

**East and West African High Level Policy Dialogue on State of Ratification of CTBT in Africa  
3- 6 February, 2020**

**Project proposal submitted by CYG Africa**

**Project objectives and summary**

The coordinator and members of CYG Africa has proposed holding East and West Africa High Level Policy Dialogue on State of Ratification of CTBT in as a platform for promoting the CTBT and its Entry into Force within the diplomatic, scientific and think tank communities in Africa. This Dialogue is also an opportunity for the CYG to make nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation a priority agenda in the peace and security discourse in Africa. During this Dialogue, CYG members aim at engaging with key stakeholders such as diplomats, policy makers and institutions in Africa; particularly with leaders and delegates from African States yet to ratify the CTBT. Furthermore, we intend to expand CYG membership by reaching out to youths and students (especially those from Francophone and North African countries) who will be attending the Dialogue.

CYG members attending the Dialogue will actively participate in the programme through the following mediums:

- A CYG workshop
- Have CYG members as speakers on conference and workshop panels
- Host an exhibition booth where CTBT informational and promotional materials will be displaced, and flyers and pamphlets distributed. The exhibition booth will also be used as an outreach location for youths and students attending the forum.
- Ask questions and make comments relating to the CTBT, disarmament and non-proliferation during Q&A and discussions.

Proposed topics and discussion points for the dialogue include but not limited to the following areas:

- The role of youths in disarmament education and nonproliferation advocacy in Africa.
- Civil and Scientific Applications of CTBT Verification Technologies: how young researchers/scientists, think tanks and youth groups in Africa can use CTBT data for their work.
- Africa as a nuclear weapon free zone: revisiting the treaty of Pelindaba and the CTBT. Why all African states need to ratify the CTBT?
- Civil and Scientific Applications of the CTBT Verification Technologies and its contributions to peace and security in Africa.

High Level Policy Dialogue will also feature an official panel of Head of States, and three high-level plenary sessions. In these sessions, CYG members in attendance will raise questions such as:

- What are your countries' position on the CTBT?
- How do you intend to persuade states to ratify the CTBT?
- What needs to be done to make the CTBT a priority agenda for your country or organization?
- Other questions that highlight nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation within the framework of the plenary topics.

**Benefits and results**

- To engage with leaders and representatives from participating nations especially those from states that are yet to ratify the CTBT.
- Visibility for the CYG and a platform for creating public awareness on the CTBT.
- Publish a position paper on the CTBT on the website of CTBTO
- To create an opportunity for planned special sessions on the CTBT to be held in For a that address security issues in Africa.

**Input required from CTBTO**

- The CTBTO through its official channels will help us with communicating with targeted high level participants like Heads of States, relevant Commissioner in African Union, ministers and parliamentarians
- Provide us with CTBTO posters, flyers, leaflets and relevant informational and promotional materials.

**Opportunities**

- Entry into Ethiopia or Senegal may not be difficult to many delegates as its visa regime is not restrictive:
- Long time frame for preparation: CYG members interested in attending the Dialogue have ample time to plan towards the programme and outlining strategies for achieving the project objectives.

**Budget estimate**

| Item                          | Number of persons | Estimated cost (in Euros) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Transport and travel logistic | 100               |                           |
| Lodging                       | 100               |                           |
| Daily stipend (e.g. meals)    | 100               |                           |
| Travel allowance              | 100               |                           |

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| <b>Total cost</b> |  |  |
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**Measurable outputs**

- Expand CYG membership: Recruit energetic and enthusiastic youths for the CYG. Especially youths and students from countries that are yet to have a CYG member. This is of strategic importance because our plan is to have at least 100 CYG members per country.
- Build networks and foster partnerships with African based youth groups, institutions and organizations working in the area of peace and security. Furthermore, to motivate these organizations and groups to make the CTBT a priority agenda.
- Identify potential working groups that could be interesting for the CYG to participate in.
- A written report by CYG Africa on the CTBT, disarmament and nonproliferation as priority agenda in Africa. This report will be based on our interactions and observations and formal information such as statements and presentations made at the Dialogue.

**Work plan**

Working with designated CTBTO staff (CYG support team). All activities shall be in accordance with guidelines and ethical considerations provided by CYG support team. All plans shall be communicated to the CYG support team before being implemented.