

YOUTH SPECIAL SESSION

A PRE-EVENT TO THE 19TH REPUBLIC OF KOREA-UNITED NATIONS JOINT CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES

New Technologies and their Impact on the
Disarmament and Non-proliferation Regime

📍 Virtual via Youtube ➡ bit.ly/3q4b7Jn

📅 Wednesday, 2 December 2020

🕒 21:00 - 22:30 (Seoul)
07:00 - 08:30 (New York)
13:00 - 14:30 (Geneva, Vienna)



MODERATOR: Mr. Charles Ovink
Associate Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs

OPENING REMARKS

PRESENTATIONS BY FIVE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION

- Chaerin Kim (Republic of Korea), NPT Youth
- Dilan Ezgi Koç (Turkey), UN Youth Champions for Disarmament
- Idriss Irakoze (Burundi), CTBT Youth Group
- Heng Jing Han (Singapore), Responsible Innovation STEM students
- Moe Sasaki (Japan), DPPA-ODA Northeast Asia YPS

KEY QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

- We all want a safer and more secure world. With that in mind, what should the international community prioritise to "build back better" after the Covid-19 pandemic? What needs to change, and how?
- How are your areas of interest affected by emerging technologies? How can you help the international community adapt to these fresh challenges and opportunities?
- Raising awareness about disarmament issues in younger generations is important for securing our future. What do you think have been the barriers for young people participating in disarmament issues? How can we overcome these? What ideas do you have to further engage young people on issues of disarmament and non-proliferation?
- In a changing world, what do you think leaders can and should do to maintain and enhance the disarmament and non-proliferation regime?
- Looking to the future, what do you think are the most pressing opportunities and challenges that emerging technologies present for disarmament and non-proliferation?

Q & A

WRAP-UP AND CLOSING

SPEAKER BIOS



CHAERIN KIM (REPUBLIC OF KOREA)

Chaerin is a Youth Delegate representing the Friends of NPT group selected by the Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs who has participated in the 2020 Youth NPT Conference held to revitalize momentum concerning the issue of nuclear disarmament. She is an undergraduate student majoring in International Studies at Yonsei University on a full scholarship. She has a wide range of interests starting from nuclear security and disarmament to post-colonialism, international humanitarian law and state responsibility. Until recently she has worked as an intern for the Korean Society of International Law. She has been involved in multiple volunteering and mentoring programs, in the hopes of contributing to the eradication of poverty and securing equal opportunity for all.



DILAN EZGI KOÇ (TURKEY)

Dilan is a Youth Champion for Disarmament selected by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs to be part of an innovative learning programme aimed at empowering young people to work for disarmament in their communities. She is a graduate student at Yale University Jackson Institute for Global Affairs on a Fulbright scholarship. Her research interests include nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and nuclear security networks, and she has also worked and published on the Syrian conflict and alliance politics. She is also a musician who has been volunteering and holding leadership positions at non-profit organizations, organizing events and fundraising concerts to advocate for human rights and gender equality.



IDRISS IRAKOZE (BURUNDI)

Idriss comes from Burundi and lives currently in London, UK. Idriss is an aspiring professional in international security. His interests are non-proliferation and disarmament in Africa and the world. He is an active member of the CTBTO Youth Group and has extensively worked towards raising awareness on issues relating to nuclear tests. He has attended several conferences including the Moscow Non-Proliferation summit in 2019. He is also an advocate for the education of African young generations on security issues. He has interned at the CTBTO headquarters where he excelled at promoting the CTBT with African youths and universities. Idriss is a graduate of SOAS University of London and majored in International Relations and Development Studies. He intends to further his education in International Security to better explore different ways to create a world free of nuclear weapons and conflicts.



HENG JING HAN (SINGAPORE)

Heng Jing Han is an undergraduate student at the Singapore University of Technology and Design. As a major in Information System Technology and Design, he focuses on artificial intelligence and data analytics with a keen interest in how emerging technologies can be used to make the world a better and safer place for all. His belief in the importance of education led him to volunteer as a part-time educator and also to assist in planning hackathons. Having previously served in the Singapore Armed Forces as a combat engineer team commander responding to chemical, biological and radiological threats, he has a direct understanding of why disarmament and non-proliferation are urgent priorities.



MOE SASAKI (JAPAN)

Moe is a member of the Youth Steering Committee for the Northeast Asia Youth Peace and Security initiative led by the United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. For the past 6 years, she has worked with NGOs, the private sector and international organizations to create a culture of peace, equipping and empowering youth to become agents of peaceful change in their communities. She is currently a Masters candidate for Violence Conflict and Development at SOAS University London with a full scholarship from the Joint Japan / World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program. She is a trainer and consultant for the United Network of Young Peacebuilders and the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute. She also formerly worked for the Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute in the Republic of Korea and the Japanese development consulting company, ICNET Limited. Moe's passion lies in mobilizing citizens to take ownership in peacebuilding as it is her belief that lasting and sustainable peace stems from individual acts that inspire a community and create a culture of peace that is not easily shaken.