



# **Regional Training Course on Social Communication for Sterile Insect Technique Mosquito Project**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the event is to train the participants on the use of the toolkit on Social Communication for Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) mosquito project.

### **Working Language(s)**

The working language of the event will be English.

## **Deadline for Nominations**

Nominations received after **9 August 2019** will not be considered.

## **Project Background**

Mosquito-borne diseases are causing growing concerns globally and WHO recently outlined in their global vector control response 2017-2030 that new technologies are urgently needed, including the SIT. The IAEA TC regional project RER5022 is supporting European Member States with the transfer and application of the SIT against invasive mosquito species by supporting cooperation and networking among the European countries already affected, or at high risk of being affected, by invasive disease-transmitting mosquito species.

Stakeholder engagement is critical in area-wide integrated control of mosquitoes including an SIT component. The main objective of this training is to inform and train the participants the WHO toolkit “Communication for Behavioural Impact (COMBI)” in order to improve social mobilization in SIT control efforts.

## **Scope and Nature**

COMBI is carefully planned and monitored social mobilization directed at the task of mobilizing all societal and personal influences on an individual and family to prompt individual and family action with respect to specific healthy behaviours. This method is relevant for SIT programs since social mobilization is a key factor in the success of Aedes mosquito control strategies and in preventing outbreaks.

The main goals of this training are to:

- Offer comprehensive and innovative managerial insight to planning social mobilization and communication for behavioural impact;
- Provide the best practices and lessons learned from COMBI application;
- Introduce participants to the 10 steps of COMBI planning so that they can introduce this method in preparation of their SIT pilot trials against mosquitoes.

## **Participation**

The professionals in charge of implementing mosquito control operations that envisage the inclusion of an SIT component in their integrated control strategy.

## Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The participants should have at least five years of experience in medical entomology and with a particular interest in social mobilization.

## 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](mailto:InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org) or [TC-AIPS-PL4.Contact-point@iaea.org](mailto:TC-AIPS-PL4.Contact-point@iaea.org).

Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the TN 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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