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Bringing Gender and Diversity into Disarmament, Non-Proliferation, and Arms Control

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- **Diversity**
 - Inputs and perspectives
 - Responses

- **WPS and YPS Agendas**

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- **Agenda for Disarmament**

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Conventional Arms

- **ATT Article 7 (4):**discourages countries from transferring conventional arms which may be used to commit or encourage GBV or violence against women and children

- UNODA 2001 paper exploring gender perspectives and small arms

- UNPoA and subsequent BSM meetings
 - Ditching dichotomy women-victims vs. men-warriors
 - gender, sex, age, disability
 - Synergies: WPS, BSM, Res. 65/69
 - Participation and representation

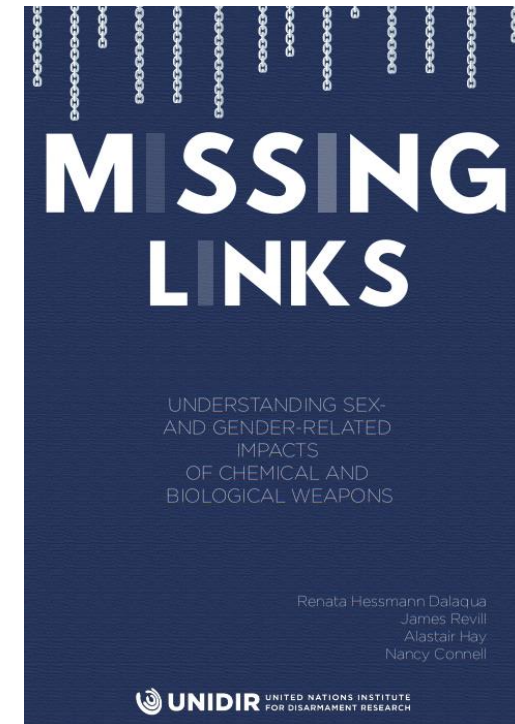
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Biological and Chemical Weapons

- **Biological Weapons : BWC (1975)**
 - People and the environment

- **Chemical Weapons: CWC(1977)**
 - People and the environment
 - Institutional work

- **The impacts of biological and chemical weapons**
 - Gender and age
 - Health
 - Environment (surroundings, communities)



SECTION 2: Gender, Diversity, Conventional Arms and WMD Nuclear Weapons

- **NPT**
- Discrimination
- Environmental aspects
- No sameness / No homogeneity
- Women and gender:
 - men and masculinity
 - women as outsiders and resources
- International Initiatives

Young Women in Non-Proliferation and
Disarmament Mentorship Programme



GCNP
GENDER CHAMPIONS IN NUCLEAR POLICY

**OSCE – UNODA Scholarship for Peace and Security:
Training on Arms Control and Disarmament**



Conclusions

■ Diversity of perspectives enhances outcomes

- e.g.: Incorporating of Youth, Women, Environment and GBV provisions in international instruments take more realities into account

■ Ditching the dichotomy woman-victim and men-warrior.

- Agency : e.g. women as agents of change participation and representation in WPS and BSM meetings; women advocacy
- Differentiated impacts

■ Synergies and interconnections

- e.g.: WPS mentions to YPS, YPS references to WPS, BSM highlight Res. 1325 and Res. 65/69 (and subsequent resolutions)

■ Increase diversity aspects

- e.g. sex, gender, age , underrepresented groups and their experiences, environmental and geographical factors

■ International initiatives and awareness raising : e.g. YWNPD, GCNP, OSCE-UNODA Scholarship

Resources and materials

- UN WPS resolutions, UN YPS resolutions, Resolutions on Women, disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control, UNPoA BSM documents
- Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)
- SIPRI, UNIDIR, UNODA, Reaching Critical Will, IAI, VCDNP, GCNP, WCAPS, OPCW, IGC
- *Securing our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament*
(<https://www.un.org/disarmament/sg-agenda/en/>)
- *Missing links: understanding sex and gender-related impacts of chemical and biological weapons*
(<https://unidir.org/sites/default/files/2019-11/Missing%20Links-3.pdf>)
- *The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security*
(<https://youth4peace.info/ProgressStudy>)
- *The value of Diversity in Multilateral Disarmament Work*
(<https://www.unidir.org/publication/value-diversity-multilateral-disarmament-work>)
- *Examining ‘gender-sensitive’ approaches to nuclear weapons policy: a study of the Non-Proliferation Treaty*
(<https://doi.org/10.1093/ia/iia114>)

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Thank you!

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Young Women and Next Generation Initiative in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament

Learn

Community: sharing and growing

Deliverable (*Ongoing*): LXVI CICA - Security & Defence in Postmodernity

Proposal : compilation of mentees' experiences and deliverables

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Proposal for a final joint document compiling mentees' final projects



Since YWNPDP Mentees are offered the possibility to carry out projects during their mentorship, the suggested activity consists of **each mentee elaborating a summary of 1-2 pages of their project**. All the projects summarized by mentees are then **compiled together into a single file**, such as a document, providing at a hand access to mentees' projects.

The joint document can be a useful tool. Its content and elaboration procedure offer different benefits:

- Mentees **reflect** on their own proposal
- Mentees work on how to **communicate and present** a message/idea in a concise manner
- Mentees **collaborate** in the activity
- Increased **visibility** for the mentees' projects and ideas, as well as for the YWNPDP mentorship and other activities linked to disarmament and non-proliferation. The final document compiles mentees' individual projects, and it can be published in the platform of IAI/VCDNP/EU Consortium.
- **At hand consultation** on disarmament and non-proliferation themes. When beginners or people in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation are interested in the topics, it might be helpful to have a general summary of projects on the topics, so that they can easily and rapidly consult it. This way, reading a brief version of the project can motivate people's attention into the project and boost curiosity.
- It is a nice *memory!*

Execution time (TBC). Elaborating and gathering mentees' contributions consumes time. Execution includes gathering the original summaries individually produced by mentees, elaborating the common document, editing, and distributing it. Possible final dates include the announcement period of the applications for the next cohort (ie. July 2023 ?)