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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 **Biennial Forum of the Network on Environmental Management and Remediation** (hereinafter referred to as "event") to be held at the IAEA's Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, from **18 to 21 October 2022**.

In addition, the event will allow for virtual participation via Microsoft Teams.

The purpose of the event is to provide a forum for the exchange of information on ongoing environmental remediation programmes and related issues and solutions, and for the dissemination of good practices; and to gather feedback on relevant IAEA activities.

The attached Information Sheet provides further details of the event.

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 12 August 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 Horst Richard S. Monken Fernandes, Division of Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology, Department of Nuclear Energy (Email: H.Monken-Fernandes@iaea.org), and to the Administrative Secretary, Ms Safa Abu Toameh (Email: S.Abu-Toameh@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.

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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)

Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B)

Grant Application Form (Form C)



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## **Information Sheet**

#### Introduction

The Environet network has been created to enhance the sharing of knowledge and exchange of experience amongst different stakeholders in the fields of Environmental Remediation and NORM management with the vision to facilitate the implementation of projects in these areas worldwide in a timely, safe and cost-effective way. The Environet has been operating for more than 10 years bringing together practitioners, implementers, decision and policy makers, researchers, and regulators with different levels of experience in the areas covered by the network.

During this time, and in response to the demands and needs presented by its community, the network transitioned from organizing training events to a much wider scope of activities that include but are not restricted to the implementation of dedicated projects, organisation of webinars and establishment of Communities of Practice. The network also offers eLearning materials, a forum for discussion and other features in its website in the IAEA CONNECT Platform that can be found at <a href="https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect/ENVIRONETpublic/Pages/default.aspx">https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect/ENVIRONETpublic/Pages/default.aspx</a>.

The outcomes of Environet projects include the publication of technical reports, development of materials to be used in capacity building schemes (curriculum) that have been supporting training activities in the scope of the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme and in the formulation of M.Sc. programmes in Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation by international High Education institutions.

The (bi)annual meetings of the network represent a key activity of Environet as they allow the Environet community and other professionals working in the field of Environmental Remediation and NORM Management to exchange experiences, update each other on recent development in their national programmes, be informed about achievements of the network and also participate in group activities.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemics the Environet Forum - implemented in a Face-to-Face (FTF) capacity - had to be postponed for two consecutive years. The implementation of the Environet Forum in 2022 in a FTF capacity will represent a great opportunity to resume network in-person activities.

## **Objectives**

- The Environet meeting will have different objectives:
  - Review the status of environmental remediation projects in IAEA Member States and share and discuss experiences in the planning and implementation of such projects with special attention being given to capturing experiences of different MS's related to the Decision-Making Processes;
  - Examine the extent to which sustainability (including circular economy aspects) are dealt with in the scope of these projects.
  - Review the recent outcomes of Environet related projects (including reports under preparation in each of these projects)

### **Target Audience**

- Representatives of national and international organizations concerned with Environmental Remediation and NORM management, including:
  - government officials with policy responsibility for Environmental Remediation and NORM Management.
  - o managers and members of regulatory authorities.
  - o managers and implementers of Environmental Remediation Projects and NORM related facility operators
  - o managers and planners from Environmental Remediation and NORM management organizations/projects'
  - o researchers from universities and research institutions
  - o officials from concerned international organizations.

## **Projects to be Discussed and Topics to be Covered:**

The projects to be covered/discussed during the meeting are:

1) MAESTRI Project - Management Systems Supporting Environmental Remediation Projects

**Objective of the Project:** To develop a structured framework that considers, in an integrated manner, the different dimensions and activities relevant to the management of sites contaminated by ongoing or past activities (including accidents) with a view to bringing them to sustainable end-states suitable for beneficial use.

**Project Implementation Mode**: MAESTRI operate three working groups: 1) WG#1 dedicated to elaborating a framework to be used in social multi-criteria evaluation; 2) WG#2 dedicated to discuss the implementation of sustainability dimensions in Environmental Remediation Projects; 3)WG#3 dedicated to engage communities of practice and apply the outcomes of MAESTRI in real case scenarios (case-studies).

**Expected Outcomes:** Review and discussion of the MAESTRI Baseline Report and exchange of experiences in the consideration of sustainability issues in the decision-making process supported by multicriteria decision Analysis.

#### 2) NORM Project:

**Objective of the Project:** Establish a framework – the Holistic Approach to NORM Management" to support IAEA Member States in managing NORM Residues in a sustainable way an in line with the principles of the Circular Economy.

**Project Implementation Mode:** The project is operated by six working groups, namely on: WG#1 – Policy and Strategies; WG#2 Inventory; WG#3 Cost Estimation of Disposal Options; WG#4 Sampling and Characterization; WG#5 – Valorisation of Residues (in line with Circular Economy) and WG#6 Decommissioning of NORM Facilities.

**Expected Outcomes**: The meeting will allow the discussions on the status of these projects and have inputs and suggestions to be incorporated in the project activities collected, including those addressing the reports under preparation.

The outcomes of the **DERES Project** (Determination of Environmental Remediation End-State) and the **LeTrench Project** (Remediation of Sites containing Legacy Trenches wastes) will also be informed to meeting participants.

### 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, 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 12 August 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.

## **Expenditures and Grants**

No registration fee is charged to participants.

Online participants will not be considered for receipt of financial support.

#### 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: 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.

# **Organization**

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific 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: 12 August 2022

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