

## **T4.1-P03. Applying CTBTO Capacity Building Training Gained to Strengthen Local Verification Capacity in Ghana**

The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) is a non-discriminatory legal and democratic body with the responsibility to verify the compliance to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). To fulfill this task, the Treaty enjoins the CTBTO to offer technical assistance to States Signatories to fulfill their verification responsibilities under the Treaty, since final determination of non-compliance to the Treaty rest with the States Parties. The introduction of the Capacity Building project by the CTBTO with funding support from the European Union (EU) has been of immense significance to beneficiary States Signatories, particularly those from developing countries such as Ghana. Under the capacity building project, Ghana has benefited from training courses, workshops, technical follow-up visit and equipment support. As a result the experiences gained by participants (NDC staff) from such trainings/workshops have been applied to strengthen local capacity for Treaty verification. Also significant event such as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) announced nuclear test on 12 February 2013, the CTBTO detected data was analyzed in relation to the IDC analyst results and reported to the national authority.

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