



Regional Stakeholder Engagement Meeting on Early Support to Sterile Insect Technique Pilot Trials against Aedes Mosquitoes

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to discuss with local and regional relevant stakeholders involved in mosquito control, health policy authorities and funding organizations the establishment of the required policy framework and funding mechanisms to implement pilot trials on Sterile Insect Technique (SIT).

Working Language(s)

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **11 February 2022** will not be considered.

Project Background

Mosquito species are a considerable threat to both human and animal for their role as vectors of diseases and their nuisance. Over the past decades, Aedes-borne diseases are causing growing concerns globally and particularly in Europe, that new technologies are urgently needed, including the sterile insect technique (SIT). The IAEA technical cooperation regional project RER5026 “Enhancing the Capacity to Integrate Sterile Insect Technique in the Effective Management of Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes” 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 and early support is critical in area-wide integrated control of mosquitoes including an SIT component. Therefore, this meeting is organized to raise awareness of local and regional stakeholders involved in mosquito control, health policy authorities and national or regional funding organizations to mobilize the necessary support and investment for SIT pilot trials.

Scope and Nature

To support the establishment of enabling policy framework and funding mechanisms for SIT pilot trials, the workshop will aim to:

1. Discuss and enhance the understanding and importance of the application of SIT as a component of area-wide integrated pest management
2. Present SIT pilot trials and some examples of relevant stakeholder’s supports on policy and funding mechanisms

Participation

The target countries are those actively involved in the regional TC project RER5026 and willing to carry out a SIT pilot trials against Aedes mosquitoes. The priority will be given to countries where invasive Aedes mosquitoes have been detected, have become established, or pose an imminent risk of becoming established; namely: Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Portugal, Serbia, and Turkey.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The participants should be national counterparts of RER5026 as well as representatives from the government / municipality /region where SIT trials have been or will be applied. The presence of each participant during the entire period of the meeting is important to effectively complete and build in-depth understanding of the SIT.

Application Procedure

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

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVT2105582) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the meeting from the [IAEA website](#).

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

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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