

## Young Women in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament First Outreach Event - 10 February 2021

### Background

The International Affairs Institute (IAI) and the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) are launching the *Young Women in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative*, a new initiative to encourage young women and the next generation to enter the non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament field.

Inspired by the widely perceived age and gender imbalances among experts and practitioners in the non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament field, the *Young Women and Next Generation Initiative* aims to help address such imbalances by exposing college and university level female students to arms control issues, increasing their awareness of them and encouraging their participation in events and workshops. The goal is to help students understand how to pursue a career in the field, making the best use of their own skills.

The Initiative will see the organization of outreach events, the creation of a mentorship programme, and the conveying of workshops and meetings.

### The First Outreach Event

*How has the arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament regime changed over the years?  
What does it mean to work in this field and what are the most needed skills in this field of work?  
How can more women be engaged?*

Starting from these questions, the first outreach event will give the opportunity to young European students and professionals to learn about the non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament regime hearing from prominent experts and leading figures in the field. By talking about their direct experience and lessons learned, the experts will provide students with invaluable insights and information. Following the experts' remarks, the panel will be open for questions and comments from the audience.

The First Outreach event, which will be held virtually on *10 February 2021 from 3pm to 4.15pm*, will also be an opportunity to promote the *Young Women in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Mentorship Programme*, informing young female students and professionals about the opportunity and encouraging them to apply.



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### Tentative Agenda

14:50 Registration and Access to the Virtual Room

15:00 **Welcome Address**

*Elena Sokova, Executive Director of the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation*

15:10 **Moderator:**

*Federica Dall'Arche, Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali*

### **Panellists**

*Angela Kane, former UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Senior Fellow at the VCDNP*

*Kjersti Ertresvaag Andersen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Austria*

*Kim Baines, Environmental Remediation Specialist, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)*

*Heather Williams, Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

*Q&A*

16:15 **Meeting Ends**

