



Regional Training on National Vector Control Needs Assessment in Preparation of Integrated Vector Management including the Sterile Insect Technique

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the training is to provide participants with knowledge and guidance for a complete situation analysis of vectors and vector borne-diseases control at a country level and identification of opportunities and needs for integrated vector management including the sterile insect technique (SIT) against *Aedes* mosquitoes.

Working Language(s)

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **18 March 2022** will not be considered.

Project Background

Insect vectors are a considerable threat to both human and animal for their role as vectors of diseases and their nuisance. More than 80% of the global population is threatened by at least one major vector-borne disease. In particular, over the past decades, Aedes-borne diseases are causing growing concerns globally and particularly in Europe. The implementation of sustainable vector management measures requires a strong analysis of the situation and identification of problems, opportunities and needs.

The IAEA technical cooperation regional project RER5026 “Enhancing the Capacity to Integrate Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) in the Effective Management of Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes” is supporting the participating European Member States to transfer the knowledge on application of the SIT against invasive mosquito species through cooperation and networking among the European countries already affected, or at high risk of being affected, by invasive disease-transmitting mosquito species. Evaluating the situation of vectors, vector-borne diseases, management procedures, gaps and needs is critical in implementing area-wide integrated control of mosquitoes including an SIT component. Therefore, this training is organized in collaboration with WHO Regional Office for Europe to build on the Member State’s capacity to assess vector control needs, which has been supported by the WHO, and identify major milestones for testing the SIT against Aedes mosquitoes.

Scope and Nature

The training will aim to:

1. Provide participants with practical guidance to analyse/assess the situation of vectors, vector-borne diseases and control methods at a national, regional, municipal levels.
2. Strengthen participant’s capacity for a comprehensive identification of the problems/gaps, intervention methods, opportunities and needs based on the situation analysis.
3. Allow participants to identify and assess all major requirements (milestones) such as political commitment, stakeholders, structures, human resources, and legislations for the completion of Phase 0 and Phase 1 following the Phased Conditional Approach for testing the SIT against *Aedes* mosquitoes.

Participation

The target countries are those actively involved in the regional TC project RER5026, willing to carry out a SIT pilot trial and validate the SIT's package feasibility for Aedes mosquitoes, and 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 both counterparts and representatives from their government, or WHO focal points for vector-borne diseases / vector control in the country. The presence of each participant during the entire period of the workshop is important in order to successfully complete the training.

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 (EVT2105583) 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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