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Information Sheet

Introduction

Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) is a decision support tool that aims to assist the preparation of policies, plans and programmes that are environmentally sustainable, including consideration of socioeconomic impacts. SEA may be applied when initiating a new nuclear power programme, expanding an existing programme, developing a waste management or decommissioning strategy as well as during the consideration of the lifetime extension of a reactor. Such SEA at the policy, plan and programme levels would then provide a framework for a subsequent Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) at the nuclear power project level. Recently there has been growing interest from financial institutions, including multilateral development banks (MDBs), in supporting nuclear energy. MDBs can require environmental and social assessments as a mandatory condition for financing energy projects, thus SEA is a framework that could support meeting such a condition.

One of the main purposes of SEA is to enhance understanding of both potentially significant negative as well as positive environmental and social implications when implementing a nuclear power programme. It does this by identifying different development options and assessing their impacts from the outset of the formulation of policies, plans and programmes. By identifying options that are not viable due to their impacts, SEA can help to significantly reduce the costs that would otherwise be incurred by further pursuing them. Moreover, SEA provides a platform for effective communication with the public and other stakeholders, thereby offering opportunities for addressing concerns they may have.

Currently, SEA is a legal requirement in nearly 90 countries, with further 40+ countries formal triggers for SEA in place. A considerable amount of experience with the application of SEA has been gained in many countries worldwide. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has developed guidelines to support those countries that are involved in the preparation of SEAs for their nuclear power programmes, complementing the IAEA guidelines on EIA.

Objectives

The objective of this workshop is to provide training on conducting Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) for national nuclear power programmes in line with the relevant IAEA guidelines (published in 2018), which are currently being updated. This workshop will serve as the first pilot training based on the updated draft guidelines. The various stages of the SEA process will be presented and discussed, including topics such as approaches for managing and implementing SEA, radiological and non-radiological impacts to the environment, SEA within the sustainable development framework, stakeholder engagement and quality assurance. The workshop will also discuss similarities, differences and links between the SEA and EIA processes.

The workshop will consist of a series of lectures and practical work sessions by invited experts and IAEA staff members. The participants will discuss the issues they may face in conducting SEAs for nuclear power programmes, and how the IAEA may support them in this process. The practical work sessions based on group work and hands-on exercises will serve to deepen the participants' understanding of the implementation of the SEA process.

Target Audience

This workshop is open to energy planning and environmental assessment professionals/experts from IAEA Member States interested in developing a programme for introducing or expanding nuclear power generation, addressing steps along the nuclear fuel cycle, including management of radioactive waste, or decommissioning existing reactors. The designated participants should be mid-level professionals from national institutions and/or academia who are responsible for the planning and development of nuclear power programmes and/or oversee conducting environmental studies or are providing support for these processes.

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 than **18 March 2026**, 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.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by than **18 March 2026**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

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 the 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.

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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.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In

States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

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