United Nations Secretary-General Report on Disarmament Education

SIPRI’s educational activities on disarmament between June 2022 and May 2024

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- In August 2022 and August 2023, offered the annual Armament and Disarmament Summer School, in cooperation with the Alva Myrdal Centre for Nuclear Disarmament at Uppsala University and the Odesa Center for Nonproliferation. The summer school is aimed at young and emerging professionals in the fields of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control. It strengthens disarmament education and covers a broad range of issues related to nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional weapons, outer space, emerging technologies and military spending. The week-long programme offers knowledge- and skill-building and provides valuable networking opportunities. The next summer school will be held in August 2024.

- In June 2023, co-organized a day-long teaching workshop prior to the annual conference of the Alva Myrdal Centre for Nuclear Disarmament. The workshop brought together lecturers from various universities and different disciplines to share experiences, good practices and innovative teaching methods on issues of arms control and disarmament. It thereby upheld a transdisciplinary approach to strengthening disarmament education at university level. The discussions at the workshop fed into a jointly organized SIPRI–Alva Myrdal Centre side event at the second meeting of states parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) in November 2023. The next teaching workshop will be held in June 2024, on the topic of ‘Diversifying Nuclear Disarmament Education’.

- In February 2024, released a compendium of next-generation working papers entitled ‘Expanding Perspectives on Nuclear Disarmament’, in cooperation with the Alva Myrdal Centre at Uppsala University. It features contributions by students and early career professionals who were selected following an open call for abstracts. The compendium represents an effort to expand current understanding of the topic, with a view to reinvigorating efforts towards a world free of nuclear weapons through empowering research by the next generation of experts in the non-proliferation and disarmament field. Authors whose work was selected for the compendium were
invited and sponsored to take part in the 2023 Annual Conference of the Alva Myrdal Centre for Nuclear Disarmament at Uppsala University.

- As a public good and educational resource, publishes databases on arms transfers, arms production, military spending and nuclear forces, along with numerous publications on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation issues, available at www.sipri.org.

- On behalf of the EUNPDC, organizes in-person and virtual introductory proliferation-awareness training courses for graduate and postgraduate students of natural sciences, engineering and technical disciplines, which take place twice a year. The courses educate participants on the fundamentals of arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament. The aim is to strengthen transdisciplinary knowledge building to raise awareness of proliferation risks in engineering and natural sciences disciplines and enable students of those disciplines to use their knowledge and expertise for potential careers in arms control and disarmament.

- On behalf of the EUNPDC, manages and produces the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Paper series, which provides a reliable source of information and analysis on issues related to non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control. The authors reflect a variety of perspectives and backgrounds. SIPRI has made additional efforts to mentor and coach next-generation experts and invite their contributions to the policy paper series. The papers are freely accessible on the EUNPDC’s website (https://www.nonproliferation.eu/activities/online-publishing/non-proliferation-papers) and in SIPRI’s publication database (https://www.sipri.org/publications).

**Summary (max. 150 words):**

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) facilitates capacity building, educational activities and training on non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament. In August 2022 and 2023, SIPRI offered the Armament and Disarmament Summer School in cooperation with the Alva Myrdal Centre for Nuclear Disarmament and the Odesa Center for Nonproliferation. The summer school enables young professionals and graduate students to advance their knowledge of disarmament and arms control and provides valuable networking opportunities. In June 2023, SIPRI offered a teaching workshop to support disarmament education and teaching in diverse disciplines at university level. SIPRI also published a compendium of papers on nuclear disarmament, featuring selected contributions by students and early career professionals. Additionally, on behalf of the European Union Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium, SIPRI produces a policy paper series and twice a year organizes in-person and virtual introductory proliferation-awareness training courses for (post)graduate students of natural sciences, engineering and technical disciplines.