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The African Center for Science and International Security (AFRICSIS), based in Accra, Ghana, and Yaoundé, Cameroon, is a nonprofit dedicated to advancing disarmament and non-proliferation across Africa. The organization builds local expertise to prevent the spread of WMDs while promoting the peaceful use of science and technology.

Between July 2023 and June 2025, AFRICSIS launched targeted programs to empower African youth in WMD disarmament and non-proliferation. The initiatives strengthened Africa's engagement with key international frameworks, including the NPT, TPNW, CWC, BWC, and UNSCR 1540.

During this period, the organization hosted ten regional workshops, virtual policy dialogues, and specialized training sessions, reaching over 400 students, early-career professionals, and young policymakers. Participants gained knowledge, leadership skills, and exposure to careers in disarmament and non-proliferation, preparing them to contribute at national, regional, and international levels.

AFRICSIS also expanded mentorship programs, supporting youth organizations such as International Student/Young Pugwash (ISYP), African Young Generation in Nuclear (AYGN), and the African Association of Nuclear Professionals (AAPN). These partnerships strengthened operational capacity, fostered leadership, and enhanced sustainability, helping young professionals engage actively in the global nuclear and scientific community.

The organization facilitated African youth participation in major regional and international forums, amplifying emerging voices and ensuring that African perspectives shape global WMD policymaking. Through these initiatives, AFRICSIS has emphasized the importance of inclusive governance, capacity building, and robust implementation of international WMD agreements.

By combining training, mentorship, and advocacy, AFRICSIS demonstrates the vital role of African youth in global disarmament efforts, preparing the next generation of leaders to engage effectively in policy, science, and security.