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WEBINAR

on

Leadership of Women in Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR): The role of international Network for Education and Training on Emergency Preparedness and Response (iNET-EPR)

**10 December 2021, 10:00 - 11:30 UTC
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Background

The IAEA's Incident and Emergency Centre (IEC) serves as the global focal point for emergency preparedness and response (EPR) to nuclear and radiological incidents and emergencies regardless of their cause, and for strengthening Member States' preparedness for response.

With the understanding of the importance of equal representation of women in different technical areas growing all over the world, the IAEA is striving towards achieving gender parity in its structures and activities. Globally, women have demonstrated their leadership in different areas and on different levels, including managerial positions, related to EPR. The journey of senior women in EPR could inspire young adults to seek education and knowledge in the field.

In 2019, the IAEA launched the [International Network for Education and Training on EPR \(iNET-EPR\)](#) as a mutually supportive network of academic educators and practical trainers to assist Member States in enhancing collaboration for sustainable human resource development through education and training and efficient knowledge management. The membership of the iNET-EPR is inclusive for all Member States and it currently counts 179 Points of Contact from 70 Member States. 30 % of these Points of Contact are women, including a vice chair of the iNET-EPR and two out of three chairs of the Working Groups of iNET-EPR while the Bureau has reached gender parity. The iNET-EPR provides a forum to promote and encourage involvement of women in EPR.

Objectives

This Webinar aims to promote and encourage involvement of women in EPR, encourage Member States to strive towards gender equality in the field, to learn from women leaders in EPR and to discuss the experiences of iNET-EPR women leaders and members.

The specific objectives of the Webinar are to:

- Share the journey of women leaders in EPR and learn from their experience;
- Present and share the role iNET-EPR can play in empowering women to pursue carrier paths in EPR;
- Share the career paths in EPR with the iNET-EPR women leaders, and their role in the Bureau; and
- Discuss means of achieving gender parity in EPR related activities and in organizations with role in EPR.

Target audience

The webinar is open to staff from relevant authorities with responsibilities in preparing for and responding to a nuclear or radiological emergency such as response organizations at various levels (local, regional, national) including regulators, operators, technical support organizations and first responders as well as relevant staff from international organization. Specialists from relevant research organizations, professional associations, societies and non-governmental organizations are welcome to participate in the Webinar.

Working language

The Webinar will be held in **English**.

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Webinar programme

Moderator:

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1. Opening Statements

*Ms Lydie Evrard,
Deputy Director General, Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, IAEA*

*Mr Peter Frobel
Director, Human Resources Division, Department of Management, IAEA*

*Mr Florian Baciuc,
Acting Centre Head, IAEA's IEC*

1. My journey in EPR

*Ms Gillian Hirth
Deputy CEO at ARPANSA, Head of ARPANSA's Radiation Health Services and Chair of
UNSCEAR, Australia*

*Ms Veronica Smith
Senior Scientific Officer at Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ireland*

2. iNET-EPR: Closing the Gender Gap where Education Meets Training in EPR

*Ms Muzna Assi,
iNET-EPR Secretary, Emergency Preparedness Officer, IAEA's IEC*

3. Gender Balance Policy as a Mechanism for Attracting Young Generation to Nuclear Sector

*Ms Alesia Iunikova
iNET-EPR Working Group B Chair, International Training Centre at Rosatom Technical
Academy, Russian Federation*

4. Involvement of Women in EPR: A Case of KIRAMS

*Ms Sohyeon Kim
iNET-EPR Working Group C Chair, National Radiation Emergency Medical Center in the
Korea Institute of Radiological and Medical Sciences, Republic of Korea*

5. Panel discussion: Towards achieving gender balance in EPR related organizations

All panelists

6. Q&A Session

All participants