

The Role of Independent Scientists in WMD Threat Assessment



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International experts discuss ways in which to strengthen the advice governments receive on threats posed by nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, drawing on best practices in the field, and lessons learned from Iran, Iraq, and other recent challenges.

Sessions will address:

- Scientists and Policy Formation on CBRN Weapons: Current Structures
- How Threat Assessment Affects Policy (with recent examples)
- Chemical Weapons
- Biological Weapons
- Nuclear Threats
- Ballistic Missiles
- The Relevance of WMD Threat Assessment for South-Eastern Europe and the Caucasus
- The Way Forward: Breaking the Threat-Counter Threat Cycle

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Principal Speakers Include:

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Avner Cohen	Former Senior Fellow, United States Institute of Peace
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Annegrete Falter	Federation of German Scientists
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The Importance: There are many levels on which the scientific advice given to decision makers influences not just military and defence strategies and force postures, but also affects broader foreign policy. Yet many countries do not appear to take full advantage of the independent scientific expertise available on these topics. It is crucial to ensure structures are in place to foster a sound scientific basis for policy formation.

The Need: This ARW will explore ways in which to ensure that NATO, Partner, and Mediterranean Dialogue countries are maximising the scientific resources available to them, and will highlight ways in which they can take better advantage of the role of independent scientists in threat assessment. Participants in the ARW will be leading scientists representing a broad geographical balance, who will share their insights and perspectives in advising governments in various capacities.

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