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Subject: Regional Training Course on Strategies and Design of Microplastics Monitoring Programmes from 20 to 31 October 2025 in Kotor, Montenegro

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 RER7016, "Enhancing Coastal Management in Fresh and Saltwater Bodies by Using Nuclear Analytical Techniques, Including the Monitoring of Microplastics".

The purpose of the training course is to provide knowledge and skills for sampling, analysis, and reporting of microplastics of 0.3-5 mm size fraction in beach sand and surface water, using nuclear techniques.

Selection of participants will be in accordance with IAEA procedures. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify 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 the venue of the event or a travel allowance to purchase an air ticket. 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 **08** September **2025** through the IAEA's InTouch+ platform (<a href="https://Intouchplus.iaea.org">https://Intouchplus.iaea.org</a>). Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the course from the <a href="IAEA's webpage">IAEA's webpage</a>. 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 <a href="https://official.Mail@iaea.org">Official.Mail@iaea.org</a>, with copy to Ms Sibel Unlu <a href="mailto:s.unlu@iaea.org">s.unlu@iaea.org</a> and Ms Angie Mieses <a href="mailto:A.Mieses-Concepcion@iaea.org">A.Mieses-Concepcion@iaea.org</a>. 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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