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Subject: Invitation to a Workshop on Radioactive waste management program alignment with national policy, disposal options and waste acceptance criteria, Vienna, Austria, from 4-8 April 2016

Dear National Liaison Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned workshop under the framework of TC Project RER/9/143 – 'Enhancing Radioactive Waste Management Capabilities'. The purpose of the workshop and related information are outlined in the attached Prospectus.

For candidates who are selected by the IAEA, the IAEA will cover the cost of return international travel from the home country to Vienna, Austria and provide Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

Please submit nominations to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Only if this is not possible, nominations may be submitted on the Nomination Form for Workshop available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/technicalcooperation/How-to-take-part/In-meetings-WS/index.html>. Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Mr Andrejs Salmins (IAEA Official Fax: +43-1-26007 or E-Mail Official.Mail@iaea.org), through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA matters, not later than **19 February 2016**.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Prospectus

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Workshop on Enhancing Radioactive Waste Management Capabilities

PROSPECTUS

- Project Number & Title:** RER/9/143 Radioactive Waste Management programme alignment with national policy, inventory establishment, disposal options and waste acceptance criteria
- Place (City, Country):** Vienna International Centre (VIC), IAEA, Vienna, Austria
- Dates:** 4-8 April 2016
- Deadline for Nominations:** 19 February
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Host Country Organizer:** Mr Andrejs Salmins
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- Language:** English
- Purpose:** The purpose of the workshop is to present and discuss with workshop participants the need for and development of cradle to grave national waste management programme. Special emphasis will be placed on (i) the need for a clear national policy, (ii) the development of a national inventory of radioactive waste from all possible sources, (iii) the planning for disposal options addressing the entire national inventory, (iv) developing waste acceptance criteria with the endpoint – disposal – in mind (v) ensure the development of an integrated strategy for the cradle-to-grave management of the existing and future radioactive waste inventory.
- Expected Output(s):** Workshop participants should develop a clear understanding of the need and use of the items highlighted under “Purpose”, and make use of these to support further alignment of the national waste management programme with international requirements, guidelines, and best practices.

Scope and Nature:

The workshop will consist of lectures by IAEA staff and invited experts on developing and implementing comprehensive radioactive waste management approaches, with special emphasis on the key topics outlined under "Purpose". The workshop will have appropriate time allocation for discussions on key issues, identified as important in the frame of the training course subject. Participants will be required to prepare a short report on the status of radioactive waste management in their respective countries, in particular as pertains to the specific items highlighted under "Purpose".

Background Information:

The use of nuclear energy provides many benefits including the generation of electricity from nuclear power plants and from the use of radioisotopes in medicine, industry and education. Radioactive waste is generated as a consequence of all these activities and it is essential that it is safely, securely managed from the moment of its creation through to its final end-point (disposal). Depending on the particular member state circumstances this timescale may run to many decades and the national responsibility is to ensure that the necessary waste management plans, end-points, infrastructure and resources are identified and responsibility allocated to cover the whole cradle-to-grave waste management cycle. To achieve this it is essential that a national integrated radioactive waste management strategy is established that takes account of the entire existing and future waste inventory.

Participation:

The workshop is open to professional experts and decision makers from organizations directly involved with a part of, or with the overall national radioactive waste management responsibilities. Participants should have a good basic understanding of radioactive waste management.

Participants' Qualifications:

The participants should be specialists in specific topics relevant to, or overall national radioactive waste management. As the workshop will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient knowledge of English to deliver and follow lectures and express themselves in this language without difficulty.

Nomination Procedure:

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**Administrative and
Financial
Arrangements:**

Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will, at that time, be given full details of the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance will be provided with a round trip economy class air ticket from their home countries to Vienna, Austria, and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the prevailing UN Rate. Shipment of accumulated workshop materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the workshop 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 workshop, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.