By engaging the scientific community in strengthening its own abilities, the CTBTO advances its vital work of preventing and deterring further nuclear tests...I renew my call for the entry into force of the CTBT.

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General, in a video message to the Conference.
You stand for those who promote science for human security. Instead of building and improving the nuclear bomb, you are devising ways and means of controlling it through global cooperation.«

Michael Linhart, Secretary General, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, addressing scientists during the Opening Ceremony.