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The Secretariats of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (hereinafter referred to as the “Sponsoring Organizations”) present their compliments to the Sponsoring Organizations’ member countries and have the honour to draw their attention to the **International Training Course on Plant Disease Detection, Diagnostics and Nuclear-Augmented Biologicals for Plant Health Applications** (hereinafter referred to as “event”) to be held in Seibersdorf, Austria, from **5 to 16 October 2026**.

The purpose of the event is to enhance the capacity of Member States’ participants in the early detection and accurate diagnosis of plant diseases, with a focus on integrating advanced nuclear and molecular technologies. By promoting the use of nuclear-augmented biologicals, the programme also supports knowledge sharing on sustainable plant health management.

The attached Information Sheet provides further details of the event.

The event will be held in English.

Sponsoring Organizations’ member countries are invited to designate one or more participants for this event. Member countries are strongly encouraged to identify women participants.

The Sponsoring Organizations are generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The Sponsoring Organizations have, however, limited funds at their 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 Sponsoring Organizations’ view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event. The application for financial support should be made via the InTouch+ platform not later than **31 July 2026**, as indicated in the enclosed Information Sheet.

It should be noted that compensation is not payable by the Sponsoring Organizations for any damage to or loss of personal property. The Sponsoring Organizations also do not provide health insurance coverage for participants in Sponsoring Organizations events. Arrangements for private insurance coverage on an individual basis should therefore be made. The Sponsoring Organizations will, however, provide insurance coverage for accidents and illnesses that clearly result from any work performed for the Sponsoring Organizations.

Designations should be submitted to the IAEA via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) through the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) not later than **31 July 2026**, as indicated in the enclosed Information Sheet.

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The Scientific Secretary of the event will liaise with the participants directly concerning further arrangements, including travel details, as appropriate, once the official designations have been received.

The Secretariats of the Sponsoring Organizations avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Sponsoring Organizations' member countries the assurances of their highest consideration.



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