

**Pugwash**

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**Organization's mandate/goals:**

Best known for its work on nuclear disarmament, Pugwash is concerned with all causes of global insecurity. The approach taken by Pugwash is best explained by introducing its origins and its ongoing emphasis on conferences of influential scientists and scholars. Nuclear disarmament is and has always been of central importance to Pugwash. Other peace and security issues are also recognized for their major importance in relation to global security: Non-Nuclear Threats to Peace and Security, Institutions for a New World Order, Conflict Resolution, Environment and Global Security, Health, Social and Economic Issues.

**Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:**

Human and Social Development -- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

The purpose of the Pugwash Conferences is to bring together, from around the world, influential scholars and public figures concerned with reducing the danger of armed conflict and seeking cooperative solutions for global problems. Meeting in private as individuals, rather than as representatives of governments or institutions, Pugwash participants exchange views and explore alternative approaches to arms control and tension reduction with a combination of candor, continuity, and flexibility seldom attained in official East-West and North-South discussions and negotiations