will discuss how to rally people’s wishes for peace and against nuclear weapons and to include them in local administration.

3. Preventing Revision of Article 9 of the Constitution for Achieving the Prohibition and Abolition of Nuclear Arms

PM Abe is determined to change Article 9 to include the Self-Defense Forces are formal military in the face of people’s aspiration to make Japan nuclear-free and peaceful country. Discussion will focus on the need of learning necessary facts and on the promotion of the “30-million people’s petition” and “Hibakusha Appeal” signature campaigns.

4. Inheriting the Hibakusha’s Experiences; Making A-bomb Damage Known to the World; Support and Solidarity with the Hibakusha

Discussion will focus on the current activities to support the Hibakusha. Listening to the testimonies of the Hibakusha, the voices of the 2nd and 3rd generation Hibakusha and nuclear test victims, the participants will discuss and plan how to make the damage and aftereffects of nuclear weapons known to the world.

5. Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Power Plants

Seven years after the accident at TEPCO’s Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, the aftermath of the damage still continues with no end in sight. And no answers have been found how to deal with vast amount of spent nuclear fuel and accumulation of plutonium, ingredient for nuclear weapons. Discussion will focus also on how to break away from the dependence on nuclear energy.

6. Cutback on Military Expenses to Realize a Peaceful and Decent Human Life

Under the Abe administration, defense budget has reached the record-high, while people’s living continues to deteriorate. In order to realize secure, peaceful and just society, tax money should be spent to raise the level of social security and people’s living, not to buy more weapons or support

big businesses. The participants will learn the relationship between people's life/economy and peace and security, and to broaden the basis of anti-nuclear peace movements.

7. Let Us Spread the Basis of Anti-nuclear Peace Movement through Cultural Activities

With the growing cooperation for the "Hibakusha Appeal" signature campaign and actions for peace and democracy across the country, we are witnessing good opportunities to broaden and enhance people's opinion to achieve a peace and just society without nuclear weapons. Discussion will focus on the possibilities, role, tasks and new method of cultural activities to involving broader range of people with various ideas and thoughts in the anti-nuclear peace movement.

8. Youth Forum: Visit and Learn from the Hibakusha

This workshop will be run by young people themselves, who will be bearers of the future. As the final generation who can still listen to the testimonies from the Hibakusha directly, participants will visit them in small groups, learn from and succeed their experiences and struggles so that they can become main players to create a nuclear weapon-free world.

9. Learning Hiroshima/Nagasaki through films

Watching the films communicating and recording the anti-A and H bomb movement and communicating the inhumanity of nuclear weapons, participants will discuss how they can make use of these assets in promoting the anti-nuclear peace movement.

Interactive Program: Forum between Journalists and Citizens

Citizens and journalists join the forum to explore and discuss together what role mass media should play in the present society, where the stance of the media organizations is often questioned.

Field Trips:

10. On-site Investigation of Iwakuni Base of the US & JSDF
11. On-site Investigation of Kure Base of JSDF
12. Visit to A-bomb Remains and Monuments
13. On the A-bombed Train: Program for Children and Parents
14. Boys and Girls Forum on Ninoshima Island

Related event:

High School Students Forum: Let's talk with the Hibakusha from around the world! (13:30-15:30)

This is one of the workshops in the annual National High School Peace Assembly. Students will learn about the nuclear weapons and their effects on humans by listening to the testimonies of nuclear victims from other countries.

No Nukes! Women's Forum 2018

18:00-20:00, Small Arena, Prefectural Gymnasium (Small Arena, Prefectural Gymnasium)

August 6 (Monday)

08:00-08:45 **Hiroshima City Peace Memorial Ceremony (Peace Park)**

Closing Plenary: 2018 World Conference against A & H Bombs - Hiroshima

10:30-13:00, Green Arena, Hiroshima Prefectural Gymnasium

Program: Messages from national governments/local municipalities
 Greetings of solidarity
 Speeches by representatives of the U.N. and national governments
 Special program: 71 Years of the A-bombing: Aspirations of the Hibakusha
 Cultural program
 Speeches by overseas delegates
 Determination from grass-roots movements in Japan
 Adoption of a conference resolution

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Lantern Floating Ceremony to Remember the A-Bomb Victims

19:30-20:30, Motomachi Riverbank Park

August 7 (Tuesday)

Morning: Move by chartered bus/trains to Nagasaki
Afternoon: Visit to the Epicenter Park and the Nagasaki A-Bomb Museum; Hotel check-in/
 Meeting with host families

August 8 (Wednesday)

**International Forum:
13:00-16:00, Nakabe Auditorium, Nagasaki University**

*Japanese-English Simultaneous interpretation available

August 9 (Thursday)

2018 World Conference against A & H Bombs - Nagasaki Day Rally

10:30-13:00 (Nagasaki Shimin Kaikan Gymnasium)

Program: Keynote report by the Organizer
Greeting by guests:
Special program to mark 73 Years since Nagasaki
Cultural Program: From A-bombed Nagasaki -
For a world without nuclear weapons - Speeches by overseas delegates
Determination of Japanese grass-roots participants
Adoption of Nagasaki Resolution

14:00-15:00 Nagasaki Day Street Signature Campaign

Evening: Farewell Party for overseas delegates

August 10 (Wednesday)

Departure of overseas delegates; Visit to local groups