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Latin American and Caribbean engagement in CTBTO technical, scientific and diplomatic arenas

The Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), actively supporting its nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation objectives. However, the participation of LAC experts in critical Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) meetings, especially in Working Group B focused on technical and scientific aspects, remains remarkably low. This presentation addresses barriers that limit LAC participation, such as small groups involved in CTBT issues, communication at the national level and financial barriers, among others. To overcome these gaps, we propose to create synergies among LAC countries and establish regional representatives, not only from the diplomatic sphere but also specialized technicians and the scientific community. To this end, work has recently been done to create a visual profile for each LAC country, illustrating its specific relationship with the CTBTO and highlighting opportunities for strengthening it in a visual and accessible way. Increasing LAC representation not only diversifies perspectives within the CTBTO but also strengthens regional contributions to global monitoring and verification efforts, thus promoting an inclusive and resilient framework for a nuclear test-free world.

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