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Subject: Invitation to a Regional Workshop on National Strategies for Education and Training (E&T) in Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety: Policy Framework and Analysis of E&T Needs, Nicosia, Cyprus, 5-7 October 2016

Dear National Liaison Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned meeting under the framework of TC Project RER/9/142 – Establishing Sustainable Education and Training Infrastructures for Building Competence in Radiation Safety. The purpose of the meeting 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 Nicosia, Cyprus 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 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, Ms Mayumi Yamamoto (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 **24 June 2016**.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Prospectus

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Regional Workshop on National Strategies for Education and Training (E&T) in Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety: Policy Framework and Analysis of E&T Needs

PROSPECTUS

- Project Number & Title:** RER/9/142 - Establishing Sustainable Education and Training Infrastructures for Building Competence in Radiation Safety
- Place (City, Country):** Nicosia, Cyprus
- Dates:** 5- 7 October 2016
- Deadline for Nominations:** 24 June 2016
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in collaboration with the Government of Cyprus through the Radiation Inspections and Control Service, Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance
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- Purpose:** Following up with the conclusions of the *Consultative Meeting of policy-decision makers on the establishment of a National Strategy for Education and Training in Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety* (Vienna, 16-17 December 2015), and taking into consideration the achievements of Member States in this area, as provided in TSA6¹ in RASIMS², the purpose of the workshop is:
- (i) To assist Member States in developing the policy for the establishment of the National Strategy;
 - (ii) To collect the preliminary data necessary to implement the National Strategy;
 - (iii) To carry out an exercise on the analysis of the education and training needs based on data collected.
- Expected Output(s):** Policy to establish the National Strategy drafted. Preliminary analysis of the education and training needs completed.

¹ Thematic Safety Area 6: Education and Training

² Radiation Safety Information Management System (<http://rasims.iaea.org>)

Experience shared and information collected on Member States' initiatives to develop the policy and to establish the national strategy.

Scope and Nature:

The workshop will be based in plenary sessions. Experts will provide presentations on the IAEA requirements and policy documents addressing the need of establishing policies and strategies in radiation safety, particularly for building competence. Representatives from Member States that already took some significant initiatives and made relevant achievements towards the establishment of a National Strategy for Education and Training in Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety will share their experience, providing overviews of the faced challenges and rendered solutions.

The workshop will be held in plenary sessions, and the participants will work in groups and individually. Experts will provide presentations and review the work of the breakout groups and of the individual participants. Participants will provide presentations on:

- Initiatives taken to develop the policy to establish a national strategy;
- Experience gained carrying out the analysis of the education and training needs.

Participants might be requested to provide presentations to IAEA Secretariat, two (2) weeks before the beginning of the workshop.

All participants will be requested to complete some preliminary work before attending the workshop, and to collect and bring to the workshop all the relevant information (e.g. collect documents related to the policy framework and/or the national strategy, for those Member States that completed such steps; collect preliminary data to establish the National Strategy, such as number of facilities and activities, number of personnel responsible for radiation protection and safety, or exposed to ionizing radiations in their work). Participants will need to contact and bringing together the inputs from all the relevant national stakeholders.

Background Information:

According to the IAEA "Strategic Approach to Education and Training in radiation, transport and waste safety (2011-2020)"³ and as encouraged by the IAEA General Conference⁴, Member States are expected to establish sustainable education and training infrastructures to achieve the desired level of competence. The sustainability will be ensured through the development and implementation of national strategies to strengthen education and training in radiation, transport and waste safety, considering the needs at national level and optimizing the available resources across all the Member States.

In 2012-2015, seven (7) workshops were held in English and Russian under the projects RER/9/109 to support Member States to establish a national strategy for education and training in radiation, transport and waste safety.

³ 2010/Note 44

⁴ GC(59)/RES/9, para 100

One of the main outputs of these workshops was that a policy framework can facilitate the establishment of a Nation Strategy. The importance of collecting appropriate data to implement the National Strategy was also widely discussed.

Participation: The workshop is open to **25** participants from each Member State participating in the project RER/9/142.

The target countries are: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Participants' Qualifications: The workshop is primarily addressed to persons from national bodies and/or policy decision makers that have responsibilities related to developing and maintaining competence and skills of personnel in radiation safety. It will particularly benefit those participants intending to adopt an effective and sustainable approach by establishing education and training programmes based on national needs.

As this workshop will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to follow discussions and express themselves in this language without difficulties.

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 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, Ms Mayumi Yamamoto (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 **24 June 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 Nicosia, Cyprus, 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.