

## **Progress of the ILPI Nuclear Weapons Project (NWP) in 2012.**

The following is a brief summary of activities in 2012. A comprehensive and detailed project report is available from ILPI on request. The financial report for 2012 will be sent in early 2013.

### **Resources**

In 2012 the NWP has been co-directed by Dr Gro Nystuen and Programme Director Christian Holmboe Ruge. A core group of four ILPI-advisors (Helle Winge Laursen, Torbjørn Graff Hugo, Annie Golden Bersagel and Nobuo Hayashi,) have been involved on day-to-day basis, spending from 30 – 70 % of their working hours on NWP. International experts based in Geneva and London and other ILPI-staff have been commissioned to undertake specific tasks. The NWP has agreed MoUs with Article 36, UNIDIR, APP, ISS and Reaching Critical Will to ensure mutual cooperation on nuclear weapons issues in 2012.

In 2012 following activities have been undertaken as part of the project:

### **Regional Roundtables**

#### **Africa**

The NWP convened a regional roundtable discussion on African perspectives on a ban on nuclear weapons, in Addis Ababa, 5 – 6 June. The meeting gathered 25 representatives from States (including from Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia) NGOs, International and regional organisations and academic institutions. The roundtable discussion was followed up with a meeting in New York 19 October, with participation from among others Ghana, South Africa, Egypt, UN and ICAN. The African work is done in cooperation with the WMD-programme of ISS, South Africa.

#### **Latin America**

The NWP convened a regional roundtable discussion on a humanitarian approach to Nuclear weapons in Punta del Este, Uruguay, on 12 – 13 December. The meeting gathered representatives from States (including from Mexico, Costa Rica, Brazil and Argentina), NGOs, International and regional organisations and academic institutions. The objective of the meeting was to explore possible ways Latin-American actors pursue to prepare for and follow-up the Humanitarian Conference in Oslo in March.

### **International Network activities**

#### **Geneva**

The NWP organised a closed seminar with a selected group of civil society representatives in Geneva on June 25 – 26. The objective was to identify effective ways of mapping, tracking and generating political interest in a ban on Nuclear weapons, with the ILPI analysis tools as a basis for the discussions.

### **Humanitarian disarmament summit**

NWP staff contributed to and participated in the first Humanitarian disarmament Summit, organised by Human Rights watch, in New York, 20 – 21 October. The summit gathered some 90 representatives from NGOs and campaigns working on weapons-related activities worldwide. NWP organised workshops at the summit.

### **Norwegian outreach**

The NWP organised a series of open thematic meetings on Nuclear weapons related issues at Litteraturhuset September – November. Issues included: “Nuclear weapons in the Middle East”, “Nuclear weapons in Norway” and “Humanitarian consequences of a nuclear weapon detonation”. The meetings were organised in cooperation with other Norwegian research institutions, including FFI, Defence Studies, IFE and the Radiation Protection Authority.

### **Institutional dialogue**

NWP initiated and hosted a series of informal meetings with research and expert organisations working with nuclear weapons related issues in Norway. The group met several times over 2012, and the open public meetings came as one result. The group include representatives from FFI, IFE, IFS and Radiation Protection Authority.

### **State and civil society dialogue**

NWP initiated and hosted a series of informal dialogue meetings between key actors on the campaigning and policy aspects from state and civil society in Norway. This included representatives from Red Cross, Norwegian people’s Aid, ICAN- Norway and the MFA.

### **International law**

The NWP achieved several milestones in preparation for the publication of a new volume on the international legal framework applicable to nuclear weapons. The group of international authors have been identified and confirmed. Cambridge University Press has accepted *Nuclear Weapons under International Law* for publication, with a submission date of 31 October 2013.

On December 11 – 12, the majority of the authors met in Oslo to a working seminar to discuss the nine chapter drafts submitted thus far, providing one another with feedback and line-by-line comments. Professor Charles Garraway confirmed that he would review all chapters for specific line edits and quality control.

### **Policy development**

In 2012, NWP convened two international roundtables on policy development with key representatives from States, International organisations and NGOs. The first roundtable was in Montreux on 6 – 7 March, with participation from among others representatives from Austria, South Africa, New Zealand, Norway, ICRC, ICAN, Reaching Critical Will and Article 36.

The second roundtable took place in Copenhagen on 22 – 23 November. In addition to the roundtables, NWP staff have participated in and contributed to, several informal and formal policy development activities throughout the year.

### **Strategic tools**

NWP have developed a mapping-tool for databased quantitative and qualitative analysis of political interest and potential on country-level, world wide. The tool is tested and further developed in cooperation with practioners, such as reaching Critical Will, Article 36 and ICAN. Preliminary findings from the work have been published in cooperation with Reaching Critical Will, and a full report will be published in 2013.

### **Project website and social media**

The dedicated NWP website, [nwp.ilpi.org](http://nwp.ilpi.org), is the main vehicle for NWP's communication with target groups. The website contains a mixture of NWP-produced publications and selected and annotated relevant material from other publishers on the web, in addition to basic legal and political documents. The NWP maintains a presence on social media, with a Facebook page and a Twitter account, @ILPInwp.

### **Project publications**

In 2012, the following IPLI-produced papers have been published on the NWP web-site:

#### **Nutshell Papers**

- The 2012 Nuclear Security Summit
- The 2012 Middle East Conference
- Iran's Nuclear programme

#### **Background Papers**

- Nuclear Weapons and the International Criminal Court
- An Introduction to the Issue of Nuclear Weapons in Africa
- An Introduction to the Issue of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean

### **Comments on deviations in activity plan**

There are some deviations from the implementation plan included in the project application of 11 March 2011. These are mainly due changes in the wider context the project is implemented within, and do not represent substantial changes, but rather changes in the actual implementation of the activities listed in the plan.

**Comments to deviations in budget**

For operational reasons and because ILPI shifted some key personnel resources to assist MFA in the start-up of the planning of the March conference on Humanitarian Impacts, there has been some underutilisation of the budget allocated for 2012 and some tasks have been moved into early 2013. A separate formal request for transfer of the residual funds from 2012 to 2013 will be sent MFA as soon as the accounts for 2012 are finalised.

**Comments to risks identified and need to mitigate them**

The project has not identified any substantial new risks during this project period. Needed adjustments to the original plan are of a minor nature, and concern mainly the day-to-day management of the project, and will not affect the overall aims and activities presented in the original plan.

**Next period**

NWP will continue along the same lines in 2013 as in 2012. The main emphasis for 2013 will be on International Law and a regional focus on Asia, Caribbean and Europe, while continuing to further develop the international policy-development and network efforts. The main vehicle for implementing the project will be convening of roundtable discussions, production of background materials and extensive consultations in Norway and internationally.

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