



# **Technical Meeting on Educational Networks**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Introduction**

In accordance with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference resolutions, the Secretariat is required to assist Member States, at their request, in their efforts to ensure the sustainability of nuclear education and training in all aspects of the peaceful use of nuclear energy by taking advantage of the regional educational network activities.

Networking education through regional and interregional cooperation provides a more effective use of educational resources. Good practices, experiences and lessons learned can be shared through regional and interregional cooperation with the IAEA promoting worldwide partnerships of nuclear education and training institutions.

The IAEA has directly fostered regional educational networks in Asia, Africa, the Latin-American and Caribbean Region, and in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The collaboration within and among educational networks contributes to the promotion, management and preservation of nuclear knowledge and helps to ensure that talented and qualified human resources are available for the safe and sustainable use of nuclear technology. The networks also promote cooperation between academia, government, and industry.

The IAEA has supported the educational networks through technical cooperation projects and meetings to exchange information, and experiences and implement actions to address common issues in the area of nuclear education.

The networks also foster quality assurance, benchmarking and accreditation, as well as resource sustainability.

This year's event will promote nuclear knowledge management (NKM) services and resources and promote an exchange of best practices. Participants will have the opportunity to provide best practices associated with outreach activities, strategies adopted by participating institutions, educational NST programs, educational e-learning platforms, and innovative approaches to teaching.

During the event, activities undertaken, and results achieved by regional and national educational networks will be reviewed, opportunities for enhancing collaboration will be discussed and the related draft document will be further developed.

## Objectives

The purpose of the event is to foster cooperation and the sharing of best practices between nuclear education networks, with a specific focus on best practices associated with outreach activities.

The objectives are to discuss:

1. Common challenges faced by educational networks and institutions and trends in nuclear education and identify potential synergetic solutions;
2. Outreach activities;
3. Educational nuclear science and technologies (NST) programmes;
4. Educational e-learning platforms and innovative approaches to teaching;
5. Develop a common action plan for the IAEA-fostered networks.

## Target Audience

The event is targeted at:

- Nuclear education providers;
- National and regional networks, agencies or bodies that support nuclear education.

## Working Language

The working language will be English.

## Expected Outputs

The expected outputs of the event are:

- Good practices in outreach, NST programmes, educational e-learning platforms and innovative approaches to teaching and collaboration activities;
- A common action plan for the IAEA-fostered networks;
- A summary report on the event.

## 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 **30 April 2024**. 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.

## Papers and Presentations

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

- Give a summary presentation on current processes, standards and experiences, related to networks.

- Describe outreach activities, NST programs, educational e-learning platforms and innovative approaches to teaching and collaboration activities.
- Actively participate in dialogue at the event.
- 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.

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 **30 April 2024**.

## Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC) where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:

<https://www.iaea.org/events>.

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

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

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