

PSNA Mission Statement

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The Panel on Peace and Security of Northeast Asia (PSNA) is established in November 2016 and is an independent group of experts from various countries especially from countries in Northeast Asia and those countries which have close relations with the security situation in the region. Its primary mission is to facilitate political processes, through timely policy recommendations and public engagement, to create a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in Northeast Asia (NEA-NWFZ) as part of establishing peace and security in the region. It also provides venue for frank exchange of opinions among experts involving policy makers, academics and civil society.

In order to achieve the above mission, the Panel holds a series of workshops, as necessary, which will involve experts as well as diplomats and officials from the region and relevant countries and international organizations. The Panel will collaborate and coordinate with other similar civil society activities in the region and the world, such as Asia Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (APLN), Blue Banner and its “Ulaanbaatar Process”, Pugwash community activities in Northeast Asia, Mayors for Peace, Peace Depot, as well as newly established “Coalition 3+3 for NEA-NWFZ”. The Panel is also closely watching formal government disarmament processes, such as Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) and Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). This whole process, aiming at promoting peace and security of Northeast Asia through establishment of a NEA-NWFZ, is called “Nagasaki Process”.

Individuals or a group of researchers commissioned by the Panel will conduct independent research and analysis for the Panel and publish “Working Papers” or “Special Report”. Panel also publishes policy recommendations on regional security issues as necessary. Those papers will be also published by the Journal for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament (J-PAND), an English on-line academic journal sponsored by Nagasaki University, edited by RECNA and published by Taylor and Francis.

The PSNA2 plans to continue its activities for the next three years, and can extend the activities by agreement. Initially, Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA) will provide administrative and research support for the Panel.