



PUTTING AN
END TO NUCLEAR
EXPLOSIONS

June-July 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](https://twitter.com/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: Science and Technology 2019 Conference (SnT2019), June 24-28, Vienna (Austria)

More than 1,100 scientists, technologists, policymakers, diplomats, academics, students, journalists and others from nearly 100 countries thronged Vienna's historic Hofburg Palace to exchange views and expertise to help achieve a world free of nuclear explosions.

CYG was actively engaged in conference activities:

- **The Forum on Global Citizenship and Youth Inclusion** (Speakers from the CYG: Sahil Shah and Sylvia Mishra)
- **Networking and Working group session featuring GEM and CYG members** - 6 groups consisting of CYG and GEM members were tasked to discuss one respective question and come up with concrete bullet-pointed recommendations.





- Panel discussion: **Women in Science and Technology** (Speaker from the CYG: Grace Liu)
- Panel discussion: **CTBTO Youth Group - Agents of Change for Progress of CTBT entry into force** (Speaker from the CYG: Marzhan Nurzhan)
- CTBT Innovation challenge presentation and discussion: **CTBTO and the 2030 United Nations agenda for sustainable development: strengthening the link** (Winners of the CTBTO Youth Group CTBT Innovation Challenge presented their original ideas linking the CTBT to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals)
- **European Union - CTBTO Cooperation: multilateralism at work** (Speaker from the CYG: Samuel Luyckx)
- CYG members from the Newsroom covered conference sessions, conducted interviews and took pictures for the Newsroom project **SnTimes**.
- Some members presented their posters and delivered presentations.
- On the margins of the SnT2019 the CT meetings were held. The coordinators presented their strategies and discussed ways to implement and improve them.

CTBTO Youth Group Workshop on New Tools for Verifying Disarmament and Nonproliferation, July 8-10, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies in Monterey, California (USA)



The New Tools Workshop gave young professionals and students in nonproliferation the opportunity to learn how to integrate open-source analysis tools in their work and research.

10th anniversary of Pelindaba Treaty, July 15

The African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone (ANWFZ) Treaty – the Treaty of Pelindaba – was signed in Cairo on 11 April 1996 and entered into force on 15 July 2009. The ultimate objective of the Pelindaba Treaty is to strengthen international peace, to further regional security in Africa and to reinforce the NPT regime.

Nelson Mandela International Day, July 18

Nelson Mandela strongly supported the cause of banning nuclear tests. South Africa's ratification of the CTBT in 1999 holds his signature as he urged "all other countries to give their prompt support".

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- ✦ Webinar on Move the Nuclear Weapons Money: Divesting from Destruction. Investing in peace and sustainability, **July 30**, 11:00-12.30 USA Eastern time. This is the 3rd in a series of webinars being organized by Abolition 2000 on various nuclear disarmament issues and campaigns.
- ✦ Hiroshima - ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security 2019, **July 31 - August 8**, Hiroshima (Japan). Hiroshima Prefecture and International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Award-winning organization, jointly launch the "Hiroshima-ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security" to nurture future leaders who could make concrete contributions towards realizing a peaceful world.
- ✦ Vienna International Model United Nations, 25th Anniversary Conference, **August 4-8**, UN, Vienna (Austria). A Model United Nations (MUN) is a meeting where students authentically simulate negotiations of specific committees and organs of the United Nations.
- ✦ World Youth Summit for Peace 2019 (WYSP), **August 8-12**, Dubai (UAE). In this Summit more than 80 World Leaders (Former and Present Presidents, Prime Ministers, Ministers, Members of Parliaments and Diplomats), 200 Business & Entrepreneurs leaders, world renowned Artists, Singers, Models, along with 5000 delegates will come from over 196 countries, more than 20000 local Youth will also Participate to share the ideas and their experiences with each other. The Summit covers 6 session themes: SDG 2030 Leadership, Education, Climate change, Women&Gender equality, Interfaith and Society, Human Rights and Peace.



- ✦ **August 31** Application deadline for 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.
- ✦ Count the Nuclear Weapons Money action, **October 2019**, live-streamed event. The event will provide anyone in the world with the opportunity to follow the counting and learn what benefits the money spent to modernize nuclear arsenals could bring if re-directed to economic, social and environmental needs.

Articles on CTBT-related topics

- ◆ Passion and Diversity at the 2019 CTBTO Science and Technology Conference, by CYG member Ilya Kursenko
- ◆ How Youth Can Help Entry into Force of the CTBT, by CYG member Ilya Kursenko
- ◆ Congratulating Africa on the 10th anniversary of the Pelindaba Treaty, don't forget the CTBT!, by CYG member Idris Irakoze
- ◆ Anti-Nuclear Testing Official: Israel Likely to Agree to Ban Nuclear Tests Within Three Years, by CYG member Adi Pick
- ◆ U.S. Questions Russian CTBT Compliance, by Daryl Kimball, Arms Control Association
- ◆ The comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty: Another victim of US nuclear policy? By Ambassador-in-Residence Grigory Berdennikov, CYG member Asya Shavrova
- ◆ Could Trump Trash The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty? By Michael Krepon, Forbes
- ◆ CTBTO Youth Group visits the Centre to talk about the SDG implementation, Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens



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.

