ROBIN COPELAND MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

WOMEN NEED TO BE HEARD

To obtain sustainable advances in global safety and security, there must be equal opportunities for women and men working in these fields to contribute their knowledge and expertise. However, women are significantly underrepresented in international security, especially in policymaking and senior leadership roles.

CRDF GLOBAL’S TAILORED EXPERIENCE

The Robin Copeland Memorial Fellowship provides women scientists in emerging countries the opportunity to deepen their understanding of nonproliferation policies and work alongside influential leaders in peace and security. CRDF Global carefully selects fellows for a yearlong fellowship that caters to their professional strengths.

2016-2017 ROBIN COPELAND MEMORIAL FELLOW

Ms. Jeaneth Kabini is a scientist at the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation’s (NECSA) Nuclear Obligation Management Services, where she collaborates with regional and international experts on WMD destruction, nuclear forensics, non-proliferation research, and nuclear material security support.

Ms. Kabini was a lead scientist in the establishment of the NECSA national nuclear forensics team’s microscopic capabilities and building the framework for the country’s national nuclear forensics library. She is currently at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, CA for a 3-month academic program focusing on topics such as weapons of mass destruction (WMD), international security and analysis, and arms control.

Though NECSA is a main nuclear technology organization in South Africa, the research team has limited nuclear forensics and WMD expertise due to a lack of formal academic training courses in the country. Through the Robin Copeland Memorial Fellowship, Ms. Kabini is furthering her knowledge of nuclear security policies and connecting with industry experts to strengthen her ability to serve as a leader in international security in South Africa.

Jeaneth Kabini, 2016

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ABOUT ROBIN COPELAND

Robin Copeland worked at CRDF Global from 2007 to 2011 and served as Program Director for Nonproliferation. Over the span of her career, she worked with multiple U.S. and international organizations to create a safer world and contributed to achievements in many areas of nonproliferation. Robin entered government service working in Russia in 1991. In her first year, she became the Energy Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. She was elected International Cooperative Administrative Support Services Council Chair—the first person under fifty and the first female to hold that position.

CRDF GLOBAL’S THREE-PHASE APPROACH

ACADEMIC
After fellows arrive in the U.S., they begin a rigorous three-month course at an academic institution focusing on nonproliferation policy. Topics covered include WMDs, the role of the International Atomic Energy Association, and international arms control. This initial phase engages fellows with nonproliferation academics and professionals in the U.S.

INTERNSHIP
The second phase consists of a three-month internship at a leading U.S. institution, such as the Nuclear Threat Initiative or the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. CRDF Global selects internships based on each fellow’s professional experience and interests to offer a personalized fellowship experience.

CAPSTONE
Upon returning to their home countries, fellows implement final projects relating to female leaders in nonproliferation. Previous fellows have gone on to become impactful leaders in their communities through organizing conferences and workshops, as well as starting branches within established professional associations.

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