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Subject: Regional Workshop on Improvement of Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for Radiation Protection in the Region, Seibersdorf, Austria, from 23 to 27 March 2020

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 RER7014, "Improving Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for Radiation Protection in the Region".

The purpose of the event is to discuss the key aspects of environmental monitoring of radiation in the context of national legal and regulatory frameworks to ensure and demonstrate protection of the public and the environment.

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. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women participants.

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 Seibersdorf. 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 **12 February 2020** 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, preferably by email to Official Mail - IAEA Mail address Official.Mail@iaea.org, with copy to Ms Carmina Elizabeth Jimenez Velasco C.Jimenez@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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Jimenez Velasco', written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure: Information Sheet



Regional Workshop on Improvement of Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for Radiation Protection in the Region

Hosted by

The International Atomic Energy Agency
IAEA Headquarters
Seibersdorf, Austria

23 to 27 March 2020

Ref. No.: ME-RER7014-1907674

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 **12 February 2020** will not be considered.

Project Background

The project RER7014 “Improving Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for Radiation Protection in the Region” is aimed at contributing towards the enhancement of regional cooperation in the application of environmental monitoring strategies and programmes to improve radiological safety of public and the environment by efficiently demonstrating radiological protection in the region for different exposure situations. This four-year project includes set of activities to enhance the capacities for planning and implementation of monitoring strategies and programmes for different exposure situations, both from the perspective of regulation and application of technology. This particular workshop will be the first of two regional workshops to provide the opportunity for review of the current status of national legal and regulatory frameworks within the European region, identification of needs and priorities of participating Member States, identification of gaps for future action, and establishment of efficient, effective mechanisms to implement monitoring strategies and programmes.

Scope and Nature

The regional workshop will include

- a) Presentations by participants from Member States on aspects of their legal and regulatory frameworks related to establishment of monitoring strategies and programmes to assess different exposure situations;
- b) Presentations by the IAEA staff on relevant safety standards and good international practices related to planning and implementation of monitoring in the context of environmental impact assessment;
- c) Presentations by international experts on experiences and lessons learned for consideration in monitoring;
- d) Discussion sessions and exercises to make use of international guidance shared experiences; and
- e) Discussion sessions to identify gaps and priorities as input to regional and national monitoring strategies and programmes.

Expected Outputs

- a) Updated information on the status of legal and regulatory infrastructure related to the establishment of robust, fit-for-purpose monitoring strategies and programmes;
- b) Increased understanding of the application of international safety standards, experiences and lessons learned in pragmatic planning and implementation of monitoring to ensure and demonstrate protection of the public and the environment;
- c) Identified priorities and gaps of regional and national interest and their interrelationships in the context of RER7014 activities; and
- d) Input into regional and national actions plans related to establishment of regulatory infrastructure related to establishment of monitoring strategy and programmes.

Participation

The regional workshop is open to one candidate per country.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Nominated candidates should be staff from regulatory bodies, from operating organizations, decision-makers and others responsible for developing monitoring strategy, planning and implementing monitoring programmes, or interpreting monitoring data in relation to planned, existing or emergency exposure situations. The regional workshop will be conducted in English language. Thus, candidates should have sufficient English-language proficiency to be able to actively participate in the planned activities.

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 (EVT1907674) 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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