

Importance of Gender Inclusiveness in Promoting the Universalization of the CTBT

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Even though the CTBT has not entered into force yet due to the inability of the remaining Annex II States to ratify it, its contributions to global peace and security has been acknowledged as important, particularly in the significant reduction of global nuclear weapons tests. A key hindrance to the global efforts towards the entry into force of the treaty thereby pushing it close to universalization has been the non-involvement of more women scientists and experts at the fore front of the activities of the treaty implementation. In recent times, there have been calls within the CTBTO family for women to be given important positions in activities towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons. It is our belief that this effort is not adequate and more needs to be done to get the women more involved so that they can add their voices to the call for the total universalization of the CTBT and the global promotion of the CTBT verification system. As a practical strategy of getting more women in this initiative, this paper identifies the greater participation of women in STEM science and in other CTBT related science and technology activities.

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