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Opening Speech on Capacity Development and International Networks

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The last day of the conference was dedicated to involve the audience into more debates and discussions. Each jury of three panels (Energy for All, Nuclear Security, Corruption and Justice) elected an outstanding presentation of a PhD holder. In order to introduce those sessions ambassador Tibor TÓTH made an opening speech about the future of international scientific gatherings such as the Regional Academy.

The 2.0 approach

Ambassador Tibor Tóth is the Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO). For his opening speech he wanted to emphasize the 2.0 approach, which he mentioned in previous panels. He elaborated two key aspects in order to form an all inclusive approach which is complementary to other gatherings (G-20 and so forth) and demonstrated the importance of capacity development within international networks.



From his point of view, international organizations are opening up and empowering actors and the community in order to be part of the 2.0 revolution. « Collaboration is a must and it's time for international organizations to reach out to others ».

A second aspect of the 2.0 approach concerns the globally sharing process of international organization which enables everybody to inform oneself about the issues at stake. « To paraphrase Kennedy: don't ask what organization can do for you but what you can do for them. » Thanks to the networking possibilities, the intellectual capacities and knowledge fragments brought up together will produce something extraordinarily different. The method used until now should be left out for a new inclusive operating systems that will function for the issues of the next seventy years.

Ambassador Tóth finished his speech by disclosing the 2013 project: a platform for capacity development studies.