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Four years of dialogue for the rehabilitation of living conditions in the area contaminated by the Fukushima accident.

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In November 2011, ICRP and a Japanese NGO launched the “ICRP Dialogue Initiative for the rehabilitation of living conditions in contaminated territories after the Fukushima accident” to allow local residents and professionals to share their concerns with experts from Japan and abroad and to find together ways to respond to the challenges in the areas affected by the accident. Twelve dialogue meetings have been organized until the end of 2015 and an international workshop was held in Date City in december 2015 to draw the main lessons from these dialogue meetings.

One of the major lesson is the importance for the experts to work in cooperation with the local actors to help them to develop a practical radiological culture to manage their individual situations. In this co-expertise process, the availability of measurements devices for the inhabitants is crucial to allow them to assess their own radiological situation. Measuring the radioactivity make it visible and allow them to discuss the results among the communities and build local projects to improve their daily life.

To be helpful, scientist need to understand that, as necessary as radiation protection is, it is not the only problem inhabitants are facing and it can not handle people's lives. It must be at the service of individuals and the community.

The webdocumentary Kotoba (<http://www.fukushima-dialogues.com>) has been realized to keep the memory of these dialogs and bear witness of the life in contaminated territories notably through the words of residents. It gather texts, audios, videos in three langages to be viewed in Japan, France, and worldwide.