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### **Role of Civil Society Organizations for education and public awareness**

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# OUTLINE

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  - AWARENESS ROLES
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  - ROLE OF INFORMATION
  - ROLE MONITORING AND EVALUATION

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# **I. Place of C.S.O. in Public Awareness and Education**

In Niger, the emergence of civil society organizations is linked to the deepening of the democracy and the integral multiparty system.

CSOs are characterized by their dynamism and their diversity of actions, in that, they intervene in all sectors of human life, going from the defence of human rights, to the promotion of development through the fight of corruption and inequality.

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## **II. Roles of C.S.O. in Disseminating CTBTO's Values**

Civil Society Organizations can play important roles in disseminating the CTBTO's values, such as: advocacy, information, education and monitoring roles for policy evaluation of the values promoted by the organization.

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# Role of Advocacy

This is to advocate towards authorities the strict application of texts that prohibit the acquisition of weapons and all nuclear technologies for non-civilian usages.

This advocacy may concern the application of international and regional legal instruments ratified by Niger, such as the PELINDABA treaty, which makes Africa a zone free of nuclear weapons.

# Awareness role

This involves raising awareness on issues related to testing and/or acquisition of nuclear weapons. This awareness-raising action consists to:

- Create a synergy of actions of civil society actors for non-proliferation;
- Encourage the Citizens of Niger on building peace;
- Disseminate all the legal instruments ratified by Niger on the subject;
- Organize conferences and debates on non-proliferation.

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# Role of Education

In this regard, civil society organizations will undertake extensive education campaigns on treaties with strategies that are of long-term type; to the different target groups for:

- strengthening the capacities of local elected representatives, traditional leaders, religious leaders, civil society actors, magistrates, employers and workers in general;
- Accompanying the commitments of the Heads of States to achieve a complete ban on nuclear weapons.

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# Role of Information

The goal is to gather all the useful information and to give them to the various actors intervening on the topic to enable actors to act knowingly. This research can be done through:

- Perception studies that CSOs can be carried out on the field;
- The compilation of texts and conventions;
- The publication of posters and the animation of debates on the subject.

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# Role of Monitoring and Evaluation

Civil Society Organizations can empower themselves to monitor and evaluate public policies in the implementation of non-proliferation treaties:

- Evaluate the progress made on the commitments contained in the treaties,
- Analyse implementation plans to identify difficulties and find solutions

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