



# **Interregional Training Course on Nuclear Communication and Public Information Centres**

**Hosted by**

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**through the**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this event is to introduce the concept of public information centres (PIC) as a tool for communication on nuclear power, especially in the early stages of the programme, where it can serve as a useful resource for students, local communities, and other stakeholders.

## **Working Language**

The training course will be conducted in English.

## **Deadline for Nominations**

Nominations received after **25 March 2024** will not be considered.

## **Project Background**

As a low carbon source of energy, nuclear power is expected to play an increasing role in the energy mix of many countries around the world — for energy security and sustainable development, as well as for addressing environmental concerns. With more countries starting the operation of their first nuclear power plants (NPPs), as well as significant expansion in some countries, total global nuclear capacity is expected to grow despite the expected shutdown of several nuclear power plants in the coming years, with new technologies also expected to contribute in this regard. A nuclear power programme is a major undertaking requiring careful planning, preparation and investment in time, institutions and human resources. Nuclear power requires establishing a sustainable national infrastructure that provides governmental, legal, regulatory, managerial, technological, human resource, industrial and stakeholder support for the nuclear power programme throughout its life cycle. The INT2024 project aims to support participating Member States in creating an enabling environment to facilitate the safe, secure and sustainable introduction or expansion of nuclear power. It is intended to address the common issues identified in many of those Member States. It builds on the lessons learned from three previous four-year interregional projects in this field of activity (INT2013, INT2018 and INT2021) with adaptations to match the needs of the Member States.

## Scope and Nature

The training course will present creative and effective approaches to designing, implementing, and operating a PIC through a series of lectures and interactive sessions.

Within the framework of the IAEA Milestones Approach to developing a national infrastructure for nuclear power, this training course will present:

- Importance of effective communication and stakeholder engagement in nuclear power programmes.
- Role of public information centres in communicating about nuclear science and technology.
- Different types of PICs.
- Experiences and good practice in establishing and operating a PIC.

The training course will feature presentations by international experts, discussions, and interactive sessions to facilitate deeper understanding of the topic. It will also include a visit to the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation Visitor Centre (NECSA) as well as NECSA's research reactor SAFARI-1.

### **References:**

For all references covering the Milestones Approach and its 19 Issues, please refer to the IAEA Infrastructure Bibliography:

<https://www.iaea.org/topics/infrastructure-development/bibliography>

More IAEA publications and information about IAEA services are available at the following sites:

- <https://www.iaea.org/publications>
- <https://www.iaea.org/resources/safety-standards>
- <https://www.iaea.org/resources/treaties/treaties-under-IAEA-auspices>

## Expected outputs

The expected outputs of the training course are:

- Improved understanding of the importance of stakeholder engagement in nuclear power programmes and the role of PICs in communicating about nuclear power technology.
- Broader understanding on what it takes to design, establish and operate a public information centre.
- Capacity to develop key messages and exhibit nuclear information.
- Enhanced networking opportunities among participants and sharing common challenges and lessons learned

## Participation

The event is open to up to 20 participants from the following Member States participating in the INT/2/024 project which need assistance to enhance the number and knowledge of staff involved in launching or expanding nuclear power programmes, namely:

Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lithuania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Uzbekistan, and Zambia

## Participants' Qualification and Experience

This training course is open to professionals from Member States that are actively preparing nuclear power infrastructure or have made a decision to embark on a new nuclear power programme. The training course is suitable for personnel from Nuclear Energy Programme Implementing Organizations (NEPIOs) Owner/Operators, and education and training organizations who have direct responsibilities for communication and stakeholder engagement in nuclear energy programmes.

Candidates are requested to provide a summary (about 100 words) of how this training will provide direct benefit to their current or future job position.

Participants are encouraged to complete the following IAEA E-Learning Module before joining the course:

- **Stakeholder Engagement in Nuclear Programmes**  
IAEA Nuclear Energy Series No. NG-G-5.1  
[https://www.iaea.org/publications/14885/stakeholder-engagement-in-nuclear-programmes?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.iaea.org/publications/14885/stakeholder-engagement-in-nuclear-programmes?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email)
- **Implementing a Nuclear Power Programme**  
[https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E\\_Learning\\_Modules/01/Default.htm](https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E_Learning_Modules/01/Default.htm)
- **Building a National Position**  
[https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E\\_Learning\\_Modules/15/Default.htm](https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E_Learning_Modules/15/Default.htm)
- **Safety Infrastructure**  
[https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E\\_Learning\\_Modules/09/Default.htm](https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E_Learning_Modules/09/Default.htm)
- **Feasibility Study**  
[https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E\\_Learning\\_Modules/07/Default.htm](https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E_Learning_Modules/07/Default.htm)
- **Management of a Nuclear Power Programme**  
[https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E\\_Learning\\_Modules/04/Default.htm](https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/cbh/publicpages/E_Learning_Modules/04/Default.htm)

# Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
  - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
  - b. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (**EVT2400803**) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

**NOTE:** Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline. **All nominations must include a scan of the candidate's first page of passport with photo.**

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

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the training course from the [IAEA website](#).

**NOTE:** A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

## Training on Basic Security in the Field (BSITF)

In order to comply with UN system-wide security measures, it is required that all training course participants complete the online security awareness training BSAFE (which replaces BSITF and ASITF), prior to traveling to locations where UN security phases are in effect. The aim of these course is to educate participants on how best to avoid or minimize potential dangers and threats, and to demonstrate what individuals can do if they find themselves in insecure situations. The course is available online (<https://training.dss.un.org/course/category/6>).

Once an individual has completed the training, he/she must go back to the main training page to receive the certificate. If the button to get the certificate is not immediately visible, please refresh the page. BSAFE is maintained by UNDSS; in case of problems with the system, please contact UNDSS through the "Contact Us" page on the training website (<https://dss.un.org/dssweb/contactus.aspx>).

This certificate is compulsory for any IAEA-supported activity and should be submitted, along with the Nomination Form, through the competent authority in your country (NLO). Copies of the certificate should be kept by the candidate for his/her records as the BSAFE certificate does not expire.

## **Administrative and Financial Arrangements**

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency American Express, or a travel grant, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

**NOTE:** The event will be hosted by the Government of Japan, therefore nominated participants who require a visa to enter Japan should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Japan as soon as possible.

## **Disclaimer of Liability**

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

## **Note for female participants**

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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