

International Atomic Energy Agency

Regional Workshop: School on Drafting Regulations

Nuclear Safety Stream

PROSPECTUS

Project Number & Title: RER/9/111 - Establishing a Sustainable National Regulatory Infrastructure for Nuclear and Radiation Safety

Place (City, Country): Vienna, Austria

Dates: 19-30 October 2015

Deadline for Nominations: 10 July 2015

Organizers: The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

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Language: English

Purpose: The purpose of the workshop is to provide participants with the competences to draft and revise national safety regulations compatible with IAEA safety standards. In this respect, the selected topics for the workshop will concern the safe operation of NPPs focusing on management of safety, and plant operation and maintenance.

During the course of the workshop national regulations will be developed in outline or revised (as appropriate) in close cooperation within other participants, IAEA representatives and international experts. Consideration of regulatory requirements stemming from other national or regional legislation (i.e., European Union) will also be covered to the extent that they represent priority needs for the target participant Member States.

This workshop is dedicated to regulations on nuclear safety. There will be an additional *School on Drafting Regulations (Radiation Safety Stream)* workshop held at the IAEA during the same period focused on radiation safety regulations for non-NPP Member States. Candidates should clearly indicate on their nomination forms that they are applying to the *Nuclear*

Safety Stream.

Expected Output(s):

Participants will gain knowledge and expertise sufficient to develop robust, consistent and effectively implementable regulations aligned with existing national legislation frameworks and compatible with IAEA safety requirements and international best practices. Participants will improve understanding of the applicable IAEA requirements and appreciate the importance of a coherent set of national regulations covering the spectrum of regulated facilities and activities, avoiding overlaps, gaps and contradictory requirements.

Participants from countries that are currently drafting or revising national regulations can fine-tune existing documents during the course of the event.

Participants will work together throughout the workshop, sharing ideas and exchanging experience in the drafting of regulations.

Scope and Nature:

The majority of workshop hours will be dedicated to outlining drafts of new regulations and/or revision of existing regulations. There will be review and feedback sessions and opportunities for sharing experience, including contributions by international experts.

Throughout the workshop, experts will act as mentors, guiding the drafting and revision activities of the workshop. In addition, experts will deliver presentations on relevant areas for the selected topics, including the content of regulations and the process of drafting regulations in line with relevant IAEA safety standards, requirements and associated guidance, and, to the extent necessary, to other national or regional legal and regulatory requirements.

The relevant IAEA safety standards, including GSR part 1 *Governmental, Legal and Regulatory Framework for Safety*, and SSR-2/2 *Safety of Nuclear Power Plants: Commissioning and Operation*, will be main references of the school. The participants are requested to familiarize themselves with the content of the two aforesaid IAEA safety standards prior to the workshop.

At least, one month before the workshop, participants should provide the Secretariat with copies of existing regulations to be revised or further developed during the workshop and/or preferred topic areas for new regulations to be developed in outline. In addition, participants should bring, or have immediate access to, relevant national material including applicable, procedures, guidance, etc. All such material should be in English.

Participants are requested to bring a laptop computer to the workshop.

Participants will each present a brief summary of the status of their legal framework, including the scope and completeness of national regulations for nuclear and radiation safety. The presentation should also explain the national regulatory approach to develop regulations and identified all regulations and safety guides relevant for the scope of the school. To ensure a uniform approach, the Secretariat will prepare a template to be used for the preparation of the national presentations.

Background

The implementation of TC project RER/9/111 is aimed to achieve and maintain effective and sustainable regulatory infrastructures for safety of the

Information: participating countries in accordance with relevant IAEA safety standards and guidance aimed to enhance effectiveness of the regulatory programmes (e.g., strengthening the national safety infrastructures for the control of facilities and activities, through developing adequate and effective regulatory mechanisms and harmonizing and streamlining national capabilities for regulatory control).

The workshop for developing regulations on nuclear safety will contribute to enhance national regulatory infrastructure in compliance with IAEA Safety Standards. This includes the requirements for governmental infrastructure for nuclear safety, the enhancement of the effectiveness of the regulatory programmes for the control of NPPs, and the development of adequate and effective regulatory mechanisms and the harmonisation and streamlining of national capabilities for regulatory control.

Participation: The workshop is open to 15 participants from Member States participating in the TC project RER/9/111. Priority will be given to candidates from countries that are currently operating nuclear power plants or embarking in a nuclear power programme.

In addition to the standard nomination form to be submitted via the official channel, interested participants should complete the enclosed questionnaire *Supplementary Questions for Drafting School Candidates*.

Participants' Qualifications: The participants should be regulatory staff of their respective national authorities responsible for drafting or enacting regulations and safety guide. The staff should be directly engaged in (or expected to become responsible for) the drafting of nuclear safety regulations.

Candidates should be knowledgeable and actively participating in daily activities connected to one or several of the various regulatory functions for the control of NPPs, such as preparation of regulations and regulatory guidance, review and assessment, licensing, inspection and enforcement. For the efficiency of the working sessions on drafting, it would be beneficial to consider having two participants per country to cover, first of all, technical aspects of the regulation and then legal aspects.

The workshop will be conducted in English and regulations drafted by participants will be written in English as the working language. Thus, candidates should have sufficient English proficiency to participate in the workshop without difficulty.

Nomination Procedure: Nominations for Meeting/Workshop should be submitted to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Should this not be possible, nominations may be submitted on the standard IAEA Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop and National Consultant (available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/>). Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and returned to the Agency through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA Matters.

The completed nomination forms should be sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Ms. Sandra Steyskal, through IAEA

Official Fax (+43-1-26007) or E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org), not later than 10 July 2015. Nominations received after this date or which have not been routed through the established official channels cannot be considered.

**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.