



Technical Meeting of the Uranium Mining Remediation Exchange Group

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and virtual participation via Cisco Webex

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The Uranium Mining Remediation Exchange Group (UMREG) has been running in various forms for over 30 years as a facilitated information exchange space between groups conducting remediation projects of uranium mining and milling site. The first bilateral (WISMUT/US-DOE) meetings were held in 1993 and 1994. Multilateral meeting commenced in 1995, and were held in 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2022, 2003, 2005, 2009 and 2011. In that spirit, UMREG was created with the aim of providing a non-commercial exchange platform.

With the objective of supporting an economically and environmentally balanced approach to uranium mining and milling sites remediation, UMREG adopted a cooperative approach and served as a meeting ground for operators, regulators and other stakeholders associated with uranium mining. To keep up to date with research and development, academics dealing with relevant problems were also invited to participate in the meetings.

In 2011, UMREG moved to the IAEA as an official event, with the first meeting held in 2012. Since then, UMREG became an activity within the regular programme of the IAEA Division of Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology (NEFW), originally within the IAEA Uranium Production Cycle team of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Materials Section (NFCMS) and now under the Environmental Remediation team of the Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation Section (D&ERS) allowing for discussions on environmental aspects of uranium mining, milling, closure, decommissioning and environmental remediation. In this context, the IAEA provides a Scientific Secretary, administrative support and funding for UMREG meetings that are held as cross-cutting activities, with other departments/divisions of the IAEA.

In 2024, an UMREG meeting was organised as part of the program of the Biennial Meeting of the Network of Environmental Remediation and NORM Management (ENVIRONET). Participants discussed the adequacy/possibility of giving UMREG a more consolidated and well-defined scope. This change in scope would include going beyond the important exchange of experience and information towards addressing and reporting on emerging topics. These topics would consist of sustainability and circularity in uranium mining and processing, long-term care and maintenance of remediation solutions applied to uranium mining sites e.g. stabilization of tailings dam and waste rock piles, mine water/acid mine and rock drainage management, funding accrument to support long-term institutional controls. Challenges in developing new uranium mining projects due to public perception of the long-term issues associated with these projects could also be addressed by UMREG.

Objectives

The purpose of the event is to discuss the latest developments in the remediation of uranium mining and naturally occurring radioactive material legacy sites, with a focus on solutions that contemplate aspects of circularity and sustainability and long-term institutional controls. In line with these objectives, the meeting will establish a dedicated project and associated outputs to be implemented in the scope of UMREG activities in the next two years.

Target Audience

Representatives of national and international organizations concerned with environmental remediation of uranium mining and processing sites including legacy sites as to include:

- government officials with policy responsibility for environmental remediation;
- managers and members of regulatory authorities;
- managers and implementers of environmental remediation projects and facility operators;
- managers and planners from environmental remediation organizations/projects;
- researchers from universities and research institutions;
- officials from concerned international organizations.

Working Language(s)

English

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **9 May 2025**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):

- Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
- Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).

2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:

- Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
- Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
- Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
- If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
- Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
- Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **9 May 2025**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency’s Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA’s scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA’s mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA’s view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

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Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC) where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:

<https://www.iaea.org/events>.

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.

Event Web Page

Please visit the following IAEA web page regularly for new information regarding this event:
www.iaea.org/events/EVT2404898