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## OSI Exercises and Training – an Effective Way to Enhance Global Nonproliferation Efforts

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OSI is the ultimate pillar of the CTBT verification regime. Available only after the Treaty's EIF, it implies rapid deployment of a large amount of equipment and personnel. To maintain the operational readiness of the OSI segment, the CTBTO develops a network of exercises of different type and scale.

Hosting an IFE, a BUE or an OSI Regional course is a process that requires a lot of resources – financial, human, administrative, political. What motivates a country to offer doing that?

In this oral history project interviews were conducted with representatives of host countries and the PTS staff involved in IFEs (Kazakhstan 2008, Jordan 2014), BUEs (Austria & Hungary 2012-2013, Slovakia 2019-2021), Regional courses (Sri-Lanka, Argentina, South Africa).

Further work requires defining the group of interviewees, specially from host countries around the following themes: determining the host country process; motivation for a country to host large-scale exercises; impact for a country (prestige, attempt to raise profile/role in global nonproliferation and disarmament efforts, contribution to science etc.) and domestic process of approving hosting of OSI exercises.

The results of the study will be shared in this presentation.

### Promotional text

Hosting a large-scale OSI-related exercise, such as IFE or a BUE is a process that requires a lot of resources – financial, human, administrative, political. What motivates a country to offer its territory for such exercises - from the perspective of both PTS and host country?

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