

Abolition 2000, Move the Nuclear Weapons Money, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament and the World Future Council invite you to:

MOVE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS (AND FOSSIL FUEL) MONEY

**CUTTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS BUDGETS,
ENDING INVESTMENTS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS & FOSSIL FUELS,
REALLOCATING THESE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, CLIMATE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

International webinar: April 21, 2020

*Held in conjunction with Earth Day 2020 and the
Global Days of Action on Military Spending, April 10 – May 5, 2020*

CHAIR: **Vanda Proskova**, *Move the Nuclear Weapons Money campaign*

WELCOME AND INTRO: **Tony Robinson**, *Abolition 2000 Coordinating Committee*

Session 1: **Divestment and ethical/impact investment.** 11:00-12:30 (EDT, New York Time)

- **Thies Kaetow** (Germany). *Divestment Researcher, World Future Council.*
- **Susanna Choe** (USA). *Executive Director, Regeneration Fund, Investment Community Visibility Group.*
- **Jeff Perkins** (USA). *Executive Director, Friends Fiduciary Corporation.*
- **Matt Robson** (New Zealand), *Former Deputy Leader of the Progressive Party and New Zealand Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control.*
- **John Ingram** (USA). *Member of 350NYC.org Steering Committee, Divest NYC Coalition and Divest NY State Coalition.*

Coffee/refreshment break

Session 2: **Legislative action and public promotion.** 13:00-14:30 (EDT, New York Time)

- **Jennifer Blemur** (USA). *Director, Women Legislators' Lobby.*
- **Marzhan Nurzhan** (Kazakhstan/Switzerland). *Member, Abolition 2000 Coordinating Committee. Deputy-Director, Basel Peace Office.*
- **Kehkashan Basu** (UAE/Canada). *Youth Ambassador, World Future Council. Winner, 2016 International Children's Peace Prize.*
- **Quique Sánchez** (Spain), *Global Campaign on Military Spending.*
- **Karen Robinson** (UK). *Campaign Worker, Taxes For Peace Not War, UK.*

OUTLINE:

The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the need for governments and the international community to focus more on human security issues and to shift resources from military spending, especially the nuclear weapons budgets, to accomplish this. However, the nuclear weapons and fossil fuel industries have vested financial interests in maintaining the nuclear arms race and a fossil fuel economy. They are a potent political force preventing change.

Governments, cities, religious communities, universities, banks and private investors can shift these financial incentives by divesting from the nuclear weapons and fossil fuel industries and re-allocating these investments according to ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) principals. Such actions provide political support for legislative efforts to cut nuclear weapons budgets, especially in the USA and UK.

This webinar will highlight examples of nuclear weapons and fossil fuel divestment and examine how these can assist initiatives to cut nuclear weapons budgets and support public health, climate protection and sustainable development. The event will include the preview of a *Handbook on Nuclear Weapons Divestment* which will be produced by the Move the Nuclear Weapons Money campaign.



Move the Nuclear Weapons Money is a global campaign to cut nuclear weapons budgets, encourage divestment from companies manufacturing nuclear weapons and their delivery systems, and reallocation of these budgets and investments to meet economic, social and environmental need.

The campaign is a joint initiative of the Abolition 2000 Working Group on Economic Dimensions of Nuclearism, Basel Peace Office, Global Security Institute, International Peace Bureau, Investment Community Visibility Group, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, Peace Accelerators, UNFOLD ZERO, World Federalist Movement and the World Future Council.

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