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National Liaison Officer/National Coordinator

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Subject: Meeting on stakeholder engagement for sterile male mosquito release pilot trials in Europe, Vienna, Austria from 23 April 2018 to 27 April 2018

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 RER5022, "Establishing Genetic Control Programmes for Aedes Invasive Mosquitoes".

This meeting is to provide specific knowledge and practical capacities to understand particular risks linked to the use of mosquito Sterile Insect Technique (SIT), prepare and transfer information and guidance material for stakeholders/public.

The Information Sheet and Logistical Arrangements available on the IAEA's InTouch+ platform provide further details, including technical and administrative aspects of the course. 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 course in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

We would appreciate receiving your country's nominations by **2 March 2018** 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, fax or mail. 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 'T. Furusawa', is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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Meeting on stakeholder engagement for sterile male mosquito release pilot trials in Europe

IAEA Headquarters
Vienna, Austria

23 April 2018 – 27 April 2018

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Information Sheet

A. Purpose

This meeting is to provide specific knowledge and practical capacities to understand particular risks linked to the use of mosquito Sterile Insect Technique (SIT), prepare and transfer information and guidance material for stakeholders/public.

B. Working Language(s)

The working language of the event will be English.

C. Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 2 March 2018 will not be considered.

D. Scope and Nature

1. To gain understanding on the various components and steps required for the implementation of the SIT into vector control programs
2. To gain understanding on what is required in terms of community engagement and community acceptance prior to- and during pilot field studies involving sterile male releases:
 - i) Understanding of the biological aspects of the technology
 - ii) Understanding of the (lack of) risks related to (irradiated) sterile male releases and the benefits of reducing vector populations
 - iii) Understanding of the role of the communities directly involved in the pilot trials, i.e. who live in the trial areas;
3. To transfer information and guidance on the optimal practices of disseminating information among stakeholders/public
4. To acquire knowledge and guidance on how to prepare public information materials
5. To prepare and complete public information materials in English for use in Member States

E. Participation

The meeting is open to 20 participants from Member States.

Each country is invited to nominate **one or more participants** who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority.

F. Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The meeting is open to those who:

- government officials in charge of public policy for mosquito control
- are directly responsible for mosquito control activities in their respective state, districts, provinces, etc.
- are responsible for public engagement related to pest and/or mosquito control programs and have documented experience working in PR, Social marketing, public information or related activities.

G. Application Procedure

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

1. Access the IAEA TALEO page (<https://iaea.taleo.net/>) 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. Completed applications need to be endorsed by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office and submitted through the established official channels.

H. 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.

I. 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.

J. 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.

K. Organization

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