





Webinar:

"Commemorating the 64th Anniversary of 'The Blue Jerboa', the first French Nuclear Test in Algeria "

"Unheard Voices: Shedding Light on Algeria's Nuclear Test Victims"

 13 February 2024

 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM GMT

Program

2:30 PM - 2:40 PM:

Opening Remarks

- Welcome by Imène Hmili, Program Manager and Moderator
- Welcome by Rachid Aouine, director and founder of SHOAA for Human rights
- Overview of the Webinar's Purpose

2:40 PM - 3:20 PM:

- Speaker: Dr. Marcos A Orellana, UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights
- Speaker: Patrice Bouveret, Director at Observatoire des armements
- Personal Testimony: Mohamed Mahmoudi A victim from Algeria shares their experience and impact
- Speaker: Jean-Marie Collin, Director of ICAN France
- Speaker: Dr. Amel Mejri, PhD in nuclear law, nuclear disarmament activist

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Closing Session

- Summary and concluding thoughts by Imène Hmili
- Call to action and next steps

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Context and Importance:

The webinar aims to highlight the oft-overlooked yet significant history and impact of the nuclear tests conducted in Algeria, commemorating the first test known as "The Blue Jerboa." These tests, carried out by France during the 1960s, have left lasting scars on the environment and the health of the Algerian people. Despite their profound impact, these events have not received adequate global attention or recognition. This webinar seeks to rectify this by focusing on the historical, environmental, health, legal, and advocacy aspects related to these tests and a broader look into nuclear weapons and the need for their prohibition globally and an open call to the global ratification of the TPNW.

Themes:

- Historical Context: Understanding the geopolitical background and motives behind "The Blue Jerboa" tests.
- Environmental and Health Impacts: Assessing the ecological damage and health consequences for the local populations.
- Legal Perspectives: Examining international law and human rights frameworks relevant to nuclear testing and victim compensation.
- Advocacy Strategies: Discussing the role of NGOs and international bodies in raising awareness and supporting victims.

Speakers:

- Dr. Marcos A Orellana, UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights
- Patrice Bouveret, Director at Observatoire des armements
- Mohamed Mahmoudi, a live testimony of a nuclear testing victim from Algeria
- Jean-Marie Collin, Director of ICAN France
- Dr. Amel Mejri, PhD in nuclear law, nuclear disarmament activist

Target Audience:

The webinar is targeted at NGO representatives, academics, legal professionals, human rights activists, and the general public interested in nuclear disarmament, human rights, and environmental issues.

Significance:

This webinar not only commemorates a significant historical event but also serves as a platform for advocating justice and support for the victims. It represents a crucial opportunity to unite experts, activists, and the public in fostering a deeper understanding and discussing progressive measures to address the legacy of nuclear testing in Algeria. Additionally, the webinar emphasizes the call for the global abolition of nuclear weapons and advocates for the universal ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). This aligns with our broader commitment to a safer, nuclear-free world.