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## **importance of promoting the CTBT locally and the benefits of doing so**

Widespread awareness and understanding of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty still remain a challenge. Namibia, a country of only 2.5 million people and fifth largest exporter of nuclear source material, the promotion and widespread understanding of the CTBT is continuously given attention. In a long-term effort to gain public awareness of the CTBT, the Namibia National Data Centre together with the IMS Infrasound I35NA station actively promotes the CTBT in a variety of ways in Namibia. Public information seminars are held to explain and promote the CTBT, regular articles on CTBT, IMS, NDC and OSI related activities and training that staff members engaged in, teaching university modules on geophysical methods for non-exploration purposes, and regular visits by schools to the Tsumeb IMS station. Over the past years these efforts have resulted in increasing support from central Government to carry out CTBT related activities, the 2017 RSTT workshop held in Namibia, more students using IMS data and regular high-level visits by Namibian delegations to the Executive Secretary's office. Most important impact is an increased understanding and appreciation for the data of the IMS and potential services and relevance of the Namibia NDC in everyday life of Namibian citizens and institutions.

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