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Dr. Lassina Zerbo Visits CNS

On February 3, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization Dr. Lassina Zerbo visited CNS's Monterey offices to meet with staff and students in the Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Master's program. Dr. Zerbo also took part in a seminar for CTBTO Youth Group members moderated by CNS Director Dr. William Potter.



Dr. Zerbo with Monterey-based members of the CTBTO Youth Group

[Read more about Dr. Zerbo's visit here.](#)

CNS Conducts Nuclear Security Workshop in Ghana

From February 6 -10, CNS held a workshop titled "Nuclear Security Policy and Practice in the African Continent," in partnership with the African Center for Science and International Security (AFRICISIS) in Accra, Ghana. The workshop brought together participants from twelve countries as well as representatives from organizations such as the African Union, African Commission on Nuclear Energy (AFCON), Interpol, and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC).



Participants of the workshop in Accra, Ghana

The workshop featured a tour of a cancer treatment facility at Korle Bu Hospital, table top exercises, and various presentations on nuclear and radiological material security, including lectures by Elena Sokova, Miles Pomper, Dr. Ferenc Dalnoki-Veress, Dr. Daniel Salisbury and Margarita Kalinina-Pohl of CNS. At the end of the workshop, experts produced recommendations for future efforts to improve African nuclear security.

[Read more about the workshop here.](#)

50th Anniversary of the Tlatelolco Treaty

CNS Founding Director Dr. William Potter and Research Associate Sarah Bidgood traveled to Mexico City to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Tlatelolco Treaty on February 14. This treaty, signed in 1967, established a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Latin America and the Caribbean .



Panel presentation at the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco International Seminar

The Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) hosted a seminar that included panels and debate sessions. Following the event in Mexico City, CNS hosted Ambassador Joel Hernandez, Director General for the UN System at the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs, in Monterey.

[Read more about the seminar and the Ambassador's visit here.](#)

New Analysis

New articles by CNS experts explore China's perspective on a nuclear arms race, how the British government risks undermining deterrence, and recent developments in the North Korean missile program:

- Jeffrey Lewis, "**Everyone Fails Nuclear Weapons Tests Sometimes**" in *Foreign Policy*
- Melissa Hanham, "**China's Happy to Sit Out the Nuclear Arms Race**" in *Foreign Policy*
- Joshua Pollack and Andrea Berger, "**North Korea missile test: What's changed?**" in *BBC News*



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CNS Media Commentary

- February 16, 2017, "**Kim's missiles pose a major foreign policy challenge for Trump**," Josh Pollack in *The World Weekly*
- February 14, 2017, "**Russia secretly deployed nuclear cruise missiles that violate a treaty with the US**," Jeffrey Lewis in *Business Insider*

- January 27, 2017, "**Nuclear Weapons: How Safe are We?**" Catherine Dill on *BBC Newshour*

Find a list of CNS experts' recent commentary on North Korea and US nuclear policy here.

Remembering Lawrence Scheinmann

CNS deeply mourns the passing of our colleague Dr. Lawrence Scheinman. A co-director of the CNS Washington, DC, office at the time of its creation, Dr. Scheinmann later held the title of Distinguished Professor until his retirement from CNS in 2012. Over the course of his outstanding career, he helped shape both the field of nonproliferation studies and US nonproliferation policy. He will be sincerely missed by his many friends and colleagues in the United States and abroad.



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Find more information about Dr. Scheinmann's life and career here.

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