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Strengthening Cradle-to-Grave Control of Radioactive Sources in the Mediterranean Region

Prospectus

Title:	Interregional Training Course on Technical Requirements to Fulfil National Obligations in Terms of International Legal Instruments (Joint Convention, Code of Conduct and EU Directives)
Location:	Tunis, Tunisia
Date:	16 to 20 February 2015
Deadline for nominations:	21 November 2014
Organizers:	The International Atomic Energy Agency in cooperation with the Government of Tunisia through the National Radioprotection Centre, Ministry of Health.
Language:	English
Purpose of the course:	The purpose of the course is to provide participants with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) an understanding of the international legal instruments (Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources as well as European Union [EU] Directives) relevant to the management of disused sealed radioactive sources (DSRS);(ii) an understanding of the technical requirements for fulfilling national obligations in terms of international legal instruments for the safe management of DSRS;(iii) insight into a number of national programmes, processes and experiences in meeting national obligations for management of DSRS under the Joint Convention, Code of Conduct and EU Directives; and

- (iv) knowledge required to set favourable conditions for safe, long term management of DSRS, including when they are declared as radioactive waste (RW).

Participation: The course is being organized for the countries of Europe, Africa and Asia participating in project INT9176.

Each country is invited to nominate up to 2 (two) candidates, who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority.

Participants' profile: The course is open to personnel from regulatory bodies, governmental organizations, operators, or technical support organizations. Applicants should have responsibility for DSRS and radioactive waste management issues, and hold a technical or management position within their respective countries' relevant DSRS and radioactive waste (RW) management organization or decision-making authority with responsibility regarding accession to the Joint Convention and commitment to the Code of Conduct.

Project background: The Mediterranean region is characterized by an intense maritime trade using the sea as a highway to facilitate the movement of persons and goods between seaside countries and from them to interior countries. Associated with this intense traffic, occurrences have been reported at borders and inland of non-regulated trade accidentally involving radioactive sources or contaminated materials (e.g. sources found in scrap metal and other recycling materials) which need to be properly addressed. To protect the public from the hazards of ionizing radiation, cradle-to-grave control of radioactive sources is essential.

Radioactive sources offer many benefits in medicine, industry and education but the lack of appropriate long-term management when they eventually become disused has led to accidents, in some cases with serious consequences, and increased their vulnerability for use in a malicious act. The strengthening of national legislative and regulatory infrastructures globally has led to major improvements in the protection and control of radioactive sources. While achievements have been made regarding the safety and security of radioactive sources, broader and better coordinated international efforts are essential to moving forward in implementing complete and integrated systems for "cradle-to-grave" management of DSRS (i.e., including disposal), including through the use of international instruments such as the Code of Conduct, the Joint Convention, and the EU Directives.

Application procedures: Candidates wishing to sign on for this course should access the communication platform InTouch (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). There they can register and complete and update their professional profile online, and also track their participation in the Technical Cooperation Programme.

In order to apply as a candidate for a course, please proceed as follows:

1. "Register": Register to receive your user ID and password (help is available at: http://intouch.iaea.org/Portals/0/Help/How_to_sign_up.pdf)
2. "Profile": Complete your profile on InTouch (help is available at: http://intouch.iaea.org/Portals/0/Help/Profile_Help.pdf)
3. "Apply": Apply as a candidate for a course (help is available at:

<http://intouch.iaea.org/Portals/0/Help/InTouch%20Help%20-%20Meeting%20Course%20Nomination.pdf>).

Help for each step can be found under the “Help” tab at the top of the web page.

Requests received after the deadline of **21 November 2014** will not be considered. Only applications submitted through the National Liaison Officer of your country and/or ARCAL National Coordinators will be accepted. Please indicate clearly the following reference: **C7-INT9176-005**.

Administrative and financial arrangements:

National Liaison Officers and UNDP Offices will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

During their attendance at the course, the participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, maintenance and minor expenses. The cost of their travel by air, in economy class, from their countries of origin to the city where the course is to be held and back to their countries of origin will also be covered.

The organizers of the course do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Basic security in the field:

To comply with the United Nations’ worldwide system of security measures, candidates are advised to take the courses BASIC SECURITY IN THE FIELD II (BSITF II) (new version replacing the course BASIC SECURITY IN THE FIELD (BSITF)) and ADVANCED SECURITY IN THE FIELD.

The courses can be accessed via the following links:

<https://trip.dss.un.org/dssweb/bsitf.aspx> and

<https://trip.dss.un.org/dssweb/asitf.aspx>. Once you have passed, the system will generate a certificate valid for three years which can be submitted during this period for any United Nations related travel. To upload the certificate to the InTouch platform, proceed as follows: in “My Files”, click on “My Personnel Files” and then on “Upload Documents”.