Humanity faces two existential threats: increasing dangers of nuclear war and climate disruption. Human beings created these threats, which can only be reversed by mass popular actions.

## *Humanity faces two existential threats*

2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki -- the beginning of the nuclear era which threatens human survival today. It marks the birth of international efforts to abolish nuclear weapons, and the 25th anniversary of the UN Climate Change Conference. It also marks the 10th NPT Review Conference to be held at the U.N. in April and May.

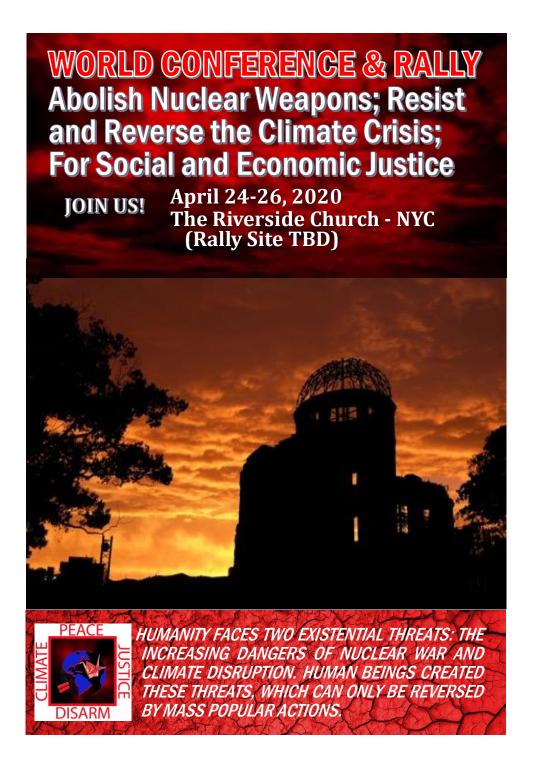
Our international coalition of disarmament, climate, justice and peace organizations is organizing a World Conference, rally, march and petitions presentations in New York City April 24-26 on the eve of the 2020 NPT Review Conference.

We are engaging the broadest possible collaborations with nuclear weapons abolition, peace, justice and environmental constituencies as well as with diplomats and politicians from countries which are actively and meaningfully committed to achieving a nuclear weapon-free world, a sustainable environment and social and economic justice.

We are committed to preventing nuclear war, prohibiting and eliminating all nuclear weapons, and working in solidarity with the world's Hibakusha. We are equally committed to stemming and reversing the climate crisis, to social and economic justice, and to building the intersectional movements we need to prevail.

Our World Conference and rally provide unique opportunities for the world's nuclear disarmament peace, climate and justice movements to press our demands and to develop the alliances and intersectional movements we will need to prevail.

LOCATION: The Riverside Church - 490 Riverside Dr - NYC
DATES: April 24-26, 2020
REGISTRATION
https://worldconference2020.org/registration/
For more information: see worldconference2020.org
or write: JGerson80@gmail.com



AGENDA<sup>1</sup> April 24, 2020

5-6 p.m. **Registration** 

**Opening** - Japanese choir and First Nation Welcome 6-9 p.m.

**Formal welcome & Conference framing** – Joseph Gerson (CPDCS/USA)

**Official Greetings** - Plenary

Setsuko Thurlow (Hibakusha of Hiroshima/Canada - Conf)

Mayors Matsui and Taue (Hiroshima & Nagasaki/Japan - Invited)

Ambassador Elayne Whyte Gomez (Costa Rica - Invited)

Noam Chomsky (Video) (Renowned Scholar/USA - Conf)

Michael Klare (5 College Peace & World Security Studies/USA - Conf)

Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner (Poet/Marshall Islands - Conf)

Xive Bastida - (Sunrise Movement/USA & Mexico - Invited)

Phillip Jennings (ITUC & Int'l Peace Bureau/Britain - Conf)

Rep. Barbara Lee – (U.S. Congress/USA - Invited)

April 25, 2020

Registration 8-9 a.m.

9:00 a.m. **Plenary speeches** – organized by panels (9:00 – noon)

**SECTION 1** (Reporting & Analysis)

Hibakusha Panel: Hidankyo, Korean A-bomb survivors and Leona

Morgan (Nuclear Issues Study Group, Navajo/ - Conf)

Bill McKibben (350.0rg/USA - Invited)

Youth speaker - TBD

Rev. Barber or Rev. Theoharris - (Poor People's Campaign/USA -

Invited)

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Walden Bello – (Focus on the Global South/Philippines – Conf)

Oleg Bodrov (Coalition for a Clean Baltic/Russia - Conf)

Binalakshmi Nepram - (Control Arms Foundation /India - Conf)

**SECTION 2** Actions & Strategies

Emad Kiyaei (IGD Group/Iran - Conf)

Sharon Dolev - (Israeli Disarmament Movement/Israel - Conf)

Youngdae Ko - (SPARK/Korea - Conf)

Arielle Denis - (International Peace Bureau/France -Conf)

Tadatoshi Akiba - (Gensuikin/Japan-Conf)

Andrew Lichterman - (Western States Legal Foundation/USA - Conf)

Sharran Burrow – (ITUC/Australia -Conf)

Sophia (Soda) Garcia – (Pax Christi Philippines/Philippines -Conf)

<sup>1</sup>Order of speakers subject to change

**AGENDA** April 25, 2020 (cont)

Noon-1p.m Lunch Break

Workshops/Forums Session 1-2:30 p.m.

Second Workshop/Forums Session 2:30-4 p.m.

**CLOSING PLENARY** 4-5:00 p.m.

Secretary General António Guterres (United Nations –invited)

Beatrice Finn - (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear

Weapons/Sweden - Conf)

Gensuikyo speaker (Japan – Conf)

Jackie Cabasso - (United for Peace & Justice and WSLF/USA - Conf)

Reading & Distribution of conference organizers' statement

Closing

"I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of nuclear annihilation...there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow..."

Martin Luther King

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