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Subject: Regional Workshop on Enhancing Environmental Radiation Monitoring for Planned, Emergency and Existing Exposure Situations, Vienna, Austria, from 27 June to 1 July 2022

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 provide an overview of key regulatory aspects of environmental radiation monitoring in different exposure situations, to share national experiences and discuss the course of action to enhance current practices at national and regional levels.

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 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 **15 May 2022** 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 read 'Carmina', with a short horizontal line extending from the end.

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Enclosure: Information Sheet



Regional Workshop on Enhancing Environmental Radiation Monitoring for Planned, Emergency and Existing Exposure Situations

Hosted by

The International Atomic Energy Agency
IAEA Headquarters
Vienna, Austria

27 June to 1 July 2022

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Information Sheet

Purpose

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Working Language

The working language of the event will be **English**.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **15 May 2022** will not be considered.

Project Background

The TC project RER7014 “Improving Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for Radiation Protection in the Region” is aimed at contributing towards radiological protection of public and the environment in different exposure situations. The four-year project includes a 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 second of two regional workshops aimed at providing the opportunity for discussing the current status of national legal and regulatory frameworks in Europe and Central Asia and identifying needs, challenges and priorities of participating Member States for establishment of efficient and effective monitoring strategies and programmes and their subsequent implementation.

Scope and Nature

The regional workshop will include

- a) Presentations by the IAEA on relevant safety standards and technical guidance related to establishment and implementation of environmental radiation monitoring arrangements;
- b) Presentations by participants from Member States on the aspects of their legal and regulatory frameworks related to establishment of environmental radiation monitoring provisions (including monitoring strategies and programmes) for planned, emergency and existing exposure situations;
- c) Working sessions to discuss international guidance and to share experiences; and
- d) Discussion sessions to identify needs, challenges and priorities (also considering the TSA4 Questionnaires); to identify the course of actions to enhance current practices at national and regional levels.

Expected Outputs

- a) Increased understanding of the application of international safety standards and technical guidance in the field of environmental radiation monitoring;
- b) Shared experience in pragmatic planning and implementation of monitoring to ensure protection of the public and the environment;
- c) Updated information on the status of national legal and regulatory frameworks related to the establishment of robust, fit-for-purpose monitoring provisions;
- d) Identified needs, challenges and priorities of national and regional interest and their interrelationships in the context of the TC project RER7014 activities;
- e) Elaborated National Course of Actions for each participating Member State based on the information provided and discussed during the regional workshop;
- f) Developed regional course of actions on environmental radiation monitoring;

Participation

The regional workshop is open to Member States participating in the TC project RER7014.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Nominated candidates should have roles and responsibilities relating to regulatory aspects of monitoring. Candidates should have sufficient English-language proficiency to be able to actively participate in the planned activities.

Please Note: Participants will be expected to prepare a draft National Course of Actions on monitoring, identifying national needs and priorities, concrete actions and anticipated time-lines, based on the TSA4 Questionnaire and existing national arrangements, and to prepare a presentation reflecting the draft for discussion. Presentations are to be submitted in advance of the workshop in accordance with an agreed schedule. Templates for the National Course of Actions and presentations will be provided in due course.

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 (EVT2100505) 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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