Second International Nuclear Reactor Oversight Workshop (INROW 2026)

Register for the event

Workshop overview

The OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) Committee on Nuclear Regulatory Activities (CNRA), through its Working Group on Reactor Oversight (WGRO), will co-organise the **Second International Nuclear Reactor Oversight Workshop (2nd INROW 2026).** The workshop will be hosted by the **Federal Authority for Nuclear Regulation (FANR) in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates,** on 14–18 December 2026.

Photo: FANR

Background and objectives

Reactor oversight enables regulatory bodies to verify that licensees operate facilities safely across all phases of their activities, comply with regulations and consistently prioritise nuclear safety. It also provides the basis for regulatory enforcement when required.

One of the main objectives of **Session 1** is to provide a dedicated forum for WGRO members and invited participants to exchange technical information and practical experience on regulatory oversight activities. The workshop aims to develop shared conclusions, identify commendable practices and explore practical methods to further strengthen globally reactor oversight programmes.

Preliminary schedule (overview)

- **Days 1–3:** Session 1 topic discussions and summary presentations; cultural visit on the evening of Day 3
- **Day 4:** Session 2, panel-based programme
- **Day 5:** Technical visit (FANR Emergency Room, Khalifa University research centre and ENEC HQ simulator)

Workshop structure

INROW 2026 is organised in **two sessions**:

Session 1 topics (Days 1–3)

Session 1 will address the following three topics, selected based on WGRO and CNRA feedback:

- **Future Oversight Programme for New Reactors**
- **Role of Safety Culture in Regulatory Oversight**
- **Training and Competence of Inspectors**

Participants are requested to indicate their **preferred topic** on the registration form. Diverse group composition is encouraged to support effective discussions.

Advance input (highly recommended):
Participating countries are requested to provide responses to the topic questionnaires, available via their relevant WGRO member, and may optionally submit short information papers (1–2 pages) to support discussion.

Event format

Session 1 will be organised into **six breakout rooms**, with pairs of rooms focusing on each of the three topics. Outcomes will be reported in plenary sessions and consolidated into conclusions and a list of commendable practices for reporting to CNRA.

Session 2 will consist of a panel-based discussion bringing together nuclear regulators and professionals from various regulatory sectors in the UAE to exchange best practices and identify opportunities to enhance oversight across sectors.

Participants

This workshop is designed for representatives of:

- Regulatory bodies
- Research organisations
- Technical support organisations (TSOs)

Participation is intended for individuals whose roles and experience align closely with the workshop objectives.

- **Session 1 (14–16 December):**
  Participtation is limited to those with roles and experiences most closely aligned to the workshop objectives. Registration must be confirmed by event organisers.
- **Session 2 (17 December):**
  Open more widely, including cross-sector experts and Session 1 participants.
- **Technical visit (18 December):**
  Limited participation for those with roles and experience closely aligned to the workshop objectives. Registration must be confirmed by event organisers.

Language: English
Registration deadline: 31 July

Venue

Days 1–4: FANR Headquarters
(Formal dress code; passport or official identification required at reception)

Address:
The Landmark Tower, Al Markaziyah West – Abu Dhabi Corniche, United Arab Emirates

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Fees and payment

Workshop fee: EUR 100 per person.
Payment is made via the registration system.

Practical information (travel and accommodation)

Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation. FANR provides corporate rates at selected hotels, including **Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi** and **Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche**, for stays between 13 and 19 December 2026.

Airport transfers and daily transportation are at participants' expense. Local taxi apps and indicative fares are available.

Visas

Participants are responsible for arranging their own visas. FANR will issue invitation letters to support visa applications. Participants will be requested to provide their full name (as shown in the passport), job title, organisation name and email address.

Workshop proceedings

Workshop proceedings will be published and will include opening session papers, conclusions, recommendations and commendable practices from the discussion groups, a summary of panel discussions, and information papers submitted by participants.

When?

14 - 18 December 2026
Abu Dhabi, UAE

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