



AGENDA

The Iran Nuclear Agreement: Could It Inform Future Nonproliferation and Disarmament?

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USA

The Iran nuclear agreement, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), contains innovative provisions that if successfully implemented could be adapted to strengthen nuclear nonproliferation and support disarmament. As global nuclear politics and policies evolve over the next decade, such measures could facilitate cooperation in nuclear energy while building confidence that nuclear programs remain exclusively peaceful. This roundtable will consider how provisions of the JCPOA could be adapted, the organizational and political challenges to their broader application, and their potential utility for a future disarmament regime.

Wednesday, October 26	
After dinner session	
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<p>Assessing JCPOA Implementation and Broader Effects on Nuclear Governance Regimes</p> <p>Our focus with this roundtable is on potential effects of the JCPOA on the nuclear order. This first session will draw out shared understandings of JCPOA implementation and its potential effects. It is not intended to relitigate the deal, discuss its politics, or get into non-nuclear issues around impediments to investment, Iran’s domestic situation, or external areas like Syria.</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How effectively have the nuclear terms of the JCPOA been implemented thus far? What aspects are performing well? Which are cause for concern? • How will the success or failure of the JCPOA at its central objective—keeping Iran more than 12 months away from acquiring enough fissile material for a nuclear weapon for a minimum of 10 to 15 years—affect other elements of the nonproliferation and disarmament regimes? • Are the potential nonproliferation/disarmament benefits of the JCPOA, beyond Iran, appreciated in key countries? If not, how could this appreciation be cultivated?

Thursday, October 27

Morning session

9:00 a.m. to
12:00 p.m.

Identifying Innovations Within the JCPOA

This session will break out components of the JCPOA and the technologies or activities that support its implementation. Discussion will focus on how these elements represent innovations. The goal of the session is to create a working set of innovative components from the JCPOA that would have broader utility if applied in other areas of nonproliferation and disarmament.

Questions

- What are the most innovative elements of the JCPOA that enable its implementation? Areas of innovation to consider:
 - Technologies and their application
 - Activities being covered by the agreement
 - Verification and monitoring
 - Enforcement mechanisms

Note: There will be a fifteen-minute break near the midpoint of this session.

Afternoon session

2:00 p.m. to
5:00 p.m.

Broader Applicability of JCPOA Concepts

Following from the previous discussion, this session will focus on how innovations from the JCPOA can be adapted to strengthen nonproliferation or support disarmament.

Questions

For the innovative elements discussed in the morning session:

- How do they affect norms and definitions of acceptable “peaceful uses” under the NPT?
 - What influence might it have on countries’ fuel supply or production decisions?
 - What influence might they have on Nuclear Supplies Group rules and behavior?
- How might they be adapted for future diplomacy with actors like North Korea?
- How could they be adapted for states, like South Korea, seeking indigenous fuel cycle capabilities within the NPT?
- How might they inform the design and verification and monitoring of a future nuclear disarmament regime?

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- How do they affect the evolution of IAEA safeguards?
 - Front and back ends of the fuel cycle?
 - Future of a state-level safeguards concept?
 - Adequate accounting of possible military dimensions and a process for issuing a broader conclusion?
- How do they affect the IAEA itself?
 - Evolution of its role into a central player in nonproliferation agreements?
 - Tension between protecting member confidentiality and providing transparency under such agreements?
 - Mandate, management, staffing, budget?

Note: There will be a fifteen-minute break near the midpoint of this session.

Friday, October 28

Morning session

9:00 a.m. to
12:00 p.m.

Opportunities and Challenges for Broader Applications

This session will consider the political and bureaucratic hurdles between the innovative approaches identified within the JCPOA and their broader application for nonproliferation and disarmament. The goal is to better understand the practicality of such ideas, identify opportunities and challenges, and discuss strategies that actors can take to build support.

Questions

For the innovative elements we discussed:

- If adapted into existing mechanisms, which would represent the most significant and sustainable advancement of the nuclear governance regime?
- Which are most readily adaptable into existing nuclear governance mechanisms?
- Which would be the most contentious if adapted into existing mechanisms?
- What could actors do or say to broaden support, and lessen opposition, to adoption of such potentially valuable innovations for nonproliferation and disarmament?

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