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Subject: TC Meeting on Review and Update of the National Strategy Incorporating Updates on National Framework, Vienna, Austria, from 26 August 2019 to 30 August 2019

Dear National Liaison Officer / National Coordinator,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is organizing the above event under the IAEA technical cooperation project RER9143, "Enhancing Radioactive Waste Management Capabilities".

The purpose of the event is to review updates of the National Strategy for Radioactive Waste Management of participating Member States, including any updates on the associated National Framework.

The attached Information Sheet provides further details, including technical and administrative aspects of the event. Selection of participants will be in accordance with IAEA procedures.

The IAEA will provide non-local participants with a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest the participant's residence and Vienna. Travel details will be agreed with the participants upon receipt of their official nomination. Participants will also receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses for the duration of the event in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

We would appreciate receiving your country's nominations by **20 June 2019** through the IAEA's InTouch+ platform (<https://Intouchplus.iaea.org>). Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the course from the [IAEA's webpage](#). Completed forms must be endorsed by the relevant government authority and may be sent to the IAEA, by email to Official Mail - IAEA Mail address Official.Mail@iaea.org, with copy to Ms Katherina Deufrains K.L.Deufrains@iaea.org. Please be advised that late nominations or replacements of participants after the closing date for nominations will not be accepted.

We look forward to receiving your early response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Deufrains', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure: Information Sheet



TC Meeting on Review and Update of the National Strategy Incorporating Updates on National Framework

Hosted by

The International Atomic Energy Agency
IAEA Headquarters
Vienna, Austria

26 to 30 August 2019

Ref. No.: RER9143-1900887

Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to review updates of the National Strategy for Radioactive Waste Management of participating Member States, including any updates on the associated National Framework.

Working Language(s)

The working language(s) of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 20 June 2019 will not be considered.

Project Background

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 managed safely and securely 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. Having recognized this, the TC RER9143 project has dedicated significant resources to support Member States efforts in meeting their associated responsibilities.

Scope and Nature

The meeting will focus on the feedback and lessons learnt drawn from the input provided by participants, with special emphasis on receiving a status update on the progress achieved since the inception of RER9143 in planning, developing, and/or implementing steps of RWM towards disposal. It will also include lectures by IAEA staff and invited experts on developing and implementing comprehensive radioactive waste management approaches. The meeting will have appropriate time allocation for discussions on key issues, in particular on identifying what may be key elements requiring further support to progress national RWM programmes, as well as on identifying what developments were fundamental in allowing some of the national RWM programmes to achieve progress. Participants will be required to prepare a short report on the status of radioactive waste management in their respective countries, and an associated brief presentation, both of which based on a template that will be provided by the secretariat.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The participants should be specialists in specific topics relevant to, or generalists with responsibility for national radioactive waste management. As the meeting will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to deliver and follow lectures and express themselves in this language without difficulty.

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the IAEA TALEO page (<https://iaea.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobsearch.ftl>) and complete the Candidate Profile.
2. Be registered on the Nucleus page of the IAEA (<https://nucleus.iaea.org/>).
3. Through Nucleus, access the InTouch+ platform where the Profile is completed (My Profile tab) (<https://nucleus.iaea.org/Pages/InTouchPlus.aspx>).
NOTE: The email used for TALEO and Nucleus must be the same. If not, the candidate's profile will not appear complete.
4. On the InTouch + platform, under the 'My InTouch +' tab, the candidate needs to:
 - a. select the institute / organization that he/she works at / represents ('My Institute' section);
 - b. click on the link called '**Refresh Personal History Form**' to update the system, *otherwise the nominations submitted will have these fields empty and it will not be possible to evaluate them during the selection of candidates* ('IAEA Recruitment Platform' section).
NOTE: Once the above steps are finalized, the candidate's profile will appear as completed and he/she can apply for Technical Cooperation events.
5. In the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>), in the 'Applications' tab, search by the event number provided in the invitation.

The help for each step is located at the top of the page. For additional help on how to register, create a profile and apply for an event, please refer to the online guide and training videos available under the following links: [how-to guide](#) and [training videos](#). Any issues or queries related to the new system can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org or TC-AIPS-PL4.Contact-point@iaea.org.

Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the ME from the IAEA website <https://www.iaea.org/services/technical-cooperation-programme/how-to-participate>.

Applications should contain sufficient information to establish that the nominees have the required qualifications. Please note that the information regarding LANGUAGE SKILLS, EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE is exported from TALEO. If an applicant's profile in TALEO is not updated, the information in INTOUCH+ for these sections appears as empty and the candidates cannot be evaluated. Completed applications need to be endorsed by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office and submitted through the established official channels.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities 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.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency American Express, or a travel grant, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event 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.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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