



**Tony DeBrum, Foreign Minister  
Republic of the Marshall Islands**

The Marshall Islands, a global leader on climate change, has filed lawsuits in the World Court against the nuclear-armed nations for their failure to disarm.

*“Global warming and nuclear war are two different ways that humanity threatens to undo the natural underpinnings of human, and of all other, life . . . we may be in a better position today, because of global warming, to grasp the real import of nuclear danger.” – Jonathan Schell*

## **DEADLY CONNECTIONS: CHALLENGING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NUCLEAR POWER, AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**NYC Climate Convergence Workshop**

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**

**St. John's University 51 Astor Place Room 107**

**Conference Info: <http://convergeforclimate.org>**

Nuclear weapons and climate change are the two existential threats that face humanity, and the military is one of the largest contributors to climate change. Part one of this workshop will consider the ways that climate change

will intensify conflicts and war risks generated by a system based on competition among immense organizations and endless growth. It also will explore the role in the global economy of state-dependent high-tech enclaves, including the nuclear energy sector and the military-industrial complex. The second part of the workshop will provide perspectives from people working on a variety of initiatives from the local to the global aimed at finding ways to make progress when the politics in national capitals is locked up.

### **Part 1: 9:00-10:30am Nuclear weapons, nuclear power, and the nuclear disarmament impasse**

- **Jackie Cabasso**, Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation; National Co-Convener, United for Peace and Justice
- **M.V. Ramana**, Program on Science and Global Security, Princeton University
- **Joseph Gerson**, Disarmament Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee
- **Andrew Lichterman**, Senior Research Analyst, Western States Legal Foundation
- Moderator: **Sophia Wolman**, American Friends Service Committee

### **Part 2: 10:45am--12:15pm What to do when the national politics are locked up on the big issues: acting locally and globally to pressure the capitals**

- **Tony DeBrum**, Foreign Minister, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- **John Burroughs**, Executive Director, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy; member of the international legal team representing the Marshall Islands in their historic World Court case holding the nuclear-armed states to account for non-compliance with their disarmament obligations
- **Frank Cownie**, Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa; member of Mayors for Peace; Board Member, ICLEI USA (Local Governments for Sustainability USA)
- **Judith LeBlanc**, Field Director, Peace Action
- Moderator: **Jackie Cabasso**, Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation; National Co-Convener, United for Peace and Justice



**T.M. Franklin Cownie  
Mayor, Des Moines, Iowa**

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