



PUTTING AN  
END TO NUCLEAR  
EXPLOSIONS

## December-January Update

### How to Get Involved

- ✦ Check out the training videos and education modules on the Knowledge and Training Portal [here](#).
- ✦ If you have articles, comments, ideas about communication for publication on the CYG website - please, contact Peter (peter.rickwood@atomicreporters.org)
- ✦ In addition, please join us on social media and two global WhatsApp groups. Let's stay in touch and discuss relevant issues and events!
- ✦ **WhatsApp: CYG\_Social** -- <https://chat.whatsapp.com/8Z14CIOvul83r4xFbn1Kla>
- ✦ **WhatsApp: CYG\_Official** -- <https://chat.whatsapp.com/5Z5YJyUpI13DYPKEBfZr5>
- ✦ **Facebook Page** – <https://www.facebook.com/youth.ctbt/>
- ✦ **Facebook Group** – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/899890040154216/>
- ✦ **Twitter** – Follow @Youth4CTBT and let us know if you have any ideas for content or campaigns
- ✦ Check with your coordinator to see which social media platform you can join!



### Recent Events

*[CTBT-related sessions, December 4, 9, MEPHI University, Moscow \(Russia\)](#)*

The participants of the sessions learnt about the legal and political aspects of the Treaty, its verification regime, civil and scientific applications of the IMS data. They also deliberated on the role and activities of the CTBTO Youth Group and kickstarted their preparation for MEPHI Presentation Contest “My vision of the CTBT 2026” which is scheduled for March 2020.



*[CTBT verification system hits 300 certified facilities, \(CTBTO\), December 13](#)*

The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) has reached a major milestone in building up its global verification network, with 300 detection facilities now certified worldwide.

*Visit to the historic Nevada  
National Security Site (NNSS),  
December 19, (USA)*



A group of Middlebury Institute students visited the NNSS, where the United States and the United Kingdom detonated over a thousand nuclear explosions over the course of four decades. The trip was organized in part by CYG member Jeremy Faust.

*“Nuclear Contamination and  
Climate Justice” Panel  
Discussion, January 16, Los  
Angeles (USA)*



The Panel was hosted by the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles, and organized with the assistance of CYG member Cristopher Cruz. Autumn Bordner, another CYG Member and expert on the Marshall Islands from a law standpoint made a special appearance at this event as a guest speaker to talk about nuclear injustice, atomic testing in the Pacific Ocean, and Climate Change.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

♦ Application deadline for the March 2020 Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Short Course, January 31, Vienna (Austria). The Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) will offer an intensive course for diplomats and other practitioners focused on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament policy issues. The course will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 23 to 27 March 2020.



♦ Application deadline for the workshop “Building Bridges, Nurture Partnerships, Embrace Dialogue: A Cross-Domain Dialogue among young professionals towards a more sustainable, peaceful world”, February 7, Geneva (Switzerland). In partnership with the Government of Switzerland, the CTBTO will host a workshop aimed at building bridges between the CYG and other Youth-led Global Movements.

♦ Application deadline for the Scholarship for Peace and Security 2020, February 9, Vienna (Austria). Conflict Prevention and Resolution through Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation in the OSCE area

♦ International Women’s Conference on Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction to Non-State Actors, February 25-27, Bangkok (Thailand).

♦ Application deadline for the 2020 Ideas for Action competition, February 29. Ideas for Action provides students and young professionals from around the world with a unique opportunity to help shape the international development agenda and to take an active role in changing the world.



♦ International Youth Nuclear Congress (IYNC), March 8-13, Sydney (Australia). Under the theme Diversity in Nuclear, the mission of IYNC2020 is to promote and enable the diversity of people engaged in the many peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology.

- ◆ Application deadline for the UN Youth Champions for Disarmament, March 18. The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is looking for young persons (ages 18 – 24) motivated to use their talents to help raise awareness and promote change for a more peaceful and secure world.



- ◆ Science Diplomacy Symposium, **March 30-April 3**, Vienna (Austria). The symposium will focus on increasing access to scientific advice, encouraging capacity development for science, and fostering collaboration between scientists and policymakers.

- ◆ Alaska's Youth Congress for the Global Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, **April 6-10**, Sitka (Alaska). A week-long, intensive youth congress for high school students from Alaska and around the world, focusing on skills and policies to promote nuclear disarmament.

## Articles on CTBT-related topics

- ◆ Kazakhstan and the Nuclear Ban Treaty: It's Complicated, The Diplomat
- ◆ Addressing the NPT's Midlife Crisis, Arms Control Association
- ◆ Crashing: SnT 2019, by CYG member Christopher Cruz, The Atomic Scholar
- ◆ 75 YEARS IGNORED, INKSTICK
- ◆ Europe, Iran and the United States: A Roadmap for 2020, by Adam Thomson and CYG member Sahil Shah, The ELN
- ◆ Policy Intervention: Recommendations for European Leadership on Iran and the Middle East, by Andreas Persbo and CYG member Sahil Shah, The ELN
- ◆ The NPT at its Golden Anniversary Review, by Andreas Persbo and CYG member Sahil Shah, The ELN



### Want to Write an Article on the CTBT?

Check out these resources:

- [www.projectfortheCTBT.org](http://www.projectfortheCTBT.org)
- <https://rethinkmedia.org/blog/our-most-popular-op-ed-advice>
- <https://southasianvoices.org/>
- <http://www.basicint.org/about/join-us/>



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If any CYG members would like to raise any issues with the CYG Coordination Team, please contact your coordinator so that they can raise your inquiry at our meetings which now take place twice per month. Additionally, if any CYG members would like to get in touch with the CTBTO-based CYG Support Team, please email [youthgroup@ctbto.org](mailto:youthgroup@ctbto.org).

