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## **The Nuclear Ban Treaty between Aspiration & Reality**

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A new FESNY policy brief by Angela Kane (fmr. UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs) offers concrete recommendations for dispelling tensions and finding common ground on nuclear disarmament.

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### Bridge Building in the Nuclear Disarmament Discourse

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The need for bridge building on the issue of nuclear disarmament is clear, but what could this look like in practice? This event presented different approaches and discussed possibilities for overcoming the disarmament divide in the NPT.

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## **Towards a WMD-free Zone in the Middle East**



How can we overcome the current stalemate on a zone free from Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Middle East and avoid a breakdown of the NPT Review Conference in 2020? This expert panel discussed new initiatives to achieve a productive way forward.



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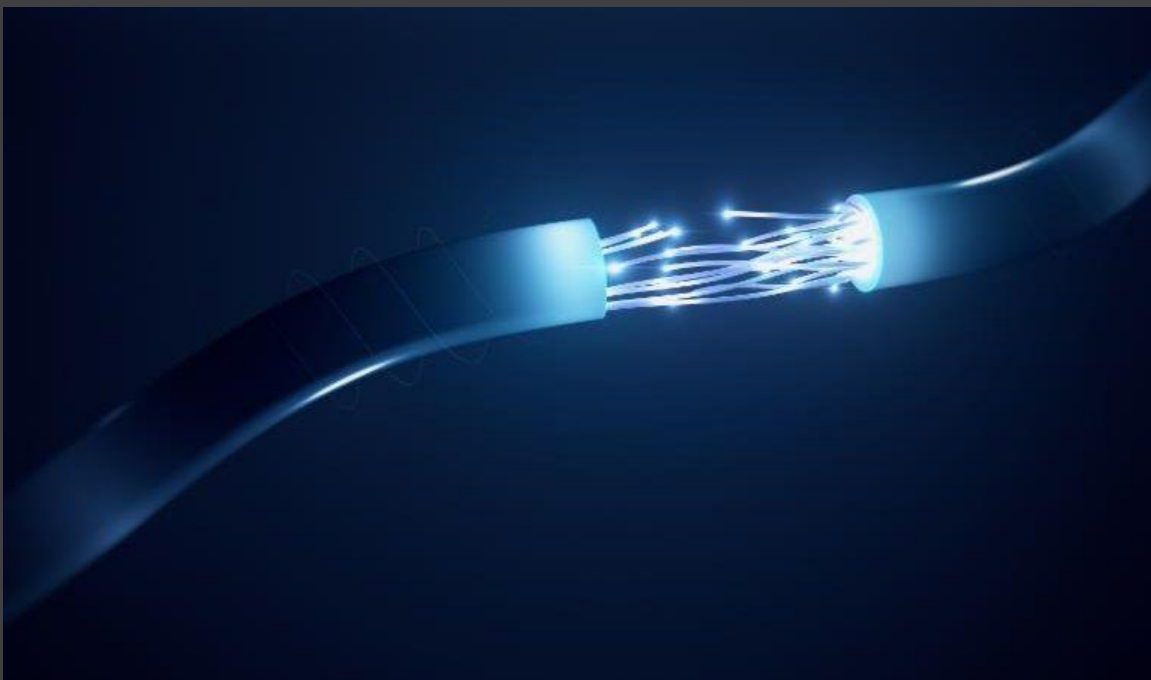
## **Addressing Multilateralism in Crisis**



The much-anticipated United Nations 75th anniversary Summit in 2020 provides an opportunity to link nuclear non-proliferation, disarmament and the wider peace agenda to revive the Charter's purposes and principles, and consider effective measures to strengthen the organization.



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## "Der Draht zum Rat" - Germany's Presidency on the Security Council



This edition of our "Der Draht zum Rat" conference series featured Dr. Sarah Taylor (Senior Fellow, International Peace Institute) and looked back at Germany's Presidency on the UN Security Council during the month of April.



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### Investing in Governance



In many countries, weak governance fuels violence and insecurity. And improved governance can play an essential role in sustaining peace and supporting more resilient patterns of development.



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**“Debt workout for a  
stable world economy!  
Debt moratorium for  
natural disasters!”**

Heron Belfon  
Coordinator, Jubilee Caribbean



## How Far Have We Moved Forward on Debt Sustainability?

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The 2019 Financing for Sustainable Development Report notes a trend we cannot ignore: debt will continue to rise, bringing with it, the risk of greater debt distress in a greater number of countries and an even greater challenge to finance the SDGs.

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## The Future of Work and Job Creation

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This high-level meeting was convened by H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC, and jointly organized by FES New York and partners. Participants engaged in an informal and interactive dialogue on issues relating to the future of work and job creation in the realm of financing for development.

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## **International Tax Policy at a Critical Juncture**

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The way forward for international tax policy requires consensus. Negotiators should seek sustainable solutions based on clear and appropriate principles, looking beyond immediate administrative concerns and short-term resolutions.

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## Can Finance Be Effectively Governed?

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The 2008 financial crisis revealed serious issues in the governance of banks and financial firms, as regulators confronted widespread misconduct and a lack of internal risk management. In response, regulators focused on reforming the top-down corporate governance framework operating through boards of directors.

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## Trade Union Meetings with IFIs Lead Toward New Strategies

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Trade union leaders from around the world met with researchers, country political representatives and top management of the IMF and World Bank. Topics discussed ranged from what the international financial institutions (IFIs) are doing to reduce economic and gender inequality to how well they are promoting SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth.

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