Outline

In January 2020, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists set the Doomsday Clock to ‘100 seconds to Midnight’ indicating that humanity is the closest we have ever been to a potential catastrophe from climate change or nuclear weapons use that could have a devastating impact on civilisation.

Since then, COVID-19 has impacted on nuclear security, tensions between nuclear-armed States have deteriorated, the US Senate has authorised funding for resumed nuclear tests and the few nuclear arms controls that still exist are being further eroded.

This group of experts will explore the risks of nuclear weapons use by accident, miscalculation or intent, and the initiatives at national and international levels to reduce these risks, and which need support from legislators, civil society and like-minded governments.