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Information Sheet

Introduction

A significant proportion of the nuclear power plants currently in operation are more than 30 years old and are likely to be withdrawn from service between now and 2050, and a similar situation applies in the case of research reactors and for other facilities forming part of the nuclear fuel cycle. This will result in increasing needs over the coming decades for comprehensive decommissioning and associated waste management programmes. This necessitates addressing infrastructure needs, availability of suitably qualified personnel and access to appropriate technology to enable disused facilities to be safely and efficiently decommissioned and the sites on which these are located made available for alternative uses.

Working in close collaboration with the Steering Committee of the IAEA's International Decommissioning Network (IDN), the IAEA wishes to launch a collaborative project aimed at sharing information on national decommissioning programmes, including envisaged decommissioning strategies and timeframes, status of current programmes including important restraints on implementation, and foreseen challenges including resource needs both in terms of human resources and technology. Other international organizations concerned with implementation of decommissioning programmes will be invited also to participate in the proposed project.

Objectives

The objectives of this meeting are:

- (1) to exchange information and national experiences relating to national legal and institutional frameworks for decommissioning; current status and expected future evolution of decommissioning programmes; decommissioning strategies and key factors impacting strategy definition and implementation; important recent successes and current challenges;
- (2) to discuss modalities for collection and sharing information relating to the above issues; and
- (3) to provide feedback on the proposal for a collaborative project aimed at sharing information on national decommissioning programmes and activities, leading in due course to an IAEA publication on 'Global Status of Decommissioning'.

Target Audience

This target audience for this meeting includes:

- government officials with policy responsibility for decommissioning and associated waste management;
- managers of regulatory authorities;
- managers of the nuclear facility operating organizations; and
- managers and planners from decommissioning organizations/projects.

Working Language

The working language will be English, with no translation provided.

Expected Output

The meeting will include presentations by participants from Member States, international organizations and the IAEA Secretariat. Presentations will be given on current status and expected future evolution of decommissioning programmes, including major factors impacting on the choice of strategies, and important successes and implementation challenges. The delegates will also provide feedback on a proposed international collaborative project aimed at sharing information on national decommissioning programmes and activities, including the scope of the project and the modus operandi for collection of source information.

Topics

The meeting will cover topics related to issues and challenges related to the implementation of decommissioning programmes and activities, including:

- National legal and regulatory framework for decommissioning;
- Institutional framework for decommissioning;
- Current status and expected future evolution of decommissioning programmes;
- Decommissioning strategies and impacting factors; and
- Major recent successes and current challenges.

Participation and Registration

Designations should be submitted using the attached **Participation Form (Form A)**. Completed requests should be endorsed by the competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA, or National Atomic Energy Authority), or by an organization invited to participate, and returned through the established official channels. They must be received by the IAEA not later than **31 May 2019**. Designations received after that date or applications sent directly by individuals or by private institutions cannot be considered. The designation of a participant will be accepted only if forwarded by the Government of an IAEA Member State or by an organization invited to participate. Designating Governments and invited organizations will be informed in due course of the names of the selected candidates, and full details will be given at that time of the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Papers and Presentations

No formal papers will be required for this meeting. However, participants will be expected to:

- Give a summary presentation on current status of decommissioning programmes within their country or organization;
- Actively participate in the dialogue at the meeting;
- Provide feedback on the draft terms of reference for a collaborative project on ‘Global Status of Decommissioning’, which will be circulated to participants in advance of the meeting; and
- Provide any other input useful to the IAEA’s activities on this topic.

Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA’s view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event [or, in the case of some event: will make an important contribution to his or her State’s [emergency preparedness and response/nuclear security etc.] arrangements].

The application for financial support should be made using the **Grant Application Form (Form C)**, which has to be stamped, signed and submitted by the competent national authority to the IAEA together with the **Participation Form (Form A)** by **30th April 2019**.

Venue

The meeting will be held at the IAEA’s Headquarters at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), Wagramerstraße 5, Vienna, Austria. The meeting will take place in Room M7, M Building of the VIC. It will start at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 26 August 2019 and end at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 30 August 2019.

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

Visas

Designated participants should submit the necessary visa application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria as soon as possible. Visa arrangements, including transit visas, are the sole responsibility of the participants, who should initiate the necessary action for obtaining a visa prior to departure.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.