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International Peace Bureau

- . The oldest global peace network, founded in 1891/92;
- . **Nobel Peace Laureate 1910**; over the years, 13 of our officers have been recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize;
- . Consultative Status with the UN's Economic and Social Council since 1977;
- . More than **300 member organizations** in over 70 countries;
- . Our vision: a **world without war!**

Our current main program centers on **Sustainable Disarmament for Sustainable Development**. We believe that by reducing funding for the military sector, significant amounts of money could be released for social projects, leading to the fulfilment of real human needs and the protection of the environment.

Main highlights in this are the **Global Campaign on Military Spending** (GCOMS) and the Global Day of Action (GDAMS).

With our network of member organizations and individual members, we form a global community, bringing together knowledge and experience, experts and advocates in a common cause.

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Disarm! For a Climate of Peace

Creating an Action Agenda

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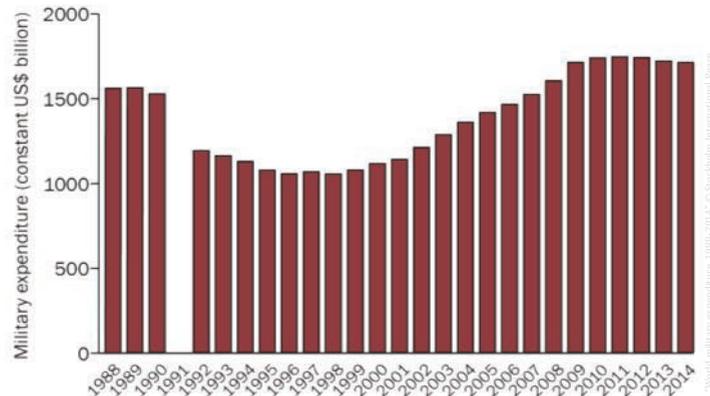
Disarm! IPB World Congress 2016

“The World is over-armed and

Peace is under-funded.”

Ban Ki-moon

- . Bringing together a wide variety of **experts, advocates and speakers from around the globe**;
- . Including talks, presentations, roundtables, panel discussions, workshops, information booths, exhibitions, cultural activities;
- . High point in the recently-launched **Global Campaign on Military Spending**;
- . Apart from the **Global Day of Action on Military Spending** (mid-April), preparatory events will be held in major cities around the world over the coming year.



In 2014 the world’s governments spent over \$1,700 billion on the military sector. We believe this money must instead be spent on:

- . **Climate change** mitigation/adaptation, preserving biodiversity;
- . **Peace**: disarmament, conflict prevention & resolution, human security;
- . **Sustainable development**, production and consumption patterns, anti-poverty programs, UN Sustainable Development Goals;
- . **Social justice**/public services, human rights, gender equality and green job-creation.

We strongly believe the absolutely necessary ‘great transformation’ of global human society can only be achieved when also reallocating military expenditure and handling conflict differently. After all, we are facing a **crisis of civilization**, which is more far-reaching than an ecological and economic crisis alone.

We are living on one single Planet Earth but exploiting its resources as if we had three. We witness how our predominant economic and developmental model has failed to provide justice, livelihood and human security for all. We now also face the resurgence of militarism and confrontational politics.

Hence, we view this priority shift in government spending as one element in a much broader **global transformation** towards a green, socially just and peaceful society!

The aim of this congress is to bring the issue of military spending, often seen as a technical question, into broad public debate and to strengthen the global community of activism.

Hence, we aim at wide support that goes far beyond peace organizations, such as from development, environment, faith, human rights, social welfare, women, workers’ and youth organizations. As at August 2015, our **partners** include:

- . Friends of the Earth International
- . Pax Christi International
- . Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust, India
- . UNI Global Union
- . World Future Council

It is clear: without overcoming militarism, a socio-ecological transformation with the goal of an equitable international social order will be a failure. Thus, **let us join hands** to create an action agenda in Berlin to roll back militarism in favor of a real transformation, to create together a climate of peace!



Speakers will come from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds, including both the highest levels of society and grassroots voices, creative thinkers and cultural figures:

- . Nobel and Alternative Nobel Prize winners
- . elder statesmen/women;
- . the social sciences, economics and politics in particular;
- . the peace movement and other civil society sectors;
- . parliamentarians, religious leaders, journalists, community organizers and artists...

