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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the IAEA's Member States and has the honour to draw their attention to the **Technical Meeting on the Coordination of Activities and Projects Related to the Safety of Geological Disposal** (hereinafter referred to as "event") to be held at the IAEA's Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, from **5 to 9 September 2022**.

The purpose of the event is to present and review ongoing activities and projects related to the safety of geological disposal, including regulatory preparedness, demonstration of operational and long-term safety, and the use of monitoring programmes, as well as to coordinate, discuss and draft a road map for future activities.

The event will be held in English.

Member States are invited to designate one or more participants to represent the Government at this event. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women 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. The application for financial support should be made at the time of designating the participants using the attached Grant Application Form (Form C).

It should be noted that compensation is not payable by the IAEA for any damage to or loss of personal property. The IAEA also does not provide health insurance coverage for participants in IAEA events. Arrangements for private insurance coverage on an individual basis should therefore be made. The IAEA will, however, provide insurance coverage for accidents and illnesses that clearly result from any work performed for the IAEA.

Designations should be submitted to the IAEA through the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) not later than **22 July 2022** using the attached Participation Form (Form A). Completed and authorized Participation Forms should be sent either by email to: Official.Mail@iaea.org or by fax to: +43 1 26007 (no hard copies needed). Copies should be sent by email to the Scientific Secretary of the event, Mr Andrey Guskov, Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety, Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (Email: A.Guskov@iaea.org), and to the Administrative Secretary, Ms Dunja Kostadinovic (Email: D.Kostadinovic@iaea.org). The Scientific Secretary of the event will liaise with the participants directly concerning further arrangements, including travel details, as appropriate, once official designations have been received.

Should Governments wish, in addition, to appoint one or more observers to assist and advise the designated participants, they are kindly requested to inform the IAEA of the names and contact details of any such observers by the above date. In accordance with the established rules, Governments are expected to bear the cost of attendance of any observers they may send to IAEA events. Compensation is not payable by the IAEA for any damage to or loss of observers' personal property or for illness, injury or death occurring while travelling to or in connection with their attendance at IAEA events.

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA's Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Enclosures: Information Sheet
 Participation Form (Form A)
 Grant Application Form (Form C)



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Vienna, Austria**

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Information Sheet

A. Introduction

Virtually all countries have radioactive waste that requires disposal. Some waste needs the high levels of containment and isolation that can be provided by geological disposal facilities, while other waste can be safely disposed of in near surface disposal facilities. Demonstrating the safety of a disposal facility involves the development of the safety case and supporting safety assessments. and depends on the arguments in the safety case. The safety case for a disposal facility shall describe all safety relevant aspects of the site, the design of the facility and the managerial control measures and regulatory controls, including the management system arrangements for ensuring quality in all aspects of safety related work.

The IAEA implements a number of projects in the area of the safety of geological disposal facilities. These projects address different aspects of the safety case, including the link between facility operation and its long-term safety, the use of monitoring programmes, inadvertent human intrusion, and regulatory preparedness for geological disposal. General aspects of safety assessment methodology and evolution of the safety case are the focus of the projects on near surface disposal facilities, e.g., the Forum on the Safety of Near Surface Disposal.

Open discussion of achieved outcomes from the IAEA projects and coordination of future activities, as well as discussion of existing challenges in the development of disposal programmes in the Member States would effectively support international efforts for the safety of radioactive waste management.

B. Objectives

The purpose of the event is to present and review ongoing IAEA activities and projects related to the safety of geological disposal, including regulatory preparedness, demonstration of operational and long-term safety, and the use of monitoring programmes. The event will also allow to coordinate, discuss and draft a road map for future activities and projects on the safety of disposal facilities. The focus will be on geological disposal facilities, however, near surface and borehole disposal facilities will be discussed as well. The meeting will serve as a forum for the Member States to present their needs and challenges related to the safety of geological disposal facilities and propose future activities.

C. Target Audience

Member States are invited to designate suitably qualified and experienced participants for the meeting. Participants should be drawn from organizations with responsibility for the management of radioactive waste, regulatory bodies, policy-making institutions, or from technical support or other organizations involved in activities related to the disposal of radioactive waste.

D. Working Language(s)

English

E. 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, participants are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by **22 July 2022**. Participants who are members of an organization invited to attend are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** through their organization to the IAEA by above deadline.

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. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

F. 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.

The application for financial support should be made using the **Grant Application Form (Form C)** which has to be stamped, signed and submitted by the competent national authority to the IAEA together with the **Participation Form (Form A)** by **22 July 2022**.

G. 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.

H. 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.

I. Organization

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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.

Participation Form

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Participants who are members of an invited organization can submit this form to their organization for subsequent transmission to the IAEA.

Deadline for receipt by IAEA through official channels: 22 July 2022

Family name(s): (same as in passport)	First name(s): (same as in passport)	Mr/Ms
Institution:		
Full address:		
Tel. (Fax):		
Email:		
Nationality:	Representing following Member State/non-Member State/entity or invited organization:	
If/as applicable:		
Do you intend to submit a paper?	Yes	No
Would you prefer to present your paper as a poster?	Yes	No
Title:		

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Mailing address:		Tel.:
		Fax:
		Email:
Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd):	Nationality:	

1. Education (post-secondary):

Name and place of institution	Field of study	Diploma or Degree	Years attended	
			from	to

2. Recent employment record (starting with your present post):

Name and place of employer/ organization	Title of your position	Type of work	Years attended	
			from	to

3. Description of work performed over the last three years:

4. Institute's/Member State's programme in field of event:

Date: _____ **Signature of applicant:** _____

Date: _____ **Name, signature and stamp of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority**
