



PUTTING AN  
END TO NUCLEAR  
EXPLOSIONS

## August-September 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](mailto: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/5Z5YJyUp1l3DYPKEBfZr5>
- ✦ **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

*CYG webinar “Faces of the CTBTO: Following your passion”.*  
*July 30*

The webinar featured staff members who shared their stories about what working for the CTBTO means for them as well as highlights from their professional journeys.



*75th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 6*

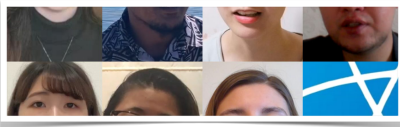
What happened in Japan 75 years ago continues to haunt humanity. Yet international norms to stop nuclear disaster are under threat. We must remain committed to the CTBT's entry into force, says Dr. Zerbo.



**Don't miss the video prepared by CYG member Christopher Cruz.**

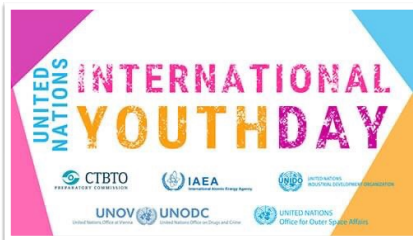
*“The burden of nuclear explosions on young people”, Atomic Reporters’ project*

Atomic Reporters invited the descendants to relate their experiences. The participants used their mobile phones to record their impressions.



*International Youth Day: 2020 Youth Engagement for Global Action, August 12*

The event highlighted the ways in which the engagement of young people at the local, national and global levels is enriching national and multilateral institutions and processes.



*International Day Against Nuclear Tests (IDANT), August 29*

IDANT is officially marked around the world with events to remember the devastating consequences of nuclear tests and express support for the CTBT as a key pillar of the international non-proliferation and disarmament framework. António Guterres urged all states that have not yet signed or ratified the CTBT to do so without further delay.

*Championing a Nuclear Test Free World - European Forum Alpbach, August 29*



The Alpbach discussion included a high-level segment featuring Targa Kaarina Halonen - Former President of Finland and GEM member, Sabri Boukadoum - Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria and Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the CTBTO. The event also featured a young professionals segment with three CYG members: Sarah Bidgood, Sahil Shah, and Natalia Zhurina. The participants in this discussion, moderated by Francesca Giovannini, emphasized the importance of intergenerational dialogue to achieve progress in the non-proliferation regime and the CTBT.

*Alumni Stories: Nuclear Free World, September 2*

CYG education/outreach coordinator Marzhan Nurzhan gave a talk about the history of the International Day against Nuclear Tests, Kazakhstan's contribution to the international security, and shared her experience of being selected as a speaker at the UN High level meeting on Nuclear Disarmament in 2017. Marzhan also talked about opportunities for youth to get involved in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.



*CYG webinar “UN at 75: making youth voices heard”, September 10*

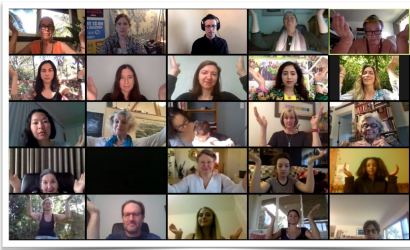


The webinar showcased the work done by the UN75 campaign, while also highlighting some best practices adopted by the CYG. The solutions, proposed by the CYG, will feature cooperative solutions to some of the world's most challenging problems and focus on greater involvement of women and youth in global decision making, focusing primarily on capacity building.

### Webinar for MEPhI students, September 24

The CYG Coordinator for Eastern Europe Natalia Zhurina and Communications Coordinator Valeria Korotchenko took part in the webinar, organized by MEPhI's Institute of International Relations where they spoke about the CYG, its objectives and activities, and shared their membership experience.

### Women Transforming Our Nuclear Legacy (WTONL), September 26



WTONL is a global online mentoring program for women and girls. The inaugural session featured two CYG members: Natalia Zhurina and Marzhan Nurzhan, who will serve as mentors on the course of the whole program.

### International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, September 26

This Day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a

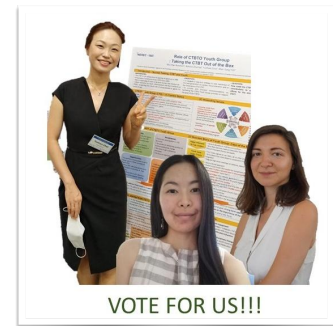


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### NEREC Summer Fellows Program

The following CYG members participated in the NEREC Summer Fellows Program: Ksenia Pirnavskaya, Marzhan Nurzhan, Natalia Zhurina, Yeseul Woo, and Jarret Fisher. The research on the role of the CTBTO Youth Group, conducted by Marzhan Nurzhan, Natalia Zhurina and Yunhwa Choi won the Best Research Team nomination (Graduate Fellow). The paper aims to provide best practices and lessons learnt to be implemented by the CTBTO and the CYG.



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

♦ CYG Webinar Series. The 2020 CTBTO Youth Group Webinar Series is a project initiated by CTBTO Youth Group members as a means of increasing engagement, capacity building and inclusive strategic dialogue on the CTBT, and the latest developments in disarmament and non-proliferation.

## Articles on CTBT-related topics

- ♦ International youth delegation from the German branch of Abolition 2000 and Abolition 2000 Youth Network attended the 2019 Preparatory Committee for the 2020 NPT RevCon at the UN Headquarters in New York City, by CYG member Marzhan Nurzhan, Voices of Peace
- ♦ International Day against Nuclear Tests and role of youth, by CYG member Marzhan Nurzhan, Unfold Zero
- ♦ Strategic Calculations behind Pakistan's pursuit of Sea-based Nuclear Deterrence, by CYG member Sufian Ullah, South Asia Voices
- ♦ Reinventing Nuclear Arms Control, by George Perkovich, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- ♦ International Day Against Nuclear Tests: 75 Years After the First ("Trinity") Nuclear Test, by Tariq Rauf, Atomic Reporters