



Interregional Workshop on Nuclear Security Information Exchange and Cooperation for Western Asian Countries

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Information Sheet

Introduction

This event is an essential part of the IAEA nuclear security programme in supporting States' efforts to combat illicit trafficking and other unauthorized activities involving nuclear and other radioactive material. This event will engage national experts from the Western Asia States who support the State's national response to such events, in particular Incident and Trafficking Database (ITDB) Points of Contact (POC). The event is designed to foster the exchange of information and experience among participants. The programme will consist of lecturers' presentations, State presentations, round-table discussions and table-top exercises or a guided visit to relevant State nuclear security infrastructure.

Objectives

The objective of the event is to strengthen national, regional, and international capacity to prevent and combat illicit trafficking in nuclear and other radioactive material, and other nuclear security events, through enhanced information exchange and cooperation. The event will facilitate, namely through designated Points of Contact, the timely exchange of information (including through secured electronic access to information contained in the ITDB), and will encourage all States to join and participate actively in the ITDB programme.

Target Audience

National focal points for nuclear security event information in the Western Asia States are invited to designate their national POC for the IAEA's ITDB. In lieu of the ITDB POC, States are invited to

designate an official with responsibilities for the coordination of information on illicit trafficking events involving nuclear or other radioactive materials (e.g., national focal point). Customs or border control representative: States are invited to designate individuals that have responsibilities for the control of borders and the detection and response to radioactive material crossing borders. Law enforcement representative: States are invited to designate individuals that have responsibilities for the investigation of illicit trafficking and other nuclear security events. Such individuals will generally come from law enforcement, security or intelligence agencies. Designated officials should have extensive experience, relative to the national experience, with the investigation of such events.

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 **2 November 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 a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
 - 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 **2 November 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:
<https://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.

Additional Information

Six or more months after completion of training events, participants will be required to complete a short survey on the use of acquired knowledge and skills or a change in attitudes. This will assist the Division of Nuclear Security in understanding the impact of its work and will guide future assistance.

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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.