

Call for information to be included in report of the Secretary-General on
Resolution 78/31 on Youth Disarmament and Non-proliferation

The promotion of youth engagement and empowerment activities in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation

Executive summary

BASIC's Emerging Voices Network (EVN) is a global network of high-potential, early-career technical and policy experts, focussed on youth engagement and empowerment in the nuclear field, and open to anyone who is between the ages of 18 and 35, or has been working in the nuclear field for less than 7 years.

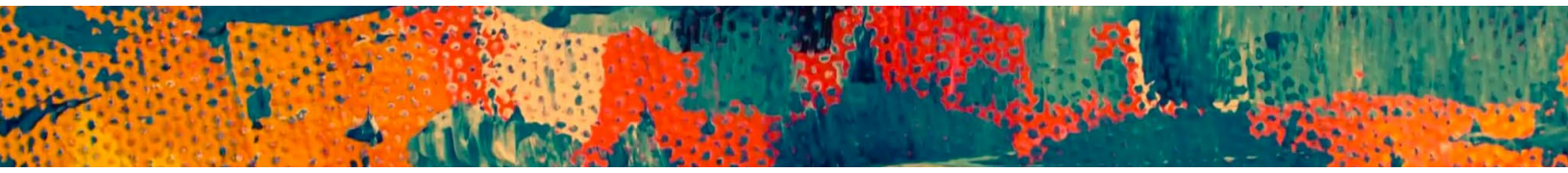
During the last two years, the EVN has completed four Policy Cycles, and by July 2025, we will have completed two more. These policy cycles involve a combination of collaborative paper writing and workshops, culminating in a publication and an online launch event where participants present their work to a large audience.

We have also begun new initiatives to help our members build their skills and networks, including foresight methodologies training, a peer-to-peer mentorship scheme, networking sessions and meet-ups. A bi-weekly newsletter allows members to share their latest achievements and publications with the network.

Submission

BASIC's Emerging Voices Network (EVN) is a global network of high-potential, early-career technical and policy experts who have begun to inherit the responsibility to manage nuclear threats. Our primary objective is to promote youth engagement and empowerment in the nuclear field, particularly on disarmament and non-proliferation.

Over the past two years, the EVN has been organising activities and building up our members' skills to aid them in pursuing a career in disarmament and non-proliferation. In this time, our network has grown from 192 to 251 members, and we have expanded the range of activities we offer our members. Membership is open to anyone who is between the ages of 18 and 35, or



has been working in the nuclear field for less than 7 years, but we particularly welcome women and gender minorities, and people from the Global South.

During the last two years, the EVN has completed four Policy Cycles, and by July 2025, we will have completed two more. These policy cycles promote youth engagement and empowerment by bringing early-career experts together to work on collaborative anthologies and develop policy recommendations. These cycles have involved a combination of collaborative paper writing and workshops, resulting in the following BASIC publications: Regional Youth Perspectives on the NPT Review Process (2023); De-siloing Existential Threats: Challenging Identity, Power, and Inclusivity in the Nuclear Policy Field (2023); Strengthening the Humanitarian Impacts of Nuclear Weapons Agenda within the NPT (2024); and De-siloing Existential Threats II: Tracking the Interconnections Between Global Dangers (2024). Our two current EVN Policy Cycles focus on nuclear harms and using foresight methodologies to imagine pathways to a world beyond nuclear deterrence. All of our publications have an online launch event where participants present their work to a large audience.

We have also organised nine of our Senior Expert Masterclasses during this period, which are one-hour sessions led by experts in the field, attended live by EVN members, and the recordings are made freely available on the BASIC website. The masterclasses are intended to build members' knowledge and skills on all nuclear issues, including disarmament and non-proliferation. We have also begun new initiatives to help our members build their skills and networks, including foresight methodologies training, a peer-to-peer mentorship scheme, networking sessions and meet-ups.

We run a bi-weekly newsletter, “The EVN Broadcast”, which allows members to share their latest achievements and publications with the network. The broadcast also shares training courses, conferences, fellowships, and job opportunities with members.

