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The 2016 National Data Centre (NDC) Workshop is being organised by the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation (CTBTO) in cooperation with the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS) and the Government of Ireland. The workshop will be held in Dublin, Ireland, from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2016.

NDCs are data centres operated by CTBTO Member States which received and analyze data from the organization's [global network of monitoring station](#). The workshop will be attended by more than 60 international experts who are currently involved in developing improved systems for the global detection and analysis of nuclear test explosions.

The objective of this workshop is to provide a forum for NDC experts to share their experiences in fulfilling their verification responsibilities, particularly in light of the recent announced North Korean nuclear test. As we celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), delegates also will review the progress towards the Treaty's entry into force .

Ireland is a consistent supporter of the CTBT and ratified the Treaty in July 1999. As part of our commitment to the CTBT, Ireland's NDC at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies was officially opened by the then Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Eamonn Gilmore, T.D., in June 2012. The 2016 NDC workshop is part of a number of events being held worldwide in order to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the CTBT.

The workshop is hosted by the Irish National Seismic Network (INSN) - NDC Ireland, at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS) 10 Burlington Road, Dublin 4 and is organised by the CTBTO in cooperation with the Government of Ireland.

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