



IAEA

International Atomic Energy Agency

Atoms for Peace and Development

Session II: The Policy Framework

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Session objective

- To present the role of the IAEA as an **independent international organization** within the United Nations system, and to describe the **IAEA policy framework relevant to TC**, in order to support a well informed policy dialogue between Member States and the IAEA Secretariat.

Outline of Presentation

- IAEA and the United Nations
- Policy Reference for TC
- Key Principles for the TC Programme



IAEA and the United Nations

- Founded in 1957
- Established as the world's “**Atoms for Peace**” organization
- IAEA’s relationship with the UN is regulated by a special agreement, INFCIRC/11 (1959)



IAEA and the United Nations



IAEA:

- Submits reports covering its activities to the **General Assembly** at each regular session
- Submits reports to the Security Council and notifies the Council whenever, in connection with the activities of the Agency, questions within the competence of the Council arise
- Submits reports to the Economic and Social Council and to other organs of the United Nations on matters within their respective competences

Policy Reference



The Statute

Guiding Principles and Rules (INFCIRC/267)

Revised Supplementary Agreement

Decisions of Governing Bodies

IAEA Medium-Term Strategy

The Statute: Article II: Objectives



“The Agency shall seek to **accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy for peace, health and prosperity throughout the world**. It shall ensure, so far as it is able, that assistance provided by it or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose.”

The Statute: Article III: Functions

“To encourage and assist research on, and development and practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world; and, if requested to do so, to act as an intermediary for the purposes of securing the performance of services or the supplying of materials, equipment, or facilities by one member of the Agency for another; and to perform any operation or service useful in research on, or development or practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful purposes.”

Guiding Principles and Rules



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The Guiding Principles
and General Operating
Rules to Govern the
Provision of Technical
Assistance by the
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I. Guiding Principles

- **Eligibility**: All Member States, but primarily developing countries
- **Sources** of technical assistance
- **Agreement** with MS (SBAA, RSA)
- Human resources, equipment, others

II. General Operating Rules

Guiding Principles and Rules

The **primary objective** of technical assistance is to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity in Member States by **facilitating**:

- their free access to the peaceful uses of atomic energy
- the transfer of nuclear technology
- the development of research
- the application and utilization of atomic energy for peaceful purposes in Member States
- the promotion of cooperation between them for that purpose

Revised Supplementary Agreement

Revised Supplementary Agreement Concerning the Provision of Technical Assistance by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the Government of [Member State]

- The RSA describes the responsibility of the MS Government and the Agency.
- Standard Basic Assistance Agreement: The Government & the Agency apply the provisions of UNDP Standard Basic Assistance Agreement

Revised Supplementary Agreement

Key Articles

- **Safety Standards** to be applied
- TC for **Peaceful Use** only + **Safeguards** apply
- **Physical Protection** of facilities and equipment
- **Title** to Equipment and Materials
- Settlement of **Disputes**

Six **strategic objectives**

- Facilitating access to nuclear power and other nuclear technologies
- Strengthening promotion of nuclear science, technology and applications
- Improving nuclear safety and security
- **Providing effective technical cooperation**
- Delivering effective and efficient Agency safeguards
- Providing effective, efficient and innovative management and sound programme and
- budget planning

Decisions of Governing Bodies

- Board of Governors Decisions
- General Conference Decisions & Resolutions
- Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities



Key principles for the TC programme

- Contributes to development goals (SDGs)
- Responding to Member States' needs (Demand Driven)
- Peaceful uses only
- Safety and security
- Member State ownership and shared responsibility
- Non-discrimination
- Cooperation among Member States and with partners
- Transparency

*Technical cooperation:
delivering results for
peace and
development*

