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Technical Meeting on Stakeholder Involvement in Nuclear Power Programmes

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Information Sheet

Introduction

Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) are dedicating increasingly more attention to effectively engaging with a wide range of stakeholders in their nuclear power programmes. Fostering relationships, creating partnerships, listening to stakeholders, engaging in dialogue and consultation, building trust, and providing the highest quality of public information are the foundations of effective stakeholder engagement.

Appropriate stakeholder engagement and communication are necessary at the organizational, local, national and international levels. This means more than promoting the benefits of nuclear power or explaining risks or complexities. It is also about creating dialogue and taking into account the roles and inputs of stakeholders in decision-making processes.

Stakeholder engagement is indispensable for the development of a national position in countries seeking to maintain, expand or embark on a nuclear power programme. It is also a key activity in selecting and obtaining authorizations for sites for nuclear facilities, including nuclear power plants (NPPs) and radioactive waste storage facilities and repositories. It helps build and maintain trust in regulatory oversight competence and efficiency. Timely communication and public involvement in new or expanding NPP projects contribute to better understanding and informed opinions. Transparent and participative processes at all stages of a nuclear power programme are crucial for fair and consistent decision-making, as well as for harnessing the full potential of the nuclear sector.

The IAEA compiles international good practices, trends and challenges from Member States on the way in which they engage with relevant stakeholders in nuclear power programmes. In particular, the need to, and challenge of, more effectively engaging with policy and decision makers has been highlighted. Closer dialogue with organizations concerned with climate change mitigation is also on the agenda for many communicators in the nuclear power sector. Fundamentally, there is an interest in bridging the gap between the technical, economic and environmental dimensions, which is where stakeholder engagement has an essential role to play.

Objectives

The purpose of the event is to provide a forum for the international exchange of information and experiences related to stakeholder involvement and communication in operating, expanding and new nuclear power programmes.

The event will also focus on the establishment of networks of practitioners across organizations and countries.

Target Audience

The event is open to participants from Member States that are operating, expanding, considering, planning, or implementing nuclear power programmes, preferably from the main organizations involved in the programme (for example, government departments or ministries, owner/operators of nuclear energy programme implementing organizations, regulatory bodies, technical support organizations). The event is aimed at managers and officials who develop policies, strategies and plans for stakeholder involvement and communication, public or institutional relations, or media relations, and those who implement such strategies and plans. The event is also open to experts from nuclear societies, trade organizations, educational organizations or other institutions involved in information on clean energy, including nuclear power.

Prior to the event, participants are expected to complete the IAEA e-learning module “Stakeholder Involvement” (a module in the IAEA’s [“E-learning for Nuclear Newcomers”](#) series).

Working Language(s)

English.

Topics

The event will consist of a series of presentations, group discussions, panels and interactive breakout

sessions to discuss common challenges and effective solutions for engaging with and involving stakeholders. Presentations will be delivered on the stakeholder involvement experience faced by key organizations in Member States as well as by international and non-governmental organizations. The event will also consider IAEA support on stakeholder engagement, including existing and potential capacity building activities by the IAEA, guidance publications and other tools.

Based on feedback, trends and direct requests from Member States, topics may include:

- International good practices, trends and challenges in stakeholder engagement;
- Relationship-building;
- Engaging with policy and decision makers;
- Lessons identified in stakeholder engagement in newcomer countries;
- Stakeholder engagement in the long term operation of NPPs; and
- Dialogue with the climate community and clean energy advocates.

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, participants are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by **29 October 2021**. Participants who are members of an organization invited to attend are requested to send the Participation Form (Form A) through their organization to the IAEA by above deadline.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and technical 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.

Papers and Presentations

The IAEA encourages participants to give presentations on the work of their respective institutions that falls under the topics listed above.

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