

IAEA International Conference on Radiation Safety:
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Round Table: What can Radiation Protection Learn from the COVID-19 Pandemic?

DATE: Thursday, 12 November (13:30-15:00 CET)

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

BACKGROUND:

COVID-19 severely influenced all aspects of human activities. The use of radiation sources and regulation of the safety of the sources are an integral part of the global activities and cannot avoid the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This impact is present in the financial and human resources, logistics, and other radiation safety infrastructure elements.

This session will provide an analysis of the impact of COVID 19 in the regulatory infrastructure and in the uses of radiation sources. It is expected that participants will share experiences of the identified challenges and actions taken by both licensees and regulatory bodies. Particular focus will be given to the impact of Covid-19 on the treatment of patients and on the nuclear industry. It is anticipated that the output will be of assistance in developing guidance for how Member States need to plan for and respond to future similar circumstances.

The main objective is to have an overview on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis restrictions on the regulatory activities for the safety of radiation sources and an overview of the reaction of the regulatory bodies. Secondly, the survey aims to understand Member States' needs in the COVID-19 pandemic situation and its impact on the IAEA Safety Standards. The third objective is to collect notable practices and lessons learned, where applicable.

HOW TO ATTEND:

The round table will be accessible through the [IAEA Conferences and Meetings App](#). Interested participants can register via this [link](#). Registered participants will be able to view the discussion and submit questions during the live event or beforehand.

Chairperson: Mr. Ricardo Gutterres, Brazil

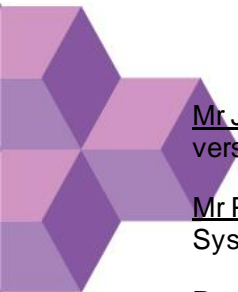
Co-chair: Ms Ilieva Ilizástigui Arissó, Cuba

Rapporteur: Mr Michael Hajek, IAEA

Presentations:

Mr Ronald Pacheco, IAEA: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Regulatory Activities for the Safety of Radiation Sources

Ms Catrin Baureus Koch, Sweden: Challenges posed by Covid-19 for the Nuclear Industry



Mr Jim Malone, Ireland: What Covid-19 Has Taught Us about Ethics in Radiation Protection and vice-versa

Mr Pablo Jimenez, PAHO: Public Health Measures in the Context of Covid-19 versus the International System of Radiation Protection

Panel Members:

David Tucker, IAEA

Faradally A. Ollite, Mauritius

Ted Lazo, OECD/NEA

