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Subject: Invitation to a Workshop on Technical requirements to fulfil national obligations towards International Legal Instruments, Vienna, Austria, 21-24 March 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 meeting 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 **5 February 2016**.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Krause

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Enclosure: Prospectus

International Atomic Energy Agency

Workshop on Technical requirements to fulfil national obligations towards International Legal Instruments

PROSPECTUS

- Project Number & Title:** RER9/143/9003/01 Workshop on Technical requirements to fulfil national obligations towards International Legal Instruments
- Place (City, Country):** Vienna International Centre (VIC), IAEA, Vienna, Austria
- Dates:** 21–24 March 2016
- Deadline for Nominations:** 5 February 2016
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
- Host Country Organizer:** Ms Monika Kinker
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- Language:** English
- Purpose:** The purpose of the workshop is to:
- (i) Provide participants with an understanding of the international and regional legal instruments related to the safe management of Radioactive Waste (RW) (including the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of RW Management [Joint Convention] and Council Directive 2011/70/EURATOM establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and RW [EU Directive]), and of the technical, legal, and regulatory requirements for fulfilling national obligations relevant to the management of RW and disused sealed radioactive sources (DSRS);

- (ii) Gain insight into a number of national programmes, processes and experiences in meeting national obligations for management of RW and DSRS under the Joint Convention and EU Directive;
- (iii) Enable the exchange of information regarding good practices identified; and
- (iv) Promote the creation of a harmonized approach to the safe management of RW and DSRS within the region.

Expected Output(s):

- (i) Understanding of the international and regional legal instruments and requirements for fulfilling national obligations relevant to the management of RW and DSRS;
- (ii) Insight gained into a number of national programmes, processes and experiences in meeting national obligations for management of RW and DSRS under the Joint Convention and EU Directive;
- (iii) Good practices identified; and
- (iv) Harmonized approach promoted within the region for the safe management of RW and DSRS.

Scope and Nature:

The workshop will familiarize participants with the international and regional conventions, codes and directives related to the safe management of RW and DSRS by way of keynote presentations. Examples of national programmes and experiences in meeting national obligations for management of RW and DSRS under the Joint Convention and EU Directive will be presented. Structured discussion sessions on all aspects of national programmes and experiences in meeting national obligations for management of RW and DSRS under these instruments will take place.

During the workshop the participants will undertake a self-assessment of their national programmes with a view to identifying gaps and shortcomings. The self-assessment will also be used to identify good practices which will be shared amongst the participants. Each module will be concluded with national presentations setting out the results of the self-assessment, good practices and recommendations identified.

Background Information:

Every country that uses radioactive materials, including mining and milling of radioactive ores generates RW. Such waste needs to be safely managed over the long term, and consideration of the interdependencies between predisposal management and disposal is essential for the safe and effective long term management of RW and DSRS. Disposal of RW and DSRS that is not recycled, reused or otherwise cleared from regulatory control is an issue that needs to be dealt with in all Member States; however, many countries with small amounts of RW usually do not have solutions for final disposal. During the 5th Review Meeting of the Joint Convention in May 2015, several Contracting Parties highlighted the importance of working on the development of disposal solutions for RW and for DSRS. The management of RW and DSRS, from generation through to final disposal, is likely to extend over a long time period. Waste management plans need to be established very early and be sufficiently robust and adaptable to evolving societal expectations and concerns to ensure sustainability.

Participation: The workshop is open to those MSs who are participating in the RER9143 project, who have recently become or are considering becoming Contracting Parties to the Joint Convention, and MS who have recently become or are considering becoming Members of the EU.

Participants' Qualifications: The participants should be specialists from regulatory bodies, governmental organizations, operators, or technical support organizations. Applicants should have responsibility for RW management issues, and hold a technical or management position within their respective countries' relevant RW management organization or decision-making authority with responsibility regarding accession to and implementation of the requirements of the Joint Convention and the EU Directive.

Nomination Procedure: 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 Meeting/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, 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 **5 February 2016**.

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 meeting, 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.