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Training Schools as Tools to Promote Active Involvement of Governments on CTBTO Issues

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CTBTO has an active program for capacity building, to increase the ability of scientist and operators from signatory countries to process and interpret data. While most of the courses are carried out in Europe, a few regional training courses have proven to be excellent ways to integrate people from countries in that region. Increasing the number of these regional courses but also to having these courses in parallel with political courses or meetings, with diplomats and politicians from the countries participating in the scientific meetings and training courses is suggested. This way awareness could be increased among politicians on the importance of having an active involvement on CTBTO issues.
Integrating countries at a regional level could allow politicians to see the advantages of full membership and could trigger some countries to re-establish payments and others to start contributing to CTBTO. A regional political integration of countries, for instance from the Caribbean or Central America, among other regions, could trigger proposals to create regional funds to pay CTBTO fees.
Scientists should provide technical information to politicians and diplomats from their own countries activating the pillars of science diplomacy: science for diplomacy, science in diplomacy and diplomacy for science.

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Promotional text

Regional integration of scientists, politicians and diplomats could be an effective initiative to promote and take full advantage of CTBTO capacity building programs.

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