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Subject: Interregional Workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Response for Small Modular Reactors, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of, from 10 to 13 October 2023

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 INT2023, "Supporting Member States' Capacity Building on Small Modular Reactors and Micro-reactors and their Technology and Applications as a Contribution of Nuclear Power to the Mitigation of Climate Change".

The purpose of the event is to discuss the latest IAEA developments in the area of Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs).

The attached Information Sheet provides further details, including technical and administrative aspects of the event. 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 Daejeon 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 16 June 2023 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://original.org">Official.Mail@iaea.org</a>, with copy to Mr Jing Zhang <a href="https://original.org">J.Zhang@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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Enclosure:

Information Sheet



# Interregional Workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Response for Small Modular Reactors

#### Hosted by

The Government of the Korea, Republic of

#### through the

Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI)

Daejeon, Korea, Republic of

10 to 13 October 2023

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### **Information Sheet**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the event is to discuss the latest IAEA developments in the area of Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs).

### **Working Language**

The working language(s) of the event will be English.

#### **Deadline for Nominations**

Nominations received after 16 June 2023 will not be considered.

### **Project Background**

To meet the growing demand for energy and to mitigate global climate challenge, the interest in SMRs and Micro-Reactors (MRs) is growing, especially with regions inaccessible to large electricity grids and regions with smaller electricity grids that need technology options deployed incrementally to closely match increasing energy demand. SMRs and MRs are also viable options for users that need beyond electricity supply, e.g., district heating, desalination, industrial process heat, as well as hydrogen. The purpose of the project is to provide broad support to Member States in the development and deployment of SMRs and MRs. The project provides a broad range of forum to enable effective capacity building through training and technology transfer activities on all aspects of SMR development. The project also covers the emerging MRs, the deployment of SMRs for electric and non-electric applications, and the coupling of such nuclear systems with renewables in integrated energy systems. The aim of the project is to enable national stakeholders to gain enhanced understanding on key characteristics of SMR and MR technologies and their applications, and to formulate, in line with international safety standards, countries' specific legal and regulatory frameworks, and generic user requirements and criteria for SMR technologies.

### **Scope and Nature**

The interregional workshop will:

- Provide participants with the most up-to-date highlights from IAEA activities on EPR for SMRs;
- Enable participants to understand key aspects of EPR for Nuclear Power Plants that apply to SMRs;
- Enable participants to understand specific challenges raised by SMRs in the area of EPR;
- Allow participants to share national experiences in developing, or adapting existing, EPR regulatory frameworks for SMRs;
- Allow participants to share experiences in developing on-site or off-site EPR arrangements for SMRs;
- Allow participants to discuss high-level case studies on EPR for SMRs.

Special emphasis is planned to be made on practical examples, current practices and challenges in development and implementation of effective EPR arrangements for SMRs.

The interregional workshop will welcome presentations, experiences and feedback from participants on EPR for various SMR technologies; however, the workshop will intend to be technology neutral, i.e., to provide guidance and conduct discussions that apply to all SMR technologies. In addition to highlights from relevant IAEA Safety Standards (e.g., GSR Part 7, GSG-2, GS-G-2.1) and technical guidance (e.g., EPR-NPP-Public Protective Actions 2013) on EPR, the development of a new TECDOC to capture conclusions from the Coordinated Research Project on Development of Approaches, Methodologies and Criteria for Determining the Technical Basis for Emergency Planning Zone for Small Modular Reactor Deployment (2018-2021) will be presented.

### **Expected outputs**

The expected outputs of the workshop are:

- a. Participants acquired better understanding of the IAEA EPR guidance for existing NPPs;
- b. Participants acquired better understanding of the specific challenges posed by SMRs for EPR and how the IAEA is planning to develop new guidance on this area;
- c. Participants have exchanged experiences in developing, or adapting existing, EPR regulatory frameworks for SMRs;
- d. Participants have exchanged experiences in developing on-site or off-site EPR arrangements for SMRs.

### **Participation**

The event is open to up to 40 participants from the following Member States participating in the TC project INT2023:

Algeria, Argentina, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

At no cost to the IAEA, participants from the following countries can also be considered:

Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

# Participants' Qualification and Experience

The target audience of this workshop are staff of the Member States' regulatory bodies, technical support organizations, SMR design organizations, operating organizations and research and development institutions which are engaged in

- (i) the development or implementation of EPR regulatory frameworks for SMRs, and/or
- (ii) the development or implementation of on-site or off-site EPR arrangements for SMRs.

Practical experience with the determination, sizing or implementation of Emergency Planning Zones (EPZs) or Emergency Planning Distances (EPDs) is essential for detailed discussions and sharing national experiences during the workshop.

### **Application Procedure**

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

- 1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<a href="https://intouchplus.iaea.org">https://intouchplus.iaea.org</a>) 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 (<a href="https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx">https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx</a>) 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 <u>Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form</u>, 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 (EVT2301212) 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 <u>InTouch+ Help page</u>. Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the meeting from the <u>IAEA website</u>.

**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 AX 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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