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## 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 email [youthgroup@ctbto.org](mailto:youthgroup@ctbto.org)
- ✦ In addition, please join us on social media, two global WhatsApp groups, and your regional WhatsApp group. Let's stay in touch and discuss relevant issues and events!
- ✦ **WhatsApp: CYG\_Social** -- <https://chat.whatsapp.com/8Z14CIOvu183r4xFbn1K1a>
- ✦ **WhatsApp: CYG\_Official** -- <https://chat.whatsapp.com/5Z5YJyUpll3DYPKEBfFZr5>
- ✦ **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
- ✦ **WhatsApp: CYG Africa** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E7o2bRo1YU38312v3cf9HN>
- ✦ **WhatsApp: CYG W. Europe/N.America** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/D7PVEQbPDhPDiCPRu15QFv>
- ✦ **WhatsApp: CYG Eastern Europe** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LfKnz9k13qLDnxth83ztVS>
- ✦ **WhatsApp: CYG Latin America and Caribbean** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DhUSOPPI3iNjRHC19jMriB>



## Happy New Year and Congratulations on a CYG Milestone: 1000 members!

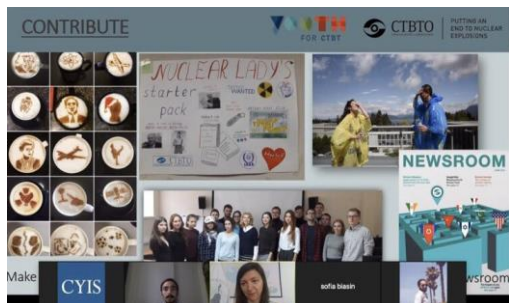
In January we registered our 1000<sup>th</sup> CYG member. Since the CYG initiative was started 5 years ago, the organisation has grown from an idea into a major force for change that brings young people from all over the world together to advocate for a world free of nuclear testing. Today CYG has members in 100+ countries. Despite current challenges, together we can collaborate as a global community to make 2021 a year for change and progress. We look forward to working with you!



On behalf of all CYG members, we'd also like to give a big thanks to the 2020 CYG Coordination team for their excellent work. Although 2020 brought many new challenges to the work of the CYG, the 2020 team brought us many new events and initiatives that the 2021 team will build on for the future.

## CYG Member Activities

CYG members regularly participate in international discussions and dialogue on topics like arms control, non-proliferation, and youth activism. If you have participated in an event, please let us know!



^On October 12, Natalia Zhurina participated in a discussion hosted by the Centre for Youth and International Studies. Natalia discussed her experiences working for OPANAL, and how youth can contribute to non-proliferation and disarmament efforts as part of the CYG.

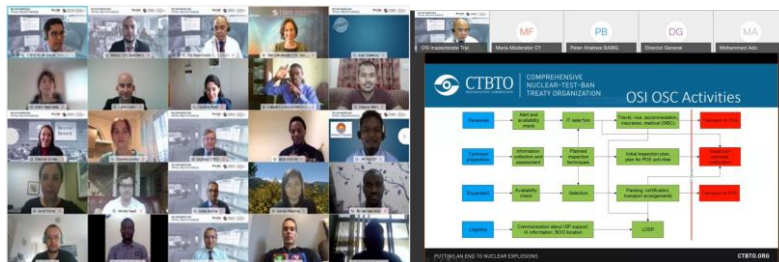


^On December 3, Guillaume Milot, Yeseul Woo, Moumi Awundu, Sweta Basak, and Kseniia Pirnavskaia participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> UN-ROK Conference on Disarmament and Nonproliferation. They published an article on "New Technologies and its Impact on Disarmament and Non-proliferation Regime."



^On November 4, Alan Juarez delivered a presentation at the annual Mexican Geophysics Union (UGM) about the CTBTO Youth Group and its role in science diplomacy. A month later, Juarez would then be interviewed by a Spanish-speaking group of science enthusiasts called "Divulgación Terróloga."

## Past CYG Events



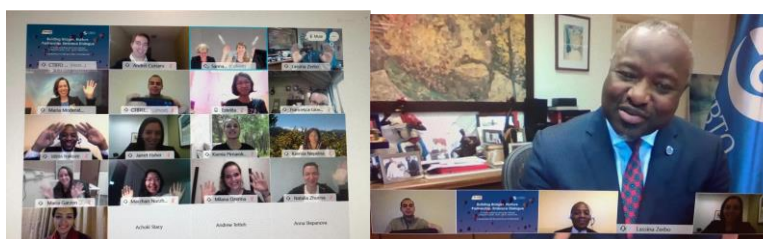
### Virtual Tabletop Exercise

On October 22, CYG hosted a Virtual Tabletop Exercise which allowed participants to engage in mock negotiations in a simulated Executive Council vote on an OSI request. In a fictional scenario, CYG members were guided through the process by CTBTO experts.



### Faces of the CTBTO: Verifying the Nuclear Test Ban

On November 19, participants were able to discuss with six CTBTO technical specialists about their roles, career paths, and daily work. The CTBTO experts were able to provide the young technical and policy specialists with advice for their own career development. The recording of the event is available [here](#).



### Building Bridges, Nurture Partnership, Embrace Dialogue

On December 3, CYG hosted a webinar to connect young people focusing on climate, peace, and security challenges. CTBTO Executive Secretary Dr. Lassina Zerbo encouraged CYG members as "leaders of tomorrow" to stay connected and engaged on key global issues.



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities



The next online event in the Building Bridges project series will take place on 18 March 2021. CYG facilitators, representatives of youth organizations and the CYG Task Force will convene to facilitate and exchange views on opportunities for cooperation among participating organisations, sharing of best practices and the start of collaboration on cross-domain initiatives. The online event will include a panel discussion, a high-level keynote presentation and a working session where up to 80 CYG members can participate and share their ideas.

## Coordination Team 2021 Strategy

The new CYG coordination team is currently working on several upcoming projects. Make sure to stay up to date with our social channels, as exciting new initiatives, events, and opportunities will be announced in the coming weeks and months. Feel free to reach out to any of the coordination team if you have an idea or initiative you'd like to share. Our projects for 2021 include:

- ✦ Cluster 1: Mentoring
- ✦ Cluster 2: Science Diplomacy
- ✦ Cluster 3: Youth and Outreach
- ✦ Cluster 4: Communicating Nuclear Issues
- ✦ Cluster 5: Building Partnerships
- ✦ Cluster 6: Regional Outreach
- ✦ Cluster 7: Introductory Activities for new members

## Articles on CTBT-related topics

Have you written or read something interesting related to the CTBT? Feel free to tag CYG in your social posts, or send the comms team an email and we can include it in the next newsletter!

- ✦ [Want US-China Nuclear Arms Control? Start With the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty](#) Jonathan Stutte in The Diplomat
- ✦ [States Fail to Agree on CTBTO Leader](#) Daryl Kimbal in Arms Control Today



^On December 3, Marzhan Nurzhan participated in a panel discussion hosted by the UK United Nations Association on the status of global nuclear disarmament at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN.



^On December 16, Jeremy Faust and Kseniia Pirnavskaia participated in a panel discussion on nuclear disarmament with prominent experts as part of the launch of "A World Free from Nuclear Weapons."



^On January 28, Sylvia Mishra and Yeseul Woo participated in a high-level webinar hosted by VCDNP about the future of the CTBT in promoting nuclear verification and disarmament.