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National Liaison Officers /
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Subject: TC Meeting on Roadmap to Geological Disposal, Vienna, Austria, from 25 to 29 November 2019

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 RER9143, "Enhancing Radioactive Waste Management Capabilities".

The purpose of the event is to transfer an overall understanding of a generic deep geological disposal programme, and in particular on its overall structure of commonly needed tasks, as well as their iterative implementation from first generic studies over siting and operation to post-closure.

The attached Information Sheet provides further details, including technical and administrative aspects of the event. 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 event in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

We would appreciate receiving your country's nominations by **10 September 2019** 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 to Official Mail - IAEA Mail address Official.Mail@iaea.org, with copy to Ms Katherina Deufrains K.L.Deufrains@iaea.org. 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,



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Enclosure: Information Sheet



TC Meeting on Roadmap to Geological Disposal

Hosted by

The International Atomic Energy Agency
IAEA Headquarters
Vienna, Austria

25 to 29 November 2019

Ref. No.: RER9143-1900892

Information Sheet

Purpose

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Working Language(s)

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **10 September 2019** will not be considered.

Project Background

The successful programme initiation, siting, and implementation of a geological disposal facility is perceived as a challenge by some Member States, given the anticipated longevity of such a programme, the significant and sustained resources and competences needed, and the commonly adverse opinions noted within civil society. Nevertheless, a range of successful experiences exist and a generic geological disposal programme has been described to provide a basis and some clarity on the tasks and steps it takes for its successful implementation.

Scope and Nature

The scope is the general understanding of a generic deep geological disposal programme. The meeting will include lectures, discussions, and group exercises.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Participants are expected to have a general understanding of radioactive waste management, including at least a first experience with geological disposal, and a demonstrated need to apply the knowledge delivered on DGR programmes to decisions on, or progress towards implementing such a programme to manage their national inventory.

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 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. 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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