

DETECTING THE 2016 NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR TEST

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On the morning of January 6, North Korea conducted what it claimed to be an underground H-bomb test in violation of multiple UN Security Council Resolutions, one of a handful conducted worldwide since the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) opened for signature 20 years ago. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called this act “as reckless as it is dangerous.” But how was this event detected and confirmed by the international community?

Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization ([CTBTO](http://www.ctbto.org)) explains how the CTBTO’s global network of monitoring stations and scientists relay near real-time information on possible nuclear tests that is critical for policymakers worldwide.

With introductory remarks by Ambassador Henry S. Ensher, Chargé d’ Affairs of the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna and Laura Rockwood, Executive Director of the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.

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