



Technical Meeting on the Implementation of Physical Protection Measures at Nuclear Facilities During Disease Outbreaks

Virtual Event

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Information Sheet

Introduction

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the IAEA has collected and shared information on the measures taken by operators of nuclear and radiological facilities, regulatory bodies and other competent authorities to ensure the continued safe, secure and reliable operation of facilities and conduct of activities during the pandemic. On 4 July 2023, the IAEA drew the attention of the Member States to the questionnaire on impacts, challenges, good practices and suggestions related to nuclear security of materials and associated facilities during a pandemic situation. Information collected through this questionnaire was used to develop a draft technical report that outlines the lessons learned, good practices, and suggestions for enhancing nuclear security in future pandemic situations. The event aims to provide a platform for the Member States to share their experiences, challenges and good practices in the implementation of physical protection measures at nuclear facilities during disease outbreaks and to discuss the draft technical report.

Objectives

The objectives of the event are to obtain insights regarding Member States operating experience for implementing nuclear security measures during outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics, to present a new draft Technical Report titled *Good Practices and Technology Recommendations: A Guide to Sharing Member State's Operating Experience in Nuclear Security During COVID-19*, and to get Member State's feedback on the draft report.

Target Audience

Experts from operators, regulatory bodies and other competent authorities with technical knowledge and experience about physical protection system at nuclear facilities.

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 or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **28 October 2024**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).
2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
 - Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
 - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
 - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
 - Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

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