



PUTTING AN
END TO NUCLEAR
EXPLOSIONS

August - September - October - November 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/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

Skype talk with the CYG member, August 3, Kazygurt district (Kazakhstan)

In honor of Youth Peace Week 2019 Kazygurt students had a Skype talk with a co-founder and administrator of NuclearFreeSchool project in the United States Christopher Allan Cruz. Christopher gave general information about his project and activities as CYG member based in America.



The International Day against Nuclear Tests (IDANT), August 29

The date of the IDANT is highly symbolic, commemorating both the anniversary of Kazakhstan's closure of the former Soviet Semipalatinsk nuclear test site in 1991, and the date the first Soviet nuclear test was conducted there in 1949. During the IDANT ceremony in Nur-Sultan, Dr Zerbo received the Nazarbayev Prize for a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World and Global Security.

Workshop in honor of the IDANT, August 29, Kazygurt district (Kazakhstan)



Public Association “Zhalynda zhastar” cooperating with Access program alumni and Y-peer volunteers held an informative workshop for Kazygurt Districts youth. The aim of the event was to show youth sequences of Nuclear weapon test and support Nevada Semey International movement.

Science and Policy seminar, September 12-13, Quito (Ecuador)



CYG member Luis Vazquez participated in the panel “Science, diplomacy and the CTBT: Latin America as a champion of non-proliferation and disarmament”. The participants stressed the importance of involving young people in science and diplomacy discussions. On the margins of the seminar Luis talked about the CYG, its objectives and activities.

UK-RUS NPT Dialogue, September 19, Vienna (Austria)

On the margins of the meeting CYG members Sahil Shah and Asya Shavrova met with the GEM members Ambassador Grigory Berdennikov and Dr. Patricia Mary.



Meeting with the winners of the Art Competition, September 19, Misr American College, Cairo (Egypt)



The Egyptian CYG Coordinator Abdelmonem Khalifa held a special morning assembly at the school he teaches to congratulate the winners of the international art competition, organized by the CTBTO and The Peace and Cooperation Organization.

The 1st Sub-Saharan Africa Youth Nuclear Summit (SSAYNS), September 25-27, Abuja (Nigeria)

The Summit seeks to educate, sensitize and promote the knowledge about nuclear technology and its benefits amongst others.

The Article XIV Conference (AFC XIV), September 25, New York (the USA)

The CTBT contains a special mechanism to promote its entry into force – a conference designed to facilitate this objective takes place every other year. CYG member Sarah Bidgood addressed the delegates attending the Conference.



The 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 priority. It provides an opportunity to educate the public - and their leaders - about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons, and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them. CYG member Nathalie Mayer and GEM member Thomas Hajnoczi were the speakers at the special event, organized by the UNODA, NGO Committee on Peace, Vienna.

Youth Champions for Securing our Common Future: A Peace Boat and UNODA Initiat., October 11, UN Headquarters



The event invited approximately 75 youth between the ages of 18 and 30 who came up with the proposals for action they can take in their own communities and beyond to take steps forward in disarmament, arms control and nonproliferation.



CYG Meeting of the Americas, October 27-November 2, Puerto Vallarta (Mexico)

This event took place during the Annual Meeting of the Mexican Geophysical Union. The CYGs presented their research and work related to the CTBT, the IMS and IDC, and other CYG activities. During this meeting, they also had a booth sponsored by the CTBTO that showed scientific and civil applications of the treaty.

Screening of "Where the Wind Blew", November 6, Monterey (USA)

The screening was hosted by James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies and followed by presentations from Dr. Ferenc Dalnoki-Veress, Anne Pellegrino, CYG member Grace Liu, and Jean du Preez on the status of the CTBTO and new verification techniques.



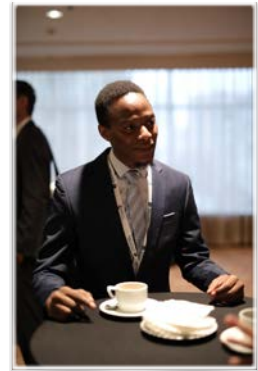
The Moscow Nonproliferation Conference (MNC) 2019, November 7-9, Moscow (Russia)



The Conference is one of the world's largest forums on nuclear issues. The 2019 MNC hosted up to 250 participants from over 40 countries, as well as from key international organizations in the field (CTBTO, IAEA, UNODA).

International Seminar 'CTBT: Treaty's Impact on the International Nonproliferation Regime and Assessment of the Current State of Affairs', November 10-12, St. Petersburg (Russia)

CYG members discussed the future of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and its place in the International Nonproliferation Regime, as well as the role the CTBT could play in the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. CYG members shared their impressions of the participation at the events. "It was one of the prestigious and rewarding opportunities to discuss issues related to the process of



nuclear disarmament and other challenges that face the international security architecture." - Idriss Irakoze. "MNC, with its diverse topics and wider representation, provided enriching debates and a wholistic picture of nonproliferation challenges and offered a multitude of ideas to deal with emerging challenges." - Sitara Noor.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- ✦ Youth Global Forum, December 2-6, Amsterdam (the Netherlands). Each year The Youth Global Forum brings together over 100 young talented innovators and leaders from all around the world to discuss the most prevalent issues facing Youth today.

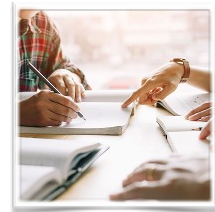


- ✦ The 3rd International Youth Summit Lahore, December 2-8, Lahore (Pakistan). Summit will aim to highlight how inclusive and sustainable economic growth is crucial in achieving the 2030 Agenda, to appreciate the systematic use of scientific and technical knowledge to meet specific objectives or requirements, leading to a universal call for action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.
- ✦ Nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards technical course, December 9-19, The University of Texas at Austin (USA). The course is designed to be useful to scientists, engineers, technicians, academicians, government regulators, and other officials.

- ✦ Application deadline for the annual Dalai Lama Fellows program, January 5. Dalai Lama Fellows (DLF) is a unique one-year leadership program for emerging social change leaders designed to cultivate resilience and compassion, strengthen commitment to universal human values, and broaden cultural perspectives. DLF's ultimate goal is to help young leaders develop greater self-awareness, resiliency, and insight as well as deeper connections to others, their communities, and the world.



- ✦ Application deadline for the IIASA Science Communication Fellowship, January 11, Vienna (Austria). The science communication fellow will gain experience in communicating complex systems science for a general audience through a variety of platforms including blogs, website content, video, and articles for the Options.



- ✦ 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.
- ✦ 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.

Articles on CTBT-related topics

- ◆ 'Slow and Steady Wins the Race' for NK Nuclear Disarmament, by CYG member Muhammad Qasim
- ◆ Kazakhstan Honours Advocates of a Nuclear-Free World, InDepthNews
- ◆ Nuclear Free World Concerns Everyone - Learning from Karipbek Kuyukov, by CYG member Ilya Kursenko
- ◆ Youth participation for the CTBT Ministerial Meeting, by CYG member Jaona Andriamampandry
- ◆ USSR Peaceful Nuclear Tests, Geophysical Observatory "Borovoye", by CYG member Ksenia Nepeina, V.A.An, T.V.Chelyubeyeva
- ◆ The Neo-Ballistic Middle East, by CYG member Karim El-Baz
- ◆ How the U.S. betrayed the Marshall Islands, kindling the next nuclear disaster, CYG member Autumn Bordner quoted
- ◆ INF nuclear treaty: US pulls out of Cold War-era pact with Russia, BBC News
- ◆ The post-INF Treaty Crisis: Background and Next Steps, Arms Control Association
- ◆ Nuclear test ban body sees end of INF as opportunity for new disarmament framework, The Japan Times



Want to Write an Article on the CTBT?

Check out these resources:

- www.projectfortheCTBT.org
- <https://rethinkmedia.org/blog/our-most-popular-op-ed-advice>
- <https://southasianvoices.org/>
- <http://www.basicint.org/about/join-us/> Aged under 25? Seeking career development in the field of international security? Our Next Generation blog offers a select number of emerging, young leaders the opportunity to publish articles and reports relevant to our programmes. We can also offer resources to help you get your work published elsewhere, and invite next generation voices in our events.

