



The Global Partnership

The Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction (GP) began at the 2002 Kananaskis G8 Summit as a 10-year, \$20 billion initiative to prevent terrorists or states that support them from acquiring or developing weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Since then, the GP has grown to include 24 partner countries and has allocated about \$21 billion worldwide. At the 2011 G8 Summit in Deauville, Leaders agreed to extend the Partnership beyond 2012.

Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins, the State Department Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs, serves as the U.S. representative to the GP and will chair the Global Partnership throughout 2012.

As Chair, the United States will focus on the areas enunciated at the 2011 G8 Summit in Deauville specifically, nuclear and radiological security, bio-security, scientist engagement, and facilitation of implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540. Officials will discuss technical assistance needs and possible project coordination in these areas as well as expanding membership of the Partnership.

The Global Partnership addresses nonproliferation, disarmament, counterterrorism, and nuclear safety issues through cooperative projects. Achievements of the Global Partnership include:

- Augmented accounting, control, and physical protection of nuclear and radiological materials
- Enhanced nuclear, biological, chemical security and safety
- Destruction of over 20,000 tons of chemical weapons
- Dismantling of nuclear submarines and safe storage of removed spent fuel
- Improved detection of nuclear and radiological materials and prevention of illicit trafficking by strengthening border security capabilities
- Engagement of scientists, technicians, and engineers with WMD and missile expertise to redirect their efforts toward peaceful purposes

The United States plans to provide up to \$10 billion in continued funding during the period of 2012-2022 for threat reduction efforts, subject to annual Congressional appropriations.

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