



**The Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the UNOG and
the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW)**



Cordially invite you to
Special event to commemorate International Day Against Nuclear Tests
The Effects of Nuclear Tests on Health

Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva
August 29, 2024, 13:00-14:30

OPENING REMARKS:

- **H.E. Mr. Yerlan ALIMBAYEV**
Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- **Ms. Lidiya Grigoreva**
Cheffe de Cabinet (on behalf of H.E. Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General, United Nations Office in Geneva)

SPEAKERS:

- Permanent Mission of **Austria** to the United Nations Office and specialized institutions in Geneva;
- **Ms. Carolyne Mélanie Régimbal**
Chief of Service of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs' Geneva Office;
- **Dr. Zhanat Kenbayeva**
Radiation Emergency Medical Preparedness and Assistance, WHO;
- **Dr. Togzhan Kassenova**
Senior Fellow at the Center for Policy Research, Washington, DC (online);
- ICRC Representative (TBC)

MODERATOR:

- **Mr. Charles K. Johnson**
Policy Director, Director IPPNW-Geneva Liaison Office, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

EVENT OUTLINE

[International Day Against Nuclear Tests](#) was established by the UN General Assembly in 2009 by [resolution 64/35](#), to be commemorated annually on August 29. This day marks both the closure of the Semipalatinsk test site in 1991 and the date of the first Soviet nuclear test conducted there in 1949. **More than 460 nuclear tests** were conducted above ground, underground, and in the atmosphere, releasing enormous amounts of radioactive material into the air, water, and soil. Around **1.5 million people** in Kazakhstan were exposed to radioactive fallout during these atmospheric and underground tests.

Globally since nuclear weapons testing began on 16 July 1945, over 2,000 have taken place. Some of the world's over 60 nuclear test sites (see [interactive map](#)) continue to be contaminated.

The primary objective of this event is to highlight and discuss the profound and lasting health impacts of nuclear tests. It seeks to bring together experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to share knowledge, experiences, and strategies to mitigate the health consequences of nuclear testing. The event aims to build on the insightful discussions held during the side-event organized by IPPNW, which Kazakhstan co-sponsored, held on May 31, 2024, which focused on the effects of nuclear war on health.

This event underscores the ongoing commitment of Kazakhstan and IPPNW to advocate for a nuclear-free world and to address the critical health issues arising from nuclear tests. We look forward to your valuable participation and contributions to this significant dialogue.

For further details and to confirm your participation, please contact: Ms. Anna Lebedeva, Third Secretary Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the UNOG, a.lebedeva@kazakhstan-geneva.ch

Snacks and refreshments will be served outside the room from 13:00

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