

DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2025



Photos above: The Good Future Forum

Organised by Basel Peace Office and held at K-Haus, Basel, August 13-15, 2025

Left. Session 1: A Good Future?

From Left to Right: **Alyn Ware**, Basel Peace Office Director; **Gerd Leonhard**, Futurist, Author of *Technology vs Humanity*; **Ayleen Roy**, Core Team Member of Youth Fusion; **Camilla Braitto**, Core Team Member of Youth Fusion, and **Alexiane Terrochaire-Barbançon**, Vice-President of Young European Federalists (JEF).

Right: Workshop 1

Henrieke Bünger from World's Youth for Climate Justice leading the workshop on *Using the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Climate Change to change policy and practice*.

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Nuclear Abolition Day, 2025



In 2025, Basel Peace Office, in consultation with the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs, co-founded and hosted NuclearAbolitionDay.org, a global coalition and campaign to advance nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament in conjunction with the [UN International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#).

Photos: *Left:* **Dr Deepshikha Kumari Vijn** presenting the [NuclearAbolitionDay Appeal](#) to the Presidents, Prime Ministers, Foreign Minister and Ambassadors participating in the *UN High-Level Meeting on the Elimination of nuclear Weapons* (Sep 26, 2025). *Centre:* **Natia Ninoshvili**, BPO and PNND intern, doing the [No Nukes: Peace is in our Hands](#) social media action in front of the UN in Geneva. *Right:* Hollywood actor **Michael Douglas** supported the social media campaign with a photo and [video message](#).

1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On January 28, 2025, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists re-set the Doomsday Clock to [89 Seconds to Midnight](#), indicating the increasing risks to humanity from armed conflict (including 8 major wars), rising authoritarianism and atrocity crimes (war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity), climate change, biodiversity threats and an array of technologies (including Artificial Intelligence) that are open to use in disruptive ways including in generating misinformation and subverting democracy.

At the same time, the past couple of years saw an increase in global cooperation and multilateralism with the potential to better address these issues and build a sustainable peace for current and future generations. This included the adoption of the High Seas Treaty (Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement) and Pact for the Future (at the Summit of the Future) and an increase in the use of international judicial institutions - the International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court and International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea - to address these critical issues.

The Basel Peace Office, in this our 13th year of operation, continues to be actively engaged in the United Nations and other multilateral bodies where we promote effective policies to advance peace, nuclear abolition, climate protection and the rights and wellbeing of current and future generations. Despite very low funding and no paid staff, our programs and events have been very successful and have had impact in Switzerland, Europe and globally.

Highlights of 2025 have included:

- **2025 PACEY Award.** We received over 120 nominated youth projects, resulting in [nine excellent finalists](#) and [three outstanding winners](#).
- **The [historical and groundbreaking decision on climate change](#) delivered by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on July 23.** The campaign was led by [World's Youth for Climate Justice](#), 2021 Winners of the PACEY Award. BPO was actively involved in getting the case to the court, shaping the legal arguments presented to the court, and now in implementation and compliance with the decision.
- **[The Good Future Forum](#).** We brought to Basel leaders from a range of European and global youth networks, together with policy makers and experts in future policy making, peace, international law, environmental governance and Artificial Intelligence.
- **[Nuclear Abolition Day](#).** More than 600 organizations and 1200 civil society representatives (Nobel laureates, legislators, religious leaders, academics/scientists and youth) joined our campaign and appeal to the UN and governments on the UN Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- **[LAW not War](#).** Our events in 2025 to promote the ICJ have included ICJ judges, candidates for the ICJ bench, other legal experts and representatives from governments whom we are encouraging to accept compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ. The ICJ is now experiencing its strongest support ever.
- **[Nuclear weapons and human rights](#).** Our leadership over the past few years in this initiative is now gaining traction. For the first time, we have a [Joint statement on Nuclear Weapons and Human Rights](#) (endorsed by 39 countries) presented to the UN Human Rights Council.

Below: The 2025 PACEY Award Winners were amongst the speakers at **The Good Future Forum** in Basel, August 13-15, 2025



THE GOOD FUTURE FORUM

"Peace is not only the absence of war but the presence of justice - for all! It's a world in which everyone can feel safe, and the choices we make today about disarmament, climate, and AI will shape this peace or peril not only for us but also for generations to come."

Salome Adamia
Peace Institute for Progress chairwoman; PACEY Award winner 2025.

AUG 13-15, 2025 



THE GOOD FUTURE FORUM

"Young people are carrying the grief of what's been lost and a bold vision for what's possible. The PACEY Awards give us courage to act along with the tools to build a more peaceful, just, and sustainable future."

Kasha Sequoia Slavner
Director/Producer, 1.5 Degrees of Peace, 2025 PACEY Award winner

AUG 13-15, 2025 



THE GOOD FUTURE FORUM

"Injustice to the climate is injustice to humanity climate change is not just an environmental issue but a matter of justice, equity, and survival."

Felix Orwaka
Coordinator, Africa Youth Vanguard for Peace and Climate Action, 2025 PACEY Award winner

AUG 13-15, 2025 

2. 2025 EVENTS ORGANIZED/CO-ORGANIZED BY BASEL PEACE OFFICE

(does not include numerous events organized by others at which Basel Peace Office leaders were invited to speak)

Jan 19: Online. [Unpacking the PACT: A webinar on the UN Pact for the Future](#)

Jan 22: Basel. [2025 Inter-generational Forum on Peace, Climate Action and Nuclear Disarmament](#)

Jan 22: Online. [2025 PACEY Award Ceremony](#)

Mar 27: Geneva. [Human Rights and Nuclear Disarmament](#)

Apr 24: Online. [Federalism, Faith and the Israel-Palestine Conflict](#)

Apr 30: Online. [Abolition 2000 Live from the NPT Prep Com in New York](#)

May 1: New York. [The International Court of Justice and the Climate-Nuclear Nexus](#)

May 1: New York. [Nuclear risks and risk reduction](#)

May 1: New York. [Common security and nuclear deterrence in a turbulent world](#)

May 7: New York. [2000 candles for Peace](#)

Jun 27: London. [Planet on the Brink: Transforming Global Environmental Governance After the ICJ Advisory Opinion](#)

July 16: Online. [Effective Approaches to Limit the P5 use of UN Security Council veto power](#)

Jul 22: Online. [Climate protection, faith and rights of future generations: Opportunities from the ICJ Climate Case](#)

Aug 13-15: Basel. [The Good Future Forum](#)

Aug 29: Geneva. [Human Rights, Nuclear Tests and a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World](#)

Aug 29: Geneva. [#StepUp4Disarmament Geneva](#)

Sep 26: The Hague. [3D Nuke Missile in the Hague](#)

Sep 27: The Hague. Hague Conference on Future generations and Eco-peace.

Oct 22: Online. [The Scientific Future of Nuclear War](#)

Oct 28: New York and online. [Inspiring and effective policies for Peace and Future Generations](#)

Oct 30: New York. [The World Court at 80: Advancing legal solutions to urgent challenges](#)

Nov 5: New York and online. [Narratives on Nuclear Disarmament, Gender and Protection of the Environment](#)



Human Rights and Nuclear Weapons, United Nations, Geneva. March 27, 2025

A side event at the 58th Session of the UN Human Rights Council co-hosted by PNND, Basel Peace Office and the Permanent Missions of Kazakhstan and Marshall Islands to the UN.

From left to right: **Ayleen Roy** (Youth Fusion), **Neshan Gunasekera** (World Future Council), **Alyn Ware** (Basel Peace Office), **Ambassador Yerlan Alimbayev** (Kazakhstan), **Ambassador Doreen De Brum** (Marshall Islands), and **Raphael Pangalangang** (Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights).

3. PROGRAMS:

a. **PACEY Award:** *Youth initiatives for peace, nuclear abolition and the climate;*

The [Peace, nuclear Abolition and Climate Engaged Youth \(PACEY\) Award](#) provides three annual awards of €5000 each for youth projects relating to these issues. The winners are decided and the awards given at the PACEY Award Ceremony which is held in January each year in conjunction with the *Intergenerational Forum on Climate, Peace and Nuclear Abolition* which Basel Peace Office organises as part of the *Basel Peace Forum*.

Basel Peace Office also provides strategic assistance and organizational support to many of the award winners, some of which have used this support to build considerable success. One of the 2021 winners, for example, was [World's Youth for Climate Justice](#). With our support, they [succeeded in getting the issue of climate change before the International Court of Justice](#).

The PACEY Award winners for 2025 were:

- 1) The [Bertha von Suttner Peace Prize and Program for Youth](#), an initiative organized by the Peace Institute for Progress (Georgia) to advance the potential of youth to drive meaningful change for peace in society. It is named after Bertha von Suttner, the first woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Bertha lived for nine years in Georgia hosted by Princess Ekaterina Dadiani. Located on the southern border of Russia, but with strong connections to Europe, places Georgia in a very difficult political situation. This project supports youth who are engaging in initiatives for peace, democracy and human rights in such a turbulent political environment.
- 2) [1.5 Degrees of Peace](#), a character-driven feature documentary produced by Kasha Slavner, following the stories of four young activists, in regions impacted by the interconnected forces driving climate change: militarization, conflicts, and systemic violence. The film contrasts our protagonists in their struggle for environmental justice, disarmament, and demilitarization, with the revolutionary love, community, and visionary solutions that exist within these movements.
- 3) *Africa Youth Vanguard for Peace and Climate Action*, a youth-led initiative under the [Upcoming African Youth Organization](#) that empowers African youth to tackle global challenges through innovative, community-driven solutions. The project will engage young people in nuclear disarmament through workshops, digital campaigns, and collaborations with global organizations, highlighting the humanitarian and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons while fostering a culture of peace.

In addition to granting the PACEY award to the three winners, Basel Peace Office provides follow-up support for the winners. In 2025, this included a workshop for the award winners as part of The Good Future Forum.

PACEY and Climate Change



Jule Schnakenberg from World's Youth for Climate Justice. The 2021 PACEY Award helped them build a successful campaign to take the issue of climate change to the ICJ.

PACEY Award - Stimulating transformative action

"The PACEY Award supports innovative projects which empower youth to lead transformative actions in the fields of peace, climate security and disarmament."

Marzhan Nurzhan
PNND Program Officer
Co-founder, Youth Fusion
Deputy-Director, Basel Peace Office



PACEY Award - Youth more easily bridge continents, countries and religions

"Bridging continents, countries and religions: young people frequently realize, much faster than many grown-ups, that only through trust, an open heart and cooperation, is significant progress possible."

Rev. Prof. Lukas Kundert
Adjunct professor of Theology, Basel University, Director, Basel-Stadt Evangelical Reformed Church.



b. The Good Future Forum

[The Good Future Forum](#) was a three-day event organized by the Basel Peace Office from August 13-15, 2025

It featured:

- A [captivating keynote presentation](#) by Gerd Leonhard, renowned World Futurist and host of [The Future Show](#), followed by an inter-generational dialogue of youth leaders with Gerd;
- Stories of effective policies for peace and future generations that won the [2024 World Future Policy Award on Peace and Future Generations](#);
- Updates on inspiring youth projects that were winners of the prestigious [PACEY Award](#);
- A preview of the [1.5 Degrees of Peace](#) film planned for release in early 2026;
- Pre-launch for the new [Global AI Governance Alliance](#);
- Workshops on *Building the Global AI Governance Alliance*; *Common security, nuclear risk reduction and disarmament* and *Using the groundbreaking International Court of Justice decision on climate change to advance better policy on the climate*.
- A social media action promoting the [International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#).



For more information on the Good Future Forum, please see [Basel hosts successful Good Future Forum](#).

c. **LAW not War: *Advancing peace, conflict resolution and the rule of law;***

[Legal Alternatives to War](#) (LAW not War) is a global campaign we co-launched in October 2023 in cooperation with World Federalist Movement. The campaign promotes the jurisdiction and use of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in order to assist countries resolve international disputes peacefully rather than through recourse to the threat or use of force.

Key objectives of the campaign are to:

- Encourage all UN member states to **accept compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ** (74 countries currently accept such jurisdiction);
- Promote greater use by UN bodies of the option to **request Advisory Opinions from the ICJ**;
- Encourage more frequent use of the compulsory **ICJ jurisdiction provision which is in a number of international treaties**;
- Encourage states to **adopt constitutional amendments** to affirm the UN Charter prohibition of war and the obligation to resolve international disputes peacefully including through recourse to the ICJ (similar, for example, to the Costa Rica constitution).

We work in cooperation with like-minded States, including **Switzerland** which has produced a [handbook on acceptance of ICJ jurisdiction](#) and about 30 countries (also including Switzerland) which have released a [Declaration on promoting the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice](#). Nearly 100 organizations have joined the LAW not War campaign and are supporting our events and advocacy.

LAW not War is promoted in conjunction with the activities of the [ImPACT Coalition on Strengthening International Judicial Institutions](#), which also focuses on supporting the International Criminal Court and International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, as well as the campaign for establishment of an [International Anti-Corruption Court](#).

During 2025, we organised [The World Court at 80: Advancing legal solutions to urgent challenges](#), a LAW not War roundtable event in New York on Oct 28 (during International Law Week), and we undertook advocacy for the ICJ in various forums including at the United Nations (in New York and Geneva), 150th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly and various follow-up events to the UN Summit of the Future.



Prof. Dr. Charles Jalloh (Sierra Leone), Professor of International Law and Member of the UN International Law Commission; and **Judge Bogdan-Lucian Aurescu**, Member (Judge) of the International Court of Justice, two of the speakers at *The World at 80: Advancing legal solutions to urgent challenges*, an event we organized in New York during International Law Week.

d. **World Future Policy Award: *Policies for peace and future generations***

The [World Future Policy Award](#), an initiative of the World Future Council (a co-founding partner of the Basel Peace Office), celebrates top policy solutions on critical issues for humanity and the planet. The award raises global awareness of exemplary laws and policies, accelerating policy action towards a common future where every person lives in dignity on a healthy, sustainable planet. As the world's premier policy prize, it amplifies and spreads inspiring and effective policies on the international stage.

In 2024, Basel Peace Office partnered with World Future Council, Inter-Parliamentary Union and Geneva Centre for Security Policy on the [2024 World Future Policy Award](#), the topic of which was *Peace and Future Generations*. The winning policies were presented with the award at a ceremony in Geneva in November, 2024.

Then in 2025, we followed up the award with a series of joint events and presentations to promote the winning policies and to inspire policy makers around the world to learn from them in developing their own policies on peace and future generations.

This included two events in New Zealand in March, a side event at the 150th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Uzbekistan in July, presentations on the winning policies at *The Good Future Forum* in Basel in August, a panel at the [Global Ethics Forum](#) in Geneva in October and an event [Inspiring and effective policies for Peace and Future Generations](#) at the United Nations in New York in October.



Teresa Bergman, Project Manager and Research Team Lead for the World Future Policy Award on Peace and Future generations, presenting to the 150th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Tashkent on the New Zealand led *Pacific Partnership for Peace, Mediation and Monitoring in Bougainville*. This policy, which was a runner-up in the World Future Policy Award, established a process which helped end the 10-year long civil war in Bougainville, and build a sustainable peace.

e. **UNFOLD ZERO: UN and Common security to achieve nuclear disarmament**

UNFOLD ZERO is a global platform which Basel Peace Office co-founded in 2014 with other key organisations to promote United Nations initiatives for peace and nuclear disarmament. **UNFOLD ZERO** focuses in particular on:

- Addressing nuclear threats arising from conflicts in Europe, Middle East, NE Asia and South Asia;
- The Climate/Nuclear Disarmament Nexus, including cutting nuclear weapons budgets to support the Sustainable Development Goals;
- UN Summit of the Future and the UN Agenda for Peace;
- Replacing nuclear deterrence with Common Security;

- Implementing international law prohibiting the threat or use of nuclear weapons and the obligation to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world;

Key activities over the year included in-person events, webinars, [9 blog articles](#) and [23 newsletters](#) (circulated to a subscription list of over 4000 people and organizations) reporting on UNFOLD ZERO actions. Blog articles included:

- ❖ March 21: [Summit of the Future implementation: Move the Nuclear Weapons Money](#)
- ❖ April 8: [Belarus should revive its nuclear-weapon-free status, NGOs urge at the Human Rights Council](#)
- ❖ May 4: [Conflict resolution, the International Court of Justice and nuclear weapons](#)
- ❖ July 15: [Nuclear abolition movement develops new approaches to meet today's turbulent times](#)
- ❖ July 25: [World Court affirms a comprehensive set of stringent legal obligations regarding climate Change](#)
- ❖ August 2: [Michael Douglas gets standing ovation at the UN for his speech on Hope, Peace and Nuclear Disarmament](#)
- ❖ August 30: [Stop Nuclear Weapons: Peace is in our Hands](#)
- ❖ September 26: [World leaders urged to prevent nuclear war, end the nuclear arms race and achieve global nuclear abolition](#)
- ❖ October 24: [Hague Appeal for Future Generations: Call on the 80th anniversary of the UN for action to secure peace and protect the future](#)



Participants at the *Hague Conference on Future Generations and Eco-Peace*. Basel Peace Office led the drafting of the [Hague Appeal for Future Generations: Action now to secure Peace and protect the Future](#), which includes 15 action calls to secure peace with our natural environment, protect current and future generations, advance justice, and shape a positive future. The Appeal and was circulated to UN Members on October 24, UN Day.

f. Human rights and nuclear disarmament

In 2025, we continued work on our program on [Nuclear Weapons and Human Rights Law](#), including to implement the [affirmation made by UN Human Rights Committee in 2018](#) that the threat or use of nuclear weapons violates the right to life under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. As a result of our advocacy on this issue, Kazakhstan submitted a statement to the UN Human Rights Council, endorsed by another 39 countries, on the [Right to life without Threat of Nuclear Weapons](#).

In April, we made a submission to the Human Rights Council on [Nuclear weapons policies and practices of Belarus with respect to international human rights law](#). The submission criticizes the recent deployment of Russian nuclear weapons to Belarus, and calls on Belarus to reinstate its constitutional status as a nuclear-weapon-free country, return the nuclear weapons deployed in its territory to Russia, and revive its earlier proposal for the establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central and Eastern Europe.

The submission was prepared in cooperation with Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace, Basel Peace Office, Citizens for Global Solutions, International Centre for Civil Initiatives “Our House” (a Belarus organization), World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy, World Future Council and Youth Fusion. For further information see [Belarus should revive its nuclear-weapon-free status, NGOs urge at the Human Rights Council](#)).

Excerpt from our submission to the UN Human Rights Council on Belarus nuclear weapons policy and practice.



Iskander-M short-range nuclear missile on the starboard erector arm of the 9P78-1 transporter erector launcher. Russia has transferred an undisclosed number of these to Belarus. The warheads have yields between 5 and 50 kilotons. In comparison, the yield of the Hiroshima bomb was 15 kilotons.



One of the SU-30 fighter-attack planes in the Belarussian airforce. Russia has transferred an undisclosed number of free-fall nuclear bombs that can be delivered by the SU-30. These have a yield of 15-20 kilotons.

g. NoFirstUse Global. Preventing nuclear war

[NoFirstUse Global](#) is a platform and campaign involving 80 participating organizations which Basel Peace Office co-founded in 2021 in order to encourage nuclear armed and allied states to adopt policies never to launch a nuclear war, i.e. to never be the first to use nuclear weapons in a conflict.

Key activities in 2025 included:

- ❖ **January 29.** NoFirstUse Global makes an [Appeal to the Conference on Disarmament](#) (CD) in Geneva to ‘Turn Back the Doomsday Clock’ by adopting no-first-use policies. The appeal is delivered to the CD by Alyn Ware, Director of the Basel Peace Office.
- ❖ **April 30.** NoFirstUse Global makes an [appeal to the States Parties to the NPT to support the adoption of no-first-use policies](#) as an important measure to reduce the risks of nuclear war and to pave the way for mutual nuclear disarmament. The appeals are made in presentations to the NPT Prep Com at the United Nations by PNND Council Member Rabea Abouras MP, and PNND Australia Coordinator John Hallam.
- ❖ **October 6.** Representatives from several Australian organizations and NoFirstUse Global sent a [letter to Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong](#) on nuclear weapons, Artificial Intelligence and no-first-use policies following her comments on this at the UNGA.
- ❖ **September 26.** NoFirstUse Global, Basel Peace Office and World Future Council organize [3D Nuke Missile in the Hague](#), an interactive event in front of the Peace Palace on September 26 to highlight the risks of nuclear war and the importance of adopting no-first-use policies.



Alyn Ware, Director of the Basel Peace Office, at the Conference on Disarmament after delivering the Appeal ‘Turn Back the Doomsday Clock.’

h. **Mayors for Peace: Building local body engagement in peace and disarmament**

Basel Peace Office serves as the contact point for the membership of Basel in Mayors for Peace. This includes communicating with Mayors for Peace Europe Secretariat in Spain and the Mayors for Peace International Secretariat in Hiroshima in order to keep up-to-date on Mayors for Peace activities, as well as to inform and engage Mayors for Peace in our relevant activities.

In 2025 this included inviting members of Mayors for Peace to our events in Basel (the Intergenerational Forum in January and The Good Future Forum in August) and to our events in Geneva, and to endorse the appeals we organized including the [Nuclear Abolition Day Appeal](#) (which Mayors for Peace endorsed).

i. **PNND and IPU: Parliamentary actions for global cooperation**

Basel Peace Office hosts the European Office for [Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament](#) (PNND). Alyn Ware, the Director of the Basel Peace Office, also serves as PNND Global Coordinator. PNND actively engages legislators around the world in disarmament issues and processes. A key focus of this work is to build parliamentary action to help implement *Securing our Common Future*, the UNSG's Disarmament Agenda released in 2018.

In 2020, PNND, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), World Future Council and several other organizations jointly produced the online parliamentary resource [Assuring our Common Future](#), edited by Alyn.

Since then, PNND and IPU have co-organised a series of national, regional and global events to introduce the handbook to parliamentarians, highlight key recommendations, share examples of effective disarmament policy, and take forward parliamentary action. In 2025, this included a panel at the 150th IPU Assembly in Tashkent on parliamentary action to address weapons of mass destruction, nuclear disarmament and

In addition, PNND as a permanent observer at the IPU is able to make interventions at IPU plenary sessions and commission meetings IPU events. These are usually done by either Alyn Ware or Margareta Kiener Nellen, who is a PNND Council Member and a Board Member of Basel Peace Office.

In 2025 this included interventions at the 150th IPU Assembly in Tashkent (see [PNND promotes peace, disarmament and the rights of future generations at IPU Assembly in Tashkent](#)), the Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue in Rome (See [PNND joins parliamentarians in Rome to champion inter-faith dialogue for peace and our common future](#)) and the 151st IPU Assembly in Geneva. We also helped organize a special presentation by Michael Douglas, Hollywood Actor and UN Peace Messenger, to the *IPU 6th Conference of Speakers of Parliaments* at the United Nations in Geneva (See [Standing ovation for Michael Douglas at Conference of Speakers of the World's Parliaments](#)).



j. **Abolition 2000, Nuclear Abolition Day and Youth Fusion: Building the global network and movement for a nuclear-weapon-free world;**

Abolition 2000:



Basel Peace Office serves as a core team member and European host for [Abolition 2000](#), the global civil society network for the elimination of nuclear weapons. We also serve as advisors to [Youth Fusion](#), the Abolition 2000 global youth network.

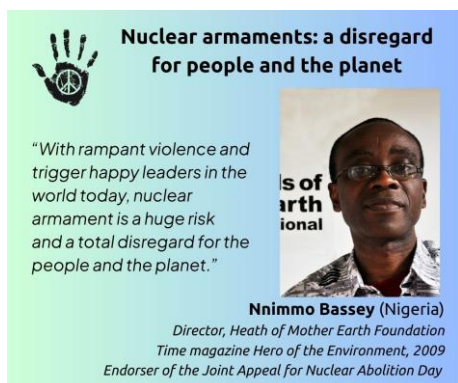
Activities we undertook in 2025 for Abolition 2000 included:

- Publishing [blog articles](#) on the Abolition 2000 website;
- Co-organizing the [Abolition 2000 AGM](#);
- Co-organizing other Abolition 2000 events including [2000 candles for Peace](#), the 30th birthday party of Abolition 2000, and other events at the NPT Review Conference at the United Nations.

Nuclear Abolition Day:

One of the weaknesses of the global nuclear abolition movement is 'siloziation' of networks and campaigns, with lack of mutual support and cooperation between them.

In January 2025, at the suggestion of **Peter and Cora Weiss**, Basel Peace Office reached out to the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs proposing that they host an open meeting of all the key nuclear disarmament networks and campaigns in order to build cooperative action on September 26, the *International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons* (Nuclear Abolition Day). The result was the establishment of [NuclearAbolitionDay.org](#), a platform hosted by Basel Peace Office for building such cooperative action.



More than 600 organizations and another 1200 civil society representatives (including parliamentarians, local body representatives, religious leaders, Nobel Laureates, former diplomats, academics/scientists, medical professionals, youth leaders and others) endorsed the [Joint Appeal for Nuclear Abolition Day](#), which was [presented on September 26](#) to the heads of government, ministers and ambassadors participating in the *UN High-Level Meeting on the Elimination of nuclear Weapons*, and also [presented on October 17](#) to the ambassadors and other government officials attending the UN First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) deliberations in New York.

Many of the endorsers submitted [quotes](#) to help promote the appeal.

Michael Douglas, Hollywood actor and UN Peace Messenger,

submitted a [supporting video message](#). [NuclearAbolitionDay.org](#) also organized [Stop Nuclear Weapons: Peace is in our Hands](#), a simple but innovative social media action raising hands for nuclear disarmament. This was undertaken by people of all ages at various places around the world.

[NuclearAbolitionDay.org](#) also provided blog space for [news reports](#) about the day and an [events space](#) for organizations to promote other actions and events that they organized for the day. This was done with people working pro bono, covering their own expenses for actions and events, and **Alyn Ware** donating the funds for the website and logo. (See back page for examples of the social media action).



Youth Fusion:

In January 2025, Youth Fusion was [re-launched](#) with a new core team following a year-long hiatus. The new team is led by Ayleen Roy and Camilla Braito, former interns of PNND and Basel Peace Office.

During the year, Youth Fusion organized a [youth delegation to the NPT Prep Com](#), drafted and submitted a report to the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights on [“Addressing the challenges and barriers to the full realization of the human rights of the people of the Marshall Islands stemming from the State’s nuclear legacy”](#), launched a new program [Youth Fusion Hotline: Negotiating Nuclear Risk](#), and were actively engaged in a number of Basel Peace Office, PNND and Abolition 2000 events.



Rehan Mahmood from Youth Fusion delivering the youth statement to the 2025 NPT Prep Com at the United Nations in New York.

k. MEGA: Building Earth Governance to protect our global ecosystem



Mobilizing an Earth Governance Alliance

In March 2024, we co-launched [Mobilizing an Earth Governance Alliance](#) (MEGA) with World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy, the Climate Governance Commission and another 25 organizations. MEGA is a coalition of civil society organizations working in cooperation with like-minded governments and other

stakeholders to strengthen environmental governance. The platform includes [24 earth governance proposals](#) and [8 earth governance campaigns](#). Alyn Ware, Director of the Basel Peace Office, serves as MEGA Program Officer, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager.

Activities of MEGA during 2025 included:

- **April 11-17:** Convening expert workshops on building effective Earth Governance in Hamburg;
- **June 9-13:** Engagement in the [UN Oceans Conference](#) in Nice;
- **June 27:** Holding an event in London on [Planet on the Brink: Transforming Global Environmental Governance After the ICJ Advisory Opinion](#)
- **July 22:** Organizing an event on [Climate protection, faith and rights of future generations: Opportunities from the ICJ Climate Case](#)
- **July 1-3:** Organizing an retreat in Bellagio, Italy on Governing Our Planetary Emergency: Charting our Path Toward Effective Earth System Governance
- **August 10-15.** Engaging in the [International Plastics Treaty negotiations](#) in Geneva.
- **October 26:** Holding a MEGA town hall meeting for participating organizations;
- **November 5:** Organizing [Narratives on Nuclear Disarmament, Gender and Protection of the Environment](#)
- **November 10-21.** Engaging in the UN Climate Conference (COP 30) in Belem, Brazil. This included [promotion of the eight MEGA priority proposals](#).

4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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5. PRAGUE-BASEL-HAMBURG-NEW YORK-THE HAGUE PARTNERSHIPS

Basel Peace Office partners with the *Global Security Institute* (based in New York), *World Future Council* (based in Hamburg), *PragueVision Institute for Sustainable Security* (based in Prague) and the *World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy* (registered in New York and the Hague) to advance our programs. Due to limited funds for BPO and the much lower cost of living in Prague (about half the cost of living in Switzerland) most of our interns work primarily from the Prague office on general programs and travel to Basel to assist with the events. Since 2018, BPO Director Alyn Ware has also been living in Prague.

6. PERSONNEL

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Bonus photos: a few things we could not fit into the report text

ONE-DAY SPECIAL HYBRID EXPLORATORY DIALOGUE
ON THE DESIRABILITY OR OTHERWISE TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIRECTORATE FOR THE FUTURE.

SPEAKERS
First presentation
Alyn Ware
Director, WFM/IGP, New York
Second presentation by
Jane Davidson
Welsh Minister for Education and Minister for Environment.
Third presentation by
Diyana West
Multilateral Advocacy Coordinator, School of International Futures, England.

THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025 9AM
Prof. Chike Edozien State Secretariat, Mariam Babangida Way, Asaba

FACILITATORS
Voke Ighorodje
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SSA to the Governor on Civic Engagement and Civil Society
Lady Diana Eyo-Enoette
SSA to the Governor on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Nella Andem-Ewa
We down South Development Initiative
Alimi salifou
Partnership for Future Generations in Africa

Alyn was keynote speaker for a hybrid event with representatives of the Delta State government in Nigeria on proposal to establish a Directorate for the Future.



A few examples of **Stop Nuclear Weapons: Peace is in our Hands**, the social media action we organized for Nuclear Abolition Day.

Below: Some of the speakers for the Basel Intergenerational Forum on Peace, Climate and Nuclear Abolition, January 22, 2025

INVITATION
Conférence avec
Alyn Ware
Jeudi 30 janvier
18h-20h
Common Security, LAW not War and Nuclear Disarmament :
How to transcend the nuclear deterrence framework

Alyn was invited by Initiatives pour le Désarmement Nucléaire (IDN) to give a public address in Paris in January on Common Security, LAW not War and Nuclear Disarmament.

