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The Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of States Signatories to the CTBT and Observers and has the honour to announce the launch of the fifth cycle of the CTBTO Mentoring Programme for early-career women in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), taking place in a hybrid format from 11 May through 11 September 2026.

Call for Technical Experts to Serve as Mentors:

Building on the success of the fourth cycle, the Secretariat again seeks the participation of technical experts from National Data Centres and other institutions working with the CTBTO (e.g., national laboratories) to serve as Mentors. In support of this continued initiative, the Secretariat requests the Permanent Missions of States Signatories and Observers to promote the call for such technical experts with deep knowledge of the CTBT to serve as Mentors for the fifth cycle of the CTBTO Mentoring Programme.

If selected, Mentors will be required to complete two online training programmes by Friday 1 May 2026, to hold four virtual or in-person sessions with their mentees (once a month from May through September), and to provide feedback through a mid-cycle and end-of-cycle survey.

Interested individuals (women and men) are invited to submit their applications through the [MENTOR Application Form](#) no later than Tuesday 31 March 2026, 23:59 CET.

Call for Early-Career Women in STEM to Participate as Mentees:

The Secretariat further requests the Permanent Missions of States Signatories and Observers to promote and disseminate the CTBTO Mentoring Programme at the national level and encourage applications from eligible early-career women in STEM, including those working in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation fields.

Interested applicants are invited to apply through the [MENTEE Application Form](#) no later than Tuesday 31 March 2026, 23:59 CET.

In case of inquiries, please contact the CTBTO Gender Focal Point at genderfocalpoint@ctbto.org.

The Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of States Signatories to the CTBT and Observers the assurances of its highest consideration.

