



Disarmament that Saves Lives

Tuesday, 26 November 2019, 2 p.m., UNHQ – Conference Room A

Please RSVP by 21 November [here](#).

An event to raise awareness on how disarmament and arms control can contribute to saving lives and achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals

There can be no development without peace and no peace without development. Fields need to be mine-free to be cultivated. Neighborhoods need to be safe from gun violence for commerce to flourish and for children to go to school. Gun violence retards a country's progress. The UN Charter acknowledges the importance of establishing and maintaining international peace and security with "the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources". Disarmament and development are intricately linked. By recognizing in its Target 16.4 the need to reduce illicit arm flows, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development offers the opportunity to operationalize the age-old disarmament-development link.

IM Swedish Development Partner and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) invite you to an event coinciding with the inauguration of items made of "Humanium Metal" to be displayed at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Illegal firearms seized by the Governments in regions affected by armed violence are transformed into non-lethal commodities for peace, "Humanium Metal". The income generated with Humanium Metal is re-invested into communities affected by gun-violence and thus aims to break the vicious cycle of violence and poverty.

Speakers:

- Mr. Martin Nihlgård, Secretary General, IM Swedish Development Partner
- Ms. Jacqueline Duerre, Programme Manager, IM Swedish Development Partner
- Mr. Ivor Fung, Senior Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
- Ms. Fiona Simpson, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
- Ms. Shivani Somaiya, IANSA youth representative

Reception will follow after the event.



This event is part of the "#Youth4Disarmament" initiative aimed at connecting young people with experts in order to learn about today's international security challenges, the work of the United Nations, and how they can become involved.