



IAEA Regional Workshop on Nuclear Law

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the regional workshop is to:

- (i) Provide IAEA Member States with a broad understanding of all aspects of nuclear law and render a comprehensive overview of the relevant international legal instruments in this field, including recent developments;
- (ii) Give participants an opportunity to discuss and exchange views on nuclear law subjects; and
- (iii) Assess or update the assessment of the existing legal framework in each of the participating Member States and develop or update work plans for strengthening or enhancing the national nuclear legal framework.

Working Language(s)

The working language of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **19 July 2023** will not be considered.

Project Background

An adequate national legal framework is an essential element for the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear energy and ionizing radiation.

Through TC project RER0048 “Enhancing National Legal Frameworks”, legislative assistance is provided to Member States, upon request, to support:

- (i) gaining a better understanding of and implementing the relevant international legal instruments concluded under IAEA auspices;
- (ii) assessing, revising and drafting corresponding national legislation; and,
- (iii) enhancing national capabilities through training in nuclear law.

This regional Workshop on Nuclear Law is one of the regional activities planned under RER0048 towards these ends. Experience and feedback from previous events show that there is a need to periodically conduct or update, as appropriate, the assessments and work plans agreed with Member States for the enhancement of the national nuclear legal framework, while providing a forum to gain knowledge, share experiences and identify common issues and challenges in this field.

Scope and Nature

The workshop will cover all areas of nuclear law governing the safe, secure and peaceful use of radiation sources, nuclear material and other radioactive material, including the relevant international legal instruments governing nuclear safety, security, safeguards and civil liability for nuclear damage, as well as the elements of a comprehensive national legal framework for the use of nuclear technology.

The Regional workshop will consist of:

1. Lectures on nuclear law including the elements of comprehensive nuclear legislation to provide the legislators a comprehensive view and foundation of international legal instruments and essential national elements for nuclear law; and, and workshops to discuss and exchange views on nuclear law subjects;
2. National presentations by participants on the status of their respective national legal frameworks;
3. Bilateral sessions to discuss with relevant stakeholders their existing legal framework and assess the current workplans for strengthening it.

Participants

The workshop will be held in English language. A similar workshop was conducted in Russian in March 2023 (Dushanbe, Tajikistan).

Every Member State is invited to nominate up to 2 candidates, who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority for participation, to the limit of 25 participants to the workshop. Nomination of female candidates is strongly encouraged.

During the meeting the IAEA will set up time to conduct bilateral meeting with each participating Member State in order to:

- (i) discuss the current status of the national legal framework for nuclear applications;
- (ii) exchange on current and planned activities for developing or strengthening the national legal framework;
- (iii) assess needs for legislative assistance; and,
- (iv) develop a work plan for the provision of relevant support to the Member State in the framework of the technical cooperation project.

Participants are expected to be in a position to discuss and exchange with the IAEA on the above-mentioned matters.

Participants' Qualification and Experience

The workshop is open to Government representatives with the following profiles:

- (i) a Government representative with legal background, such as a legal advisor or a legal expert of the regulatory body or another Government institution who has been or will be involved in assessing, drafting, and/or advising on nuclear legislation and/or the related international legal framework; and
- (ii) a senior level Government representative with legal or regulatory background who will be responsible for the development/ update of the Member States individual workplan during the course of the workshop for the establishment or strengthening of the country's national nuclear legal framework.

As this regional workshop will be held in English language, participants should be fully proficient in written and spoken English in order to be considered eligible to attend.

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. Download and complete the [Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form](#), and upload to InTouch+ ('Profile' tab under the personal section) specifying the document name. If already provided, kindly discard this step; and
 - c. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (**EVT2301113**) 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 AMEX Travel Management, or a travel allowance, 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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