

2026 ATCM Antarctic Governance Seminar

Peace and Science in Antarctica: A Message from Hiroshima

Date and Time:

10 May 2026 (Sunday) 13:00 - 16:40

Venue:

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum Conference Room (1)

Registration:

Required, free of charge.



What will be discussed at Hiroshima ATCM? Inviting key participants and experts, this seminar explores the significance of the main agenda items of the most important diplomatic meeting on Antarctica, the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting.

13:00-

Opening

Welcome

IMURA Satoshi, Vice Director-General, National Institute of Polar Research (NiPR), Japan
SHIBATA Akiho, Director, Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC), Kobe University

Message

MATUI Kazumi, the Mayor of the City of Hiroshima

Introduction

Hyoung Chul Shin, President, Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI), Republic of Korea

13:15-14:30

Panel 1: Science and Environment

Panelists

Ceisha Poirot, Chair, Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP), New Zealand

TANAKA Eiji, Ministry of the Environment, Japan

José Carlos Caetano Xavier, Co-convenor, Education & Outreach Workshop, Portugal

Yeong Jun Choi, KOPRI, Republic of Korea

Patricia Cavalcanti, Agenda Antarctica, Argentina

Chair

Hyoung Chul Shin, KOPRI

14:30-15:00

Break

15:00-16:15

Panel 2: Governance and Peace

Panelists

Evan Bloom, US lead for Antarctic diplomacy 2006-2020

Mirjam Hoogendam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Kezban Akkurt, Ministry of Industry and Technology, Türkiye

Patrick Flamm, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Germany

Yuuki Tokuda, Hitotsubashi University, Japan

Chair

Akiho Shibata, Kobe PCRC

16:15-16:40

Discussion and Closing

Satoshi Imura, Akiho Shibata & Hyoung Chul Shin