

Partners for Global Change

Toolkit July ~ August 2009

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Saturday, July 11, 2009
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Call Details

Moderator:

- Laura Hendrick, Outreach Director, Citizens for Global Solutions

Speakers:

- John Isaacs, Executive Director, Council for a Livable World
- Don Kraus, CEO, Citizens for Global Solutions

Call Agenda:

- Introduction & issue update from Laura Hendrick and Don Kraus
- John Isaacs discusses the current state and prospect for ratification for nuclear treaties like the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the successor to the START Treaty
- Question & Answer Session
- Citizens for Global Solutions Partners Project: Remembering Hiroshima with a Candlelight Vigil (Introduced by Laura Hendrick)
- Question & Answer Session Regarding the Partners Project

Speaker Biographies

John Isaacs:

John Isaacs is the Executive Director of the Council for a Livable World where his work focuses on national security issues in Congress, Iraq, missile defense, and nuclear weapons.

Isaacs is one of the leaders of the nation's arms control community and has long been an expert on the workings of Congress. He has represented the Council on Capitol Hill since 1978. Isaacs previously served as a Legislative Assistant on foreign affairs to Representative Stephen Solarz (D-NY), a Legislative Representative on foreign policy and defense budget for Americans for Democratic Action, and a Foreign Service Officer in Vietnam.

Isaacs has published articles in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Atlanta Journal, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Christian Science Monitor, Nuclear Times, Arms Control Today, American Journal of Public Health, and Technology Review.

Isaacs holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and an M.A. from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Don Kraus:

Don Kraus is the Chief Executive Officer of Citizens for Global Solutions and co-chair of the Partnership for Effective Peacekeeping (PEP), an NGO working group. Previously, Don served as the Executive Vice President at Citizens for Global Solutions, where he directed the Government Relations Department and the Political Action Committee.

Don has also served as the Executive Director of the Campaign for UN Reform (CUNR) and its affiliated political action committee, CUNR PAC. An expert in building U.S. legislative and government support for the UN, Don brings his considerable enthusiasm and drive to lobbying and

electioneering. Don compiles the Global Solution Report Card, an annual assessment of congressional voting records.

He has been quoted in the NY Times, the Washington Times, the Washington Post, the Boston Globe, and many other publications. He has been interviewed on CNN, BBC, NPR, and many other radio and TV shows.

Don is also the past president emeritus of the Center for UN Reform Education, a UN reform think tank. He currently serves on the advisory board of the United Nations Association, National Capitol Area.

Laura Hendrick:

Laura Hendrick is the Outreach Director of Citizens for Global Solutions. Laura manages and supports chapter activity and stimulates political will and activism in organization members. Prior to joining Citizens for Global Solutions, Laura served as Deputy Director of Operations, Volunteer Manager for the Democratic National Convention Committee in Denver, Colorado, training and directing 2,000+ volunteers for the Convention. In Denver, she also worked for the Arthritis Foundation, managing their seven local Arthritis Walks and as many volunteer committees. Prior to the Arthritis Foundation, Laura worked for Mile High United Way as their volunteer coordinator. Laura graduated with a B.A. from Virginia Tech.

Citizens for Global Solutions Partners Project

July - August 2009

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki with a Candlelight Vigil

We will continue with the nuclear weapons theme for our July / August Partners for Global Change project, which will center around the anniversary of the

Hiroshima bombing on August 6th. We will hold another "virtual vigil" this year (previous virtual vigil web page = http://www.globalsolutions.org/action/virtual_vigil) to remember those hundreds of thousands that were lost to the destructive power of nuclear weapons, but we also ask that you organize a community vigil where you live. Promote "no more nukes" and ask people to join you on August 6th to remember those who perished as a consequence of developing and deploying such devastating weapons.

1. Pick the date, location, and time for your Vigil. You do not have to have your event on August 6th – any date during that week would be acceptable. Pick a public location that is free if possible, like a memorial or park, but which is also accessible by car or public transportation. Dusk is the opportune time to hold a candlelight vigil. If you plan to have some entertainment, like a musician or a speaker, you may want to check their availability before setting the final date and time.
2. Advertise your event. Use the internet to promote your event via facebook, meetup.com, or your chapter's web page. Please also send your event information to me and I will send an email invite to all supporters in our database who live in your area. Additionally, you can often visit your local newspaper's web site and post events to an online "community calendar."

We are also challenging you to contact at least one radio station, one television station, and one newspaper to issue a "press release" about your event. This press release would simply state the purpose of the event, the location, the time and date, and the contact person if the press has any questions. It may read something like this:

Local Group to Hold Candlelight Vigil honoring the Victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings

[Chapter Name] of Citizens for Global Solutions invites all those who want to remember the lives that were lost due to the devastating effects of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings in August, 1945, to join us at [location, time, date] for a candlelight vigil. We will be honoring the more than 120,000 people who perished

and advocating for NO MORE NUKES. Please join us for a moment of silence [and list any other activities, such as music or entertainment here]. We will provide candles to all attendees.

Candlelight Vigil to Remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki Victims

[Date] at [time]

[location]

FREE

Contact [Contact Person's Name] at [Phone number]

3. During the event.

Have a sign-in area where people pick up their candles (which you have provided); don't force people to sign in if they don't want to, but make it available and also print out the CGS Nuclear Weapons factsheet to set out on the sign-in table. Additionally, you may want to create and display a few posters like, 'No More Nukes' or 'We Support President Obama's "World Without Nukes."'

Most importantly have your "moment of silence" planned in advance so that you can tell people as they are signing in when it will be, and so that everyone will be ready for it when you announce it. Don't forget to take pictures to send to us by August 7th for our "Virtual Vigil" page!

4. Follow-up.

If people signed in for the event, send them an email "thank you" note and let them know when your next Chapter meeting will be! Please also pass along their contact information to me.

Please email me if you have any questions getting started on the project or have any feedback to report!

*~ Laura Hendrick, Outreach Director, Citizens for Global Solutions:
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