

preparatory commission for the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty organization

CTBT INTENSIVE POLICY COURSE Multilateral Verification, Collective Security: The Contribution of the CTBT

16 - 20 July 2012



The Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS) of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization is pleased to announce that an Intensive Policy Course, "Multilateral Verification, Collective Security: The Contribution of the CTBT", will be held from 16 to 20 July 2012 in Vienna and live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. The course is a part of the Capacity Development Initiative (CDI), a key element of the Commission's training and education activities focused on building and maintaining the necessary capacity in the technical, scientific, legal and political aspects of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and its verification regime.

This free of charge course will offer comprehensive training in the policy and legal aspects of the CTBT, including its entry-into-force and universalization, effective verification of the Treaty, and an overview of the monitoring technologies. A simulation exercise of the Executive Council deliberations on an On-Site Inspection request will also be offered. The course will be held in Room M0E71A at the Vienna International Centre. Registration is open online at www.ctbto.org/cdi.

Course Structure:

- Online Preparatory Materials: Participants are required to complete preparatory modules, including quizzes, prior to the start of live lectures on 16 July to prepare for the in-depth discussions during the course.
- Live Lectures and Video-streaming: Live lectures will be held in Vienna from 16 to 20 July 2012, and for those unable to attend the course in person, the lectures will be live-streamed, as well as archived for viewing at a later date.
- Visits to PTS Facilities: In-class course participants will also have the opportunity to visit PTS facilities, such as the IDC Operations Centre and the rooftop radionuclide test station.
- Certificates of Successful Completion: A Final Quiz covering all the topics discussed during the lectures will be available online following the conclusion of the course. Participants wishing to receive a Certificate of Successful Completion must complete the preparatory quizzes and the Final Quiz with a passing grade of 75% or higher.
- Legal Workshop: The course will also include a Workshop on National Implementation Measures, with the aim to have an interactive discussion on CTBT implementation measures before and after entry into force, on the basis of a legislation questionnaire developed for such purposes. To register or receive more information on this parallel session, please contact Legal.Registry@ctbto.org.

Participating in the Course:

To register for the course, please visit the Capacity Development Initiative website at <u>www.ctbto.org/cdi</u> and follow the registration link. Those registering to participate in Vienna are required to submit a brief statement (no more than 300 words) on their motivation for participation and a curriculum vitae. In order to secure placement in the course, parties are encouraged to submit their application forms as early as possible. The deadline for registering to participate in Vienna is 2 July and the deadline for registering to participate online is 16 July.



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