2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons’ (NPT) entry into force and the 25th anniversary of its indefinite extension. Yet with progress on disarmament slow, the bilateral arms control architecture eroding and nuclear risks growing, much of the policy community is asking: What do the next 50 years look like?

The future health and vitality of the NPT regime over the next quarter century will depend upon inspiring and securing the commitment of the next generation of ethically motivated young professionals: policy analysts, researchers, entrepreneurs, politicians, civil society representatives, artists, and governmental officials.

Empowering young people will also help the NPT’s problems today: by injecting much-needed demographic and cognitive diversity, and with it, fresh ideas, creative problem solving, and more inclusive outcomes.

Co-organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and BASIC, this event aims to inform participants about the achievements and ongoing relevance of the NPT, while also highlighting the importance of – and opportunities for – youth engagement.

Expert speakers will engage in a moderated discussion, followed by a Q&A session with the audience.