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**through the
Khalifa University**

Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, UAE

29 April to 3 May 2024

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Information Sheet

Introduction

A nuclear power programme is a major undertaking requiring careful planning, preparation and investment in terms of time, institutions, and human resources. The Milestones Approach (NG-G-3.1 Rev.2 pre-print) established by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) identifies 19 infrastructure issues that need to be addressed during the three phases of nuclear infrastructure development to ensure the sustainable implementation of a nuclear power programme. One of these 19 infrastructure issues is identified as stakeholder engagement.

Although stakeholder engagement is a specific infrastructure issue, it also impacts several other 18 infrastructure issues, such as national position, site and supporting facilities, and radioactive waste management. Despite its importance, stakeholder engagement often receives insufficient support or attention due to various reasons, such as limited financial and human resources. Some Member States often

have only a small team responsible for stakeholder engagement, especially during the initial stages of nuclear power programmes.

This Technical Meeting will provide an opportunity for practitioners working in stakeholder engagement to be updated on recent trends and information, and to share lessons learned and good practices. In addition, this meeting will allow the IAEA to obtain feedback on the current draft of a new Nuclear Energy (NE) Series publication entitled “Stakeholder Engagement in a New Nuclear Power Programme”. This publication offers detailed guidance on engaging stakeholders effectively throughout the three phases outlined in the Milestones Approach, aligning it with the NE Series, NG-G-5.1 on “Stakeholder Engagement in Nuclear Programmes”.

Objectives

The objective of this event to provide a forum for international exchange and sharing experiences and lessons learned related to Stakeholder involvement for new, operating and expanding nuclear power programmes, and to gather inputs from Member States on the IAEA Nuclear Energy Series publication under development in the area of stakeholder engagement. The draft of the new publication will be made available to the selected participants in due time.

Target Audience

The event is open to participants from Member States that are embarking on new nuclear power programmes as well as those with operating nuclear power plants, including those with expanding nuclear power programmes. The event is aimed at representatives from the key organizations who develop policies, strategies and plans for stakeholder engagement and communication, and those who implement such strategies and plans. The meeting is also open to experts from nuclear societies, trade organizations, educational organizations, or other institutions involved in public information and communication related to nuclear power.

Prior to the event, participants are expected to complete the IAEA e-learning module “Stakeholder Involvement” (a module in the IAEA’s E-learning for Nuclear Newcomers” series). Participants are advised to also review the e-Learning module on Implementing a Nuclear Power Programme – Introduction and other e-Learning modules as appropriate.

Working Language(s)

The working language of the event will be English.

Topics and Format of the Meeting

The event will consist of a series of presentations, group exercises and discussions, and interactive breakout sessions to discuss the current draft of a new NE Series publication entitled “Stakeholder Engagement in a New Nuclear Power Programme”. Presentations will be delivered by Member States on recent experiences and lessons learned in stakeholder engagement, as well as by international and non-governmental organizations. The event will also discuss the IAEA support activities in stakeholder engagement area, including new and existing capacity building activities, guidance, and other tools. The meeting may also include a site visit to a public information centre.

Topic discussed during the meeting may include:

- International good practices, trends and challenges in stakeholder engagement;
- Trust building strategies and plans;
- Lessons learned in stakeholder engagement in embarking countries;
- Lessons learned in stakeholder engagement related siting a nuclear power plant; and
- Stakeholder engagement related to the life extension of an existing nuclear power plant.

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 **23 February 2024**. 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 the above deadline. Also, participants who would like to present inform the IAEA by checking the appropriate boxes in Form A and C. The IAEA will take this into consideration when selecting presenters.

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.

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 **23 February 2024**.

Venue

The event will be held at Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter UAE should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of UAE.

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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.

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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: 23 February 2024

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If/as applicable: Do you intend to submit a paper? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Would you prefer to present your paper as a poster? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Title:		

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Date of birth (yy/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 worked	
			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** _____