

# The Technical Cooperation Programme in Asia and the Pacific: Major Contributions to Development

Wednesday, 22 September 2021, 10:00–11:30 (CET)

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Member States have highlighted their different journeys in using nuclear technologies to socio-economic development in the Asia and the Pacific region. Technical cooperation (TC) mechanisms such as South-South Cooperation, Triangular Cooperation and the Sub-Regional Approach in the Pacific Island Member States have shown their effectiveness in tackling development issues, including in addressing pandemic related challenges, and the Division for Asia and the Pacific's countermeasures that sustain the collaboration. The side event will demonstrate why collaboration is vital for efficient and sustainable development. It will illustrate how strengthening capacity in applications of nuclear technologies can contribute to various socio-economic development goals.



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(SESAME)

# 65<sup>th</sup> General Conference Side Event

- 10:00-10:10 **IAEA-TCAP Welcome Slideshow and Video**
- Introductory opening remarks by Ms Jane Gerardo-Abaya, Director, Division for Asia and the Pacific, Department of Technical Cooperation, IAEA
  - Remarks by Mr Hua Liu, Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation, IAEA

## Session 1: Collaboration in Nuclear Science and Technology for Development in Asia and the Pacific

- 10:10-10:25 **Sub-Regional Approach for the Pacific Islands (SAPI): Shared Challenges**  
Highlighting common challenges in the region and explaining how SAPI will address them.
- Panellist: Mr Javier Romero, Programme Management Officer, Division for Asia and the Pacific, Department of Technical Cooperation, IAEA
  - Interventions:
    - Ms Andrea Muller, IAEA National Liaison Officer, Deputy Permanent Representative, Marshall Islands Permanent Mission to the United Nations
    - Dr Goa Tau, IAEA National Liaison Officer for Papua New Guinea, Chief Medical Officer and Executive Manager of Medical Standards, National Department of Health (NDOH)
- 10:25-10:40 **Triangular Cooperation for Development (Viet Nam-Cambodia-Lao)**  
Illustrating how the TC supported programmes for the Triangular Cooperation between Viet Nam, Cambodia and Lao PDR generated mutual benefits. Plans for the future will also be shared.
- Panellist: Dr Tran Bích Ngọc, IAEA National Liaison Officer for Viet Nam, Deputy Director General, Viet Nam Atomic Energy Agency (VAEA)
  - Interventions:
    - Mr Lek Vansopanha, IAEA National Liaison Officer for Cambodia, Director, Department of Nuclear Science and Technology, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Cambodia
    - Ms Petra Salame, Programme Management Officer, Division for Asia and the Pacific, Department of Technical Cooperation, IAEA
- 10:40-10:55 **Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME)**  
Presenting the importance of international collaboration to the success of the SESAME, and its contribution to development in the region.
- Panellist: HE Dr. Khaled Toukan, Director, Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME)
  - Interventions:
    - Dr Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
    - Dr Jeffrey Cutler, IAEA expert and President of Sylter Science Inc.

- 10:55-11:05 **Q&A Session**

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## Session 2: Challenges in the Delivery of the TC Programme Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

11:05-11:15 **Ice Breaker and Video on IAEA Support to Member States during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

11:15-11:25 **Discussion on the Continued Delivery of the TC Programme Amidst the Pandemic**

Sharing the challenges and lessons learned in helping the region address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic by transforming its business processes to ensure continued service delivery.

- Moderator: Ms Jane Gerardo-Abaya, Director, Division for Asia and the Pacific, Department of Technical Cooperation, IAEA
- Panellists:
  - Mr Javier Romero, Programme Management Officer, Department of Technical Cooperation, Division for Asia and the Pacific, IAEA
  - Dr Bích Ngọc, IAEA National Liaison Officer, Deputy Director General, Viet Nam Atomic Energy Agency (VAEA)
  - HE Dr. Khaled, Director, Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME)

11:25-11:30 **Q&A to Audience**

**Wrap Up and Closure**



Building on the IAEA's publication *Journeys to Success*, the event will bring together representatives from IAEA Member States and territories to describe how collaborations under TC projects, such as the Sub-Regional Approach in the Pacific Island Member States, Triangular Cooperation and SESAME, have contributed to development in the region.

