The United Nations University (UNU) functions as a bridge between research and policymaking, providing solutions for complex and interconnected global issues. UNU undertakes multidisciplinary research addressing a wide range of challenges related to human survival, development, and welfare. It comprises a global network of 13 research and training institutes across 12 countries.

In contribution to the Secretary-General’s report reviewing the outcomes of the implementation of recommendations and exploring new opportunities for promoting disarmament and non-proliferation education, based on General Assembly resolution 77/52 adopted on 7 December 2022, and referencing resolutions 52/214 and 53/208, titled “Pattern of Conferences,” adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 1997 and 18 December 1998, respectively, as well as recommendations from the 2002 UN Study on disarmament and non-proliferation education, UNU presents its education and training efforts on disarmament and non-proliferation from June 2022 to May 2024.

UNU is actively engaged in promoting education and dialogue on disarmament and non-proliferation. Embedded within its postgraduate curriculum, UNU integrates teachings on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, thereby deepening the understanding of enrolled students. Additionally, UNU hosts public Conversation Series events featuring prominent figures in the field, fostering broader discourse on nuclear disarmament and peacebuilding. Collaborative efforts with institutions like the UNU Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) and the UNU Centre for Policy Research (UNU-CPR), alongside UNIDIR, result in scholarly works and workshops that contribute to global security discourse. These initiatives reflect UNU’s commitment to advancing education and addressing complex challenges in disarmament and non-proliferation.

1) Recognizing the critical importance of disarmament and non-proliferation education and training, the UNU offers a class on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as part of its Law and Practice of the UN course. This course, available annually from April to June for Masters’ and PhD students, includes participants from the UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability in Tokyo (UNU-IAS), and local universities, reflecting UNU’s commitment to collaborative educational initiatives. As part of the class, students engage in a simulation exercise where they represent UN member states, discuss the current non-proliferation regime, and develop recommendations that address the interests of all parties involved. This hands-on approach ensures that students gain a comprehensive understanding of the complexities and challenges of international disarmament efforts.

2) In addition, the University hosts the *UNU Conversation Series* in Tokyo, publicly open events where conversations are hosted and moderated by the Rector of UNU and other UNU senior officials with influential experts, world leaders and respected scholars and authors to share
personal insights on contemporary global affairs, politics, and media. The events attract a diverse audience, ranging from university students to diplomatic corps representatives stationed in Japan, thereby amplifying the impact of such critical conversations.

On August 1, 2023, UNU hosted a conversation with Ambassador Elayne Whyte, Professor of Practice at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and former Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations titled “Leadership and Agency in Nuclear Disarmament: Lessons Learned from the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons”. On August 10, 2023, UNU hosted a conversation with Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, titled "A New Agenda for Peace: Opportunities and Next Steps for Disarmament".

3) Acknowledging the significance of broadening the dissemination of educational resources pertaining to disarmament and non-proliferation, both in print and audio-visual formats, the UNU Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), Belgium, has collaborated on an article titled “An Ocean Free of Nuclear Weapons? Regional Security Governance in the South Atlantic”, featured within the thematic framework of “Constructing Ocean and Polar Governance.” This scholarly work contributes to education by providing in-depth analysis and insights into regional security governance and nuclear non-proliferation in the South Atlantic. Through a meticulous examination of these pivotal issues, the article not only enriches comprehension but also fosters heightened awareness, thereby supporting UNU’s broader mission of educating and informing on global security and governance challenges.

4) In tandem with its commitment to fostering informed discourse and action on matters of disarmament and non-proliferation, the UNU Centre for Policy Research (UNU-CPR), New York, in conjunction with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), organized a workshop from 27th to 29th March 2023, featuring an evidence learning conference on the Managing Exits from Armed Conflict project. The learning conference brought together a wide range of policymakers, practitioners, and scholars to share empirical findings about transitions out of armed groups in Iraq, Nigeria, Chad, Niger, Cameroon, and Colombia. This multi-day conference commenced with a high-level opening day, where the project’s top-line findings were shared at the UN Headquarters. UNIDIR and UNU-CPR brought together a diverse group of experts to discuss the way forward in light of the emerging evidence on factors that influence recruitment and those that promote reintegration progress.