



CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

Convention on Conventional Weapons meeting on lethal autonomous weapons systems

SIDE EVENT BRIEFING

Public Views on Fully Autonomous Weapons

Conference Room XXIII
United Nations Geneva

Tuesday, 26 March 2019
13:00-14:30

Sandwiches & refreshments will be provided.

Speakers

- Ms. Alena Popova, **Ethics and Technology**
- Dr. Thompson Chengeta, **International Committee for Robot Arms Control**
- Ms. Liz O'Sullivan, **special guest**

Moderator

- Ms. Mary Wareham, **Campaign to Stop Killer Robots**

The **Campaign to Stop Killer Robots** is a coalition of 100 non-governmental organizations in 54 countries working to preemptively ban weapons systems that would select targets and use force without meaningful human control. This briefing will look at public views on killer robots, including a recent Ipsos poll, and new expressions from the tech community for the goal of a treaty to prohibit fully autonomous weapons.

For more information see www.stopkillerrobots.org or contact: Mary Wareham, Tel. +1-646-203-8292 (mobile), wareham@hrw.org

Biographies of Speakers

Liz O'Sullivan, special guest

Ms. O'Sullivan is an activist and operations leader within the AI industry, who, until recently, worked for Clarifai, a small New York-based provider of computer vision technology. She **left last month** after raising concerns that the company's aerial POV object localization software could be used as targeting software for autonomous drones. The company's founding director declined to pledge not assist in the development of fully autonomous weapons, to designate an ethics advisor, or to address questions **raised by Ms. O'Sullivan and her co-workers**. See her American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) post. [@lizjosullivan](#)

Thompson Chengeta, International Committee for Robot Arms Control

Dr. Chengeta is a member of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC), a co-founder of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Dr. Chengeta is based at the University of Southampton in the UK where he is a European Research Council Fellow on the topic of autonomous weapons systems. Born in Zimbabwe, Thompson has a PhD from the University of Pretoria and a Masters from Harvard Law School. [@DrThompsonLaw](#) [@icracnet](#)

Alena Popova, Ethics and Technology

Ms. Popova is the founder of Ethics and Technology, a member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots based in Moscow that is working to develop ethical restrictions on the use of new technologies such as artificial intelligence and biotech. Popova is a respected women's rights activist who works to protect and defend victims of gender-based violence. After a career in journalism, Popova graduated with a law degree a couple of months ago. [@alenapopova](#)

Mary Wareham, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

Ms. Wareham has coordinated the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots since its inception in October 2012. She is advocacy director of the arms division of Human Rights Watch and has played a central role in the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munition Coalition, the civil society engines behind the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty and 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. [@marywareham](#) [@hrw](#) [@bankillerrobots](#)