

Founding Statement

Global Alliance “Sustainable Peace and Prosperity for All”

(Basic Idea)

There are currently three major existential threats or risks to the international community: pandemics, climate change, and nuclear weapons. These risks threaten the sustainable future of humanity, public health and the environment. Each requires international focus, management and cooperation to be resolved. Of the three risks, nuclear weapons receive the least international attention, yet arguably pose the most significant threat. Nuclear war – even a small one with limited nuclear weapons - would cause catastrophic, transgenerational consequences rendering most or all of the UN’s development goals unachievable, if not destroying the earth itself.

In addition, the production, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons absorbs considerable financial and human resources that are needed for the SDGs. And the maintenance of security doctrines threatening nuclear weapons, increase tensions between countries and impacts negatively on the international cooperation required to protect the climate and implement the SDGs.

Our deep concern is that humanity may risk its very survival unless political attention is given to nuclear risk reduction and disarmament in the post-2030 SDG agenda, with the objective to eliminate the nuclear weapons from the world before singularity occurs, that is by 2045, the 100th anniversary of the atomic bombings and of the establishment of the UN, at the very latest.

In order to build such international attention and cooperation on the nuclear weapons issue, we will adopt an SDGs approach, which will involve setting a major goal based on consensus and back-casting from it. By combining the SDGs approach and our traditional approach of calling for legal binding force, we will enhance the effectiveness of the consensus building process and reframe the issue of nuclear weapons from a range of sustainability perspectives, including the environment, society, and economy. Furthermore, we will look for impactful ways to garner more support by exploring how to ensure security without nuclear weapons.

(Purpose)

With the aim of making the elimination of nuclear weapons one of the UN’s development goals for 2030 onwards (post SDGs), we will raise the issue of nuclear weapons from the perspective of sustainability and urge the international community to take action.

(Roles)

- As a civil society platform made up of NGOs, universities, youths, and many other actors that share an awareness of issues in various areas, such as nuclear weapons, the environment, and human rights, we will lobby the UN and government officials ahead of the international negotiations on the next development goals, which are scheduled to start in earnest in 2025, and will also participate in the negotiations as a group.
- Leveraging the combined wisdom of various actors from a range of fields, we will reframe the issue of nuclear weapons from the perspective of sustainability to raise the issue in the international community.

(Activities)

1. We will frame the issue of nuclear weapons in terms of the impact on society, economy, environment, and many other areas from the perspective of sustainability, formulate and publish policy recommendations for raising the issue in the international community, and disseminate the information through campaign.
2. We will establish a Group of Friends consisting of government officials involved in diplomatic negotiations and support its activities. Group members will encourage their respective governments to join the Group of Friends.
3. In order to participate in international negotiations as one of the negotiating parties, we will apply for consultative status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and launch a new group in the “Major Groups and Other Stakeholders.”
4. We will provide support from the civil society sector for “An Agenda for Disarmament” and “Our Common Agenda” announced by the UN. Furthermore, we will lobby to ensure that the goal of eliminating nuclear weapons by 2045 is included in the “Agenda for Peace” to be formulated in the coming “Summit of the Future” and becomes part of the global movement toward the next development goals.

Organizations and individuals that agree to the above may become a member of the group.

Note that members must abide by the code of ethics and conduct to be specified separately.

The representative, decision-making procedures, and other aspects of the group will be specified separately.