



The Biological Weapons Convention

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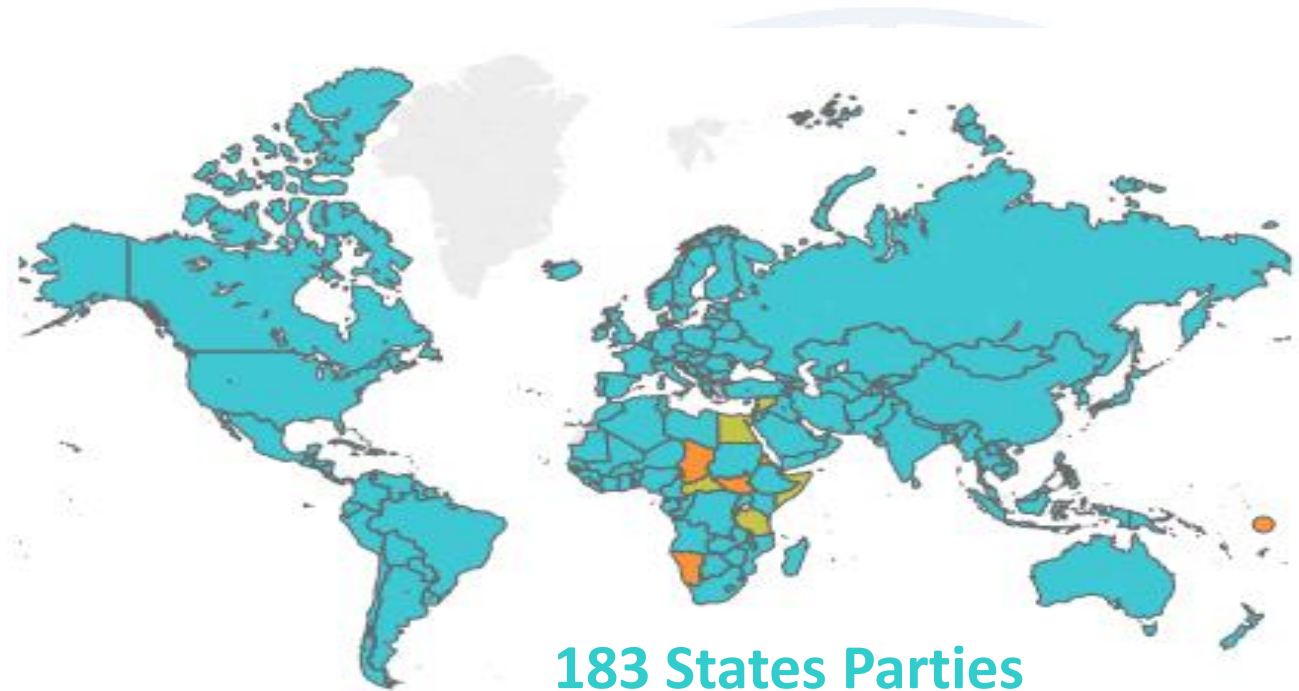
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Biological Weapons Convention

prohibits **development, production, stockpiling, acquisition, retention or transfer of biological weapons**

- Opened for signature on 10 April 1972
- EiF on 26 March 1975
- First multilateral disarmament treaty banning an entire category of WMD
- Comprehensive scope
- Non-discriminatory in nature
- Unlimited duration
- Open to any state

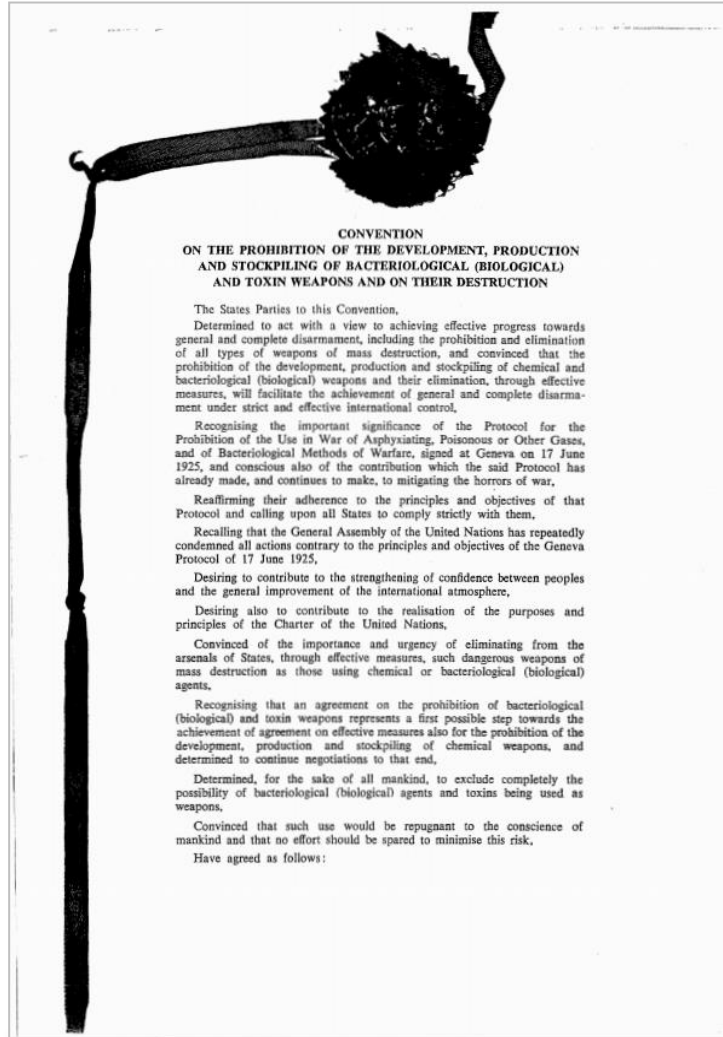


183 States Parties

4 Signatories

10 States not party





“Determined, for the sake of all mankind, to exclude completely the possibility of bacteriological (biological) agents and toxins being used as weapons”

“Convinced that such use would be repugnant to the conscience of mankind and that no effort should be spared to minimise this risk”



- Article I** Never under any circumstances to acquire or retain biological weapons
- Article II** To destroy or divert to peaceful purposes biological weapons and associated resources prior to joining
- Article III** Not to transfer, or in any way assist, encourage or induce anyone else to acquire or retain biological weapons
- Article IV** To take any national measures necessary to implement the provisions of the BWC domestically
- Article V** To consult bilaterally and multilaterally to solve any problems with the implementation of the BWC
- Article VI** To request the UN Security Council to investigate alleged breaches of the BWC and to comply with its subsequent decisions
- Article VII** To assist States which have been exposed to a danger as a result of a violation of the BWC
- Article X** To do all of the above in a way that encourages the peaceful uses of biological science and technology



What are the main functions of the BWC?

- Provides an unequivocal norm against biological weapons
- Sole multilateral forum for dialogue concerning all issues pertaining to BWs in a holistic manner
- Facilitates assistance and cooperation at the bi- and multilateral level and helps building capacity
- Supports the promotion of peaceful uses of biological S&T and facilitates assistance and cooperation to develop capacity
- Offers a mechanism for consultation and cooperation in solving any problems
- Builds transparency through Confidence-Building Measures



Resources to facilitate treaty implementation

Weapon Category	Nuclear		Biological	Chemical
Treaty (status)	NPT	CTBT	BWC	CWC
States Parties to the Treaty	191	168	183	193
Verification	✓	✓	✗	✓
Organisation	IAEA	CTBTO	-	OPCW
Budget	€ 371.8m	\$ 70.9m € 49.8m	\$1.8m	€ 69.7m
Personnel (approx.)	2,560	275	3	462





How does the BWC work?

- **No international verification regime**
- **No separate international organization**
- States Parties obliged to translate the commitments in the Convention into effective national action
- **Intersessional work programmes** (all decisions by consensus)
- **Highest Organ: Review Conference**
- **Three regional groups:**
 - Eastern European Group (Russia)
 - NAM (Azerbaijan)
 - Western Group (Australia)
- **Three Depositaries**





Implementation Support Unit

“A small, efficient and highly-focused unit, the ISU will coordinate, concentrate and magnify the efforts of the States Parties. It will harness resources, forge connections, develop networks and identify opportunities.”

- First institutional presence for the BWC
- Officially operational in August 2007
- Housed in the Geneva Branch of the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs
- Funded by assessed contributions from all BWC States Parties
- Three full-time staff
- Augmented by voluntary contributions from States Parties and the European Union



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IAEA Internships

International Atomic Energy Agency



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- an advanced university degree
- a minimum of two years of relevant work experience
- strong command of one of the

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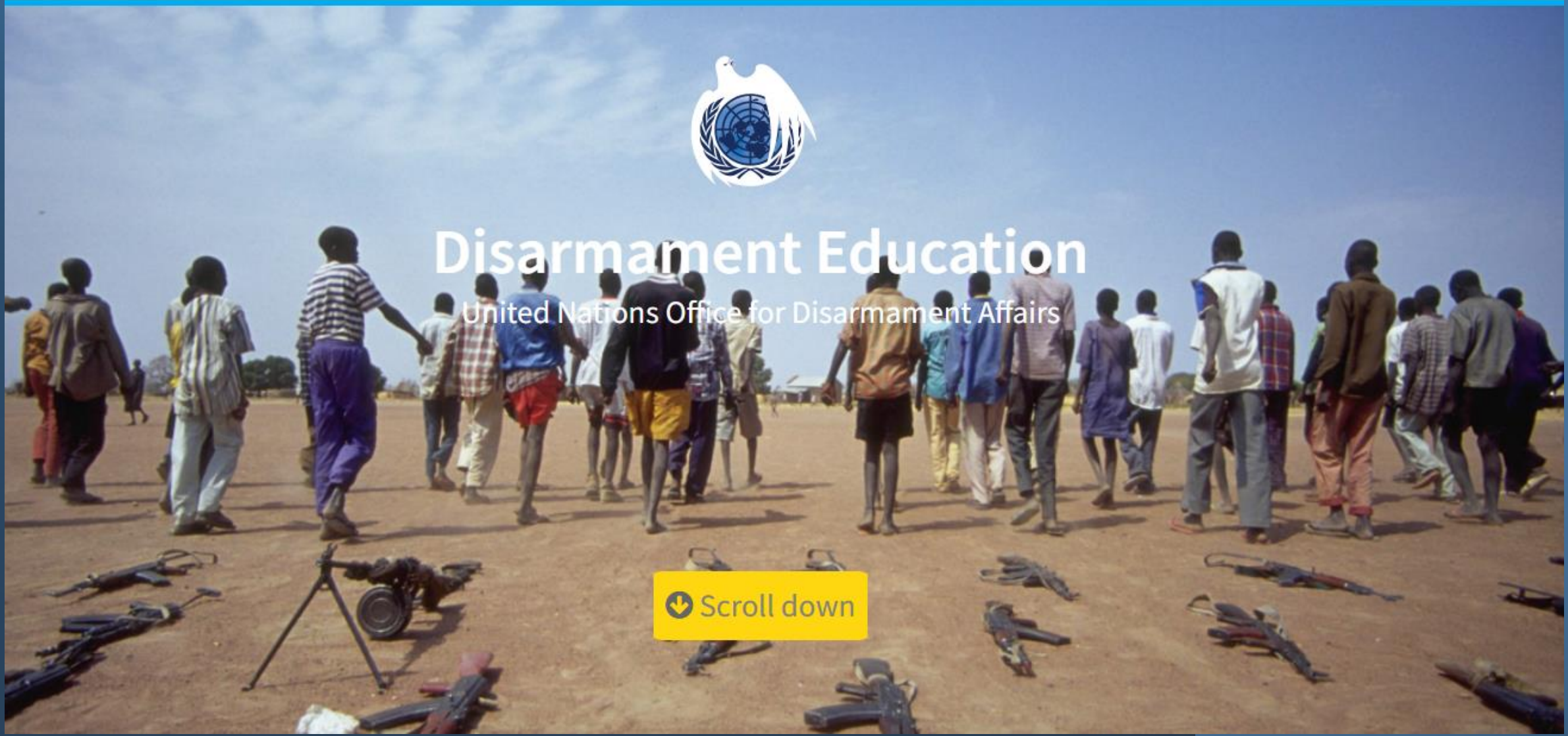
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The IFBA Global Mentorship Program is a worldwide initiative to support and sustain the international biosafety and biosecurity community. Mentor and Mentee pairs are matched based on region and professional discipline to encourage locally relevant professional guidance in any and all IFBA Professional Certification domains, including:

- Biorisk Management
- Biosecurity
- Biological Waste Management
- Biocontainment Facility Design, Operations, and Maintenance
- Biosafety Cabinet Selection, Installation, and Safe Use

Mentor and Mentee pairs are brought together to discuss regional and global issues and opportunities pertaining to biosafety, biosecurity, and biorisk management. Mentees will receive guidance in obtaining IFBA Professional Certifications and other career developing skills, and mentors may put their experience towards renewing their existing IFBA Professional Certifications!





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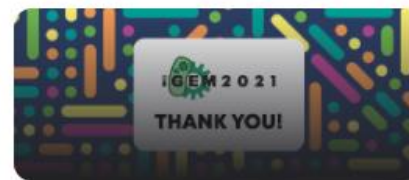
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About the ELBI Fellowship

The Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity (ELBI) Fellowship inspires and connects the next generation of biosecurity leaders and innovators.

Launched in 2012, ELBI is a highly competitive, part-time program that provides an opportunity for talented graduate students and professionals to deepen their expertise, expand their network, and build their leadership skills through a series of events coordinated by the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

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HSP Concludes Biosecurity Champions Fellowship 2021

This month, HSP's Biosecurity Champions Fellowship virtual lecture series concluded in Pakistan. Facilitated by HSP's Technical Advisor Samreen Sarwar, the Biosecurity Champions Fellowship is a training program designed to build a network of life and medical science professionals poised to become biosecurity leaders in Pakistan. The Fellowship aims to increase the capacity of Pakistani scientists and academics in fields relevant to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). For the 2021 Fellowship, five fellows were selected from five provinces (Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit and Balochistan) of Pakistan.

The fellowship consisted of nine weekly modules, which covered topics ranging from the history of biological weapons and warfare to dual use research of concern and bridging institutional gaps between biosecurity and law enforcement agencies. Each module consisted of a two-hour session with pre-session reading assignments. To evaluate comprehension, participants took a quiz every three weeks on previously covered topics.



Save
the
Date

Mobilizing youth to strengthen the Biological Weapons Convention in Kenya

24 March 2022 | 16h00 - 18h00 EAT
Online event



Biosecurity Diplomacy Workshop for Young Scientists from the Global South

Third edition | 2022



30 participants

early-career life scientists, local leaders in biosafety and biosecurity



15 countries

from the Global South in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, MENA and Latin America

17 women & 13 men

selected over 100 applicants by an international jury



6 interactive online sessions

over a period of 1 month and focusing on BWC articles, S&T issues, and networking

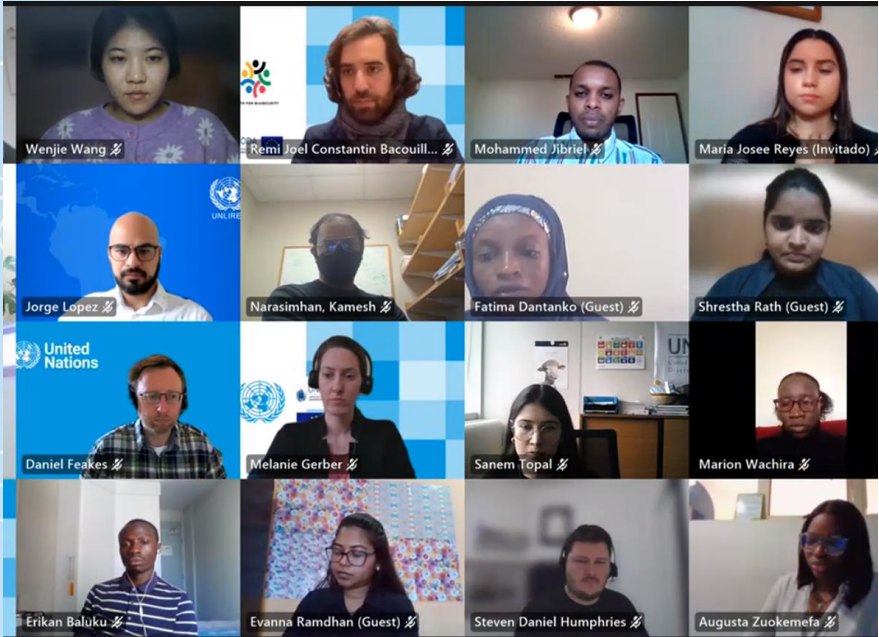
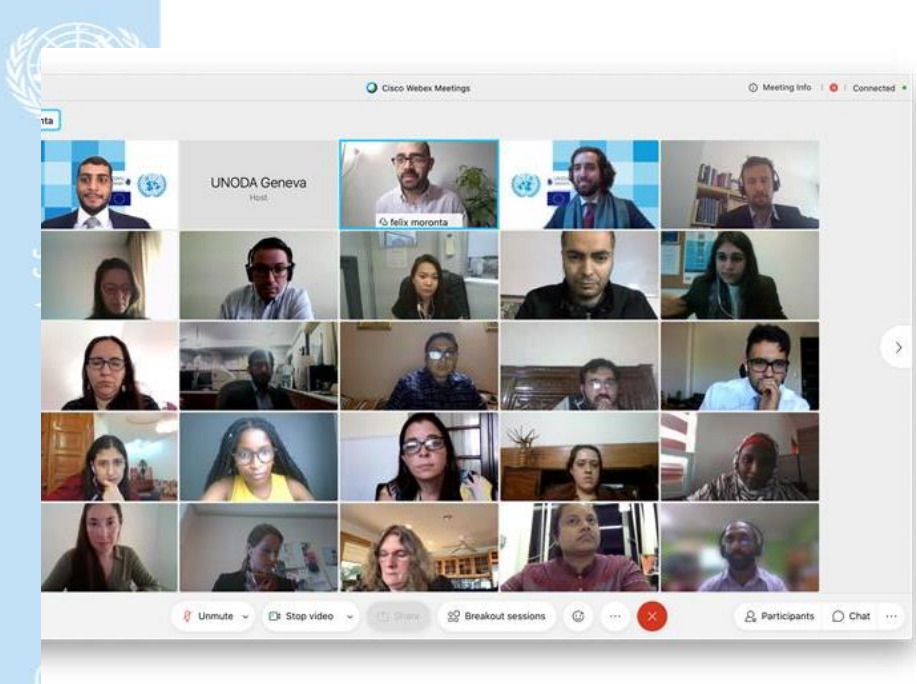


31 experts and speakers

from the BWC community including science diplomats, researchers, youth and civil society representatives



The Youth 4 Biosecurity Initiative is sponsored by the European Union



The Youth for Biosecurity Network

19 young biosecurity experts



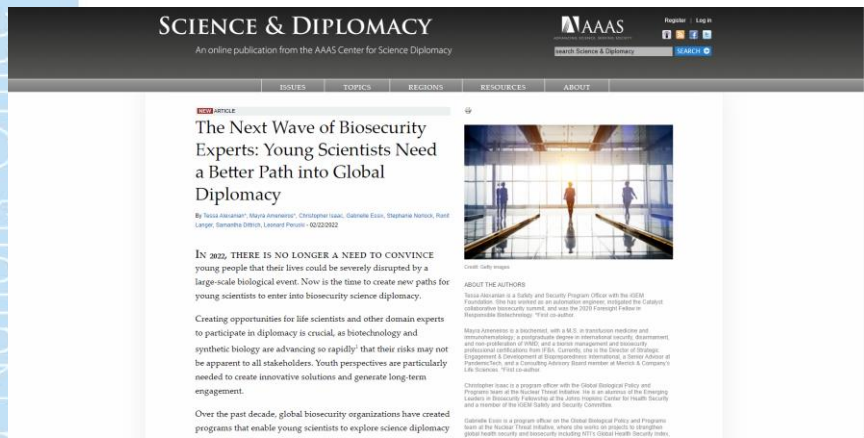


PROMOTING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION UNDER THE BWC

VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT

under the Meeting of Experts 2
Review of Developments in the Field of
Science and Technology Related to the
Convention

2 September | 13:15 – 14:45 CEST
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THE YOUTH DECLARATION FOR BIOSECURITY MOBILIZING YOUTH TO STRENGTHEN THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Virtual side event
BWC 2020 Meeting of States Parties

Monday, 22 November 2021
13:15 – 14:45 CET





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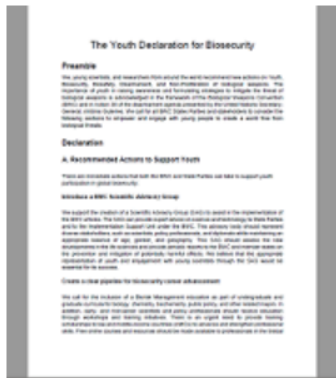
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