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## the CTBTO's Mission Through Art: Democratizing Science and Technology, Empowering Youth, and Humanizing Nuclear Disarmament

Art is free from limitations, welcomes challenges to the status quo, can make scientific and technical information more accessible, and allows those whose voices aren't heard in traditional political forums to participate in policy-making. It has the unique potential to change public perceptions and bring awareness to the CTBTO's mandate by democratizing scientific information and incorporating marginalized and youth voices to communicate data and research. Drawing from personal experiences as CTBTO Youth Group (CYG) member participants in the CYG's 2024 Global Art Campaign and the 2024 CYG Art Exhibition at the UN, this presentation explores how art amplifies the CTBTO's mission by inspiring public engagement, empowering youth, and employing a form of visual and sensory storytelling that humanizes technical information.

Through this presentation, we aim to illustrate the role of art in promoting a global call for a nuclear test ban, which aligns with the CYG and CTBTO's mission and mandate. We will outline the unique ability of art to communicate scientific research and information, involving marginalized voices and youth, and propose further collaborative art initiatives building on the CYG's 2024 Global Art Campaign.

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