

T5.-P10 Expanding the Use of the CTBT Educational Resources (CER) Among the Academics in West Africa

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Introduction

West Africa is the part of Africa that is located at the western part of the African continent with most of it located in the Sub-Sahara. It comprises of 18 countries including Nigeria. The CTBT has been ratified by most of the countries within the sub-region.



CTBT Educational Resources (CER)

These are documents as well as media that are useful for teaching, learning and assessing as well as for research purposes. Some are free and easily accessible and can be available in both online and offline mode. The CTBT Education Resources (CER) focus on building and maintaining the necessary awareness and capacity in the technical, scientific, legal and political aspects of the CTBT and its verification regime.

Elements of the CER

- [Knowledge and Training Portal](#)
- [Open Course Archives](#)
- [Global Partnerships](#)
- [Past Course Highlights](#)
- [CTBT Tutorial \(multiple languages\)](#)
- [CTBTO iTunes U \(University\) Page](#)
- [CTBTO Snt2017](#)
- [vDEC](#) {Not directly a feature of CER but still relevant}

CER Window



Some CER Development Partners

The development of the CER has been made possible and effective due to the support of the EU and partnerships established between the CTBTO and several other Academic and Research Institutions across the globe.

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Motivation for the study

The indication of near zero patronage of the CER by the academics and other researchers (**Presented by the Nigerian NDC at the NDC Workshop in 2016 in Dublin, Ireland**) within the sub-region has been the motivating factor behind this study.

Why CER?

- They are mostly free and easily accessible.
- Different courses that are flexible and can be tailored for students learning in different areas of interest.
- Increases awareness and stimulates understanding of the Treaty in order to promote EIF and universalization.
- Useful for research and training
- Highly interactive
- Help to expand access to CTBT and build pool of professionals.

Ways to Expand the Use of the CER in the Sub-region

- Organizing outreach activities and other events across the sub-region (through the NDCs or other platforms)
- Including CER as subject of discussions during the various programmes and events of the CTBTO in the sub-region.
- Distribution of CTBTO publications with focus on CER across the several Universities and institutions across the sub-region.
- Involvement of more Academics, Researchers and other Scientists of the sub-region in the CTBTO's S&T Conferences, CTBT Academic Forum, etc.

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