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## Youth Group as a prime model of track 2 diplomacy: united in science

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CTBTO Youth Group represents a unique platform of almost 1000 members from diverse backgrounds,connecting science and policy in an interdisciplinary way. The platform provides opportunities through nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education to involve its members in various track 2 diplomacy channels creating a safe space for active engagement, learning and exchange between peers coming from nuclear- and non-nuclear weapon states. This special type of interaction is possible through different dialogue possibilities available for the members, such as citizen diplomacy, science diplomacy, intergenerational cooperation and citizen journalism - fostering peace and collaborative atmosphere. Technological aspects of the CYG include the website with e-learning resources, connection via webinars and social media. These tools help to expand the network outside of nuclear field and attract more interest in the importance of banning nuclear testing, demonstrating support using a variety of means and contributing for the entry into force of the CTBT, highlighting its verification regime along with the scientific benefits.

## **Promotional text**

CTBTO Youth Group: Citizen diplomacy in action with the use of technologies. Explore more on how CYG acts as a track 2 diplomacy channel which fosters more peacebuilding and security initiatives within and beyond the network.

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