



Technical Meeting of the Network on Environmental Management and Remediation's Project on Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material

Virtual Event via Cisco WebEx

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The Environet network has been created to enhance the sharing of knowledge and exchange of experience amongst different stakeholders in the fields of Environmental Remediation and NORM Management with the vision to facilitate the implementation of projects in these areas worldwide in a timely, safe and cost-effective way.

The Environet has been operating for more than 15 years, bringing together practitioners, implementers, decision and policy makers, researchers, and regulators with different levels of experience in the areas covered by the network.

During this time, and in response to the demands and needs presented by its community, the network transitioned from organizing training events to a much wider scope of activities that include but are not restricted to the implementation of dedicated projects, organisation of webinars and establishment of Communities of Practice. The network also offers eLearning materials, a forum for discussion and other features on its website in the IAEA CONNECT Platform that can be found at <https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect/ENVIRONETpublic/Pages/default.aspx>.

The outcomes of Environet projects include the publication of technical reports, development of materials to be used in capacity building schemes (curriculum) that have been supporting training activities in the scope of the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme and in the formulation of M.Sc. programmes in Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation by international High Education institutions.

The IAEA has been supporting its Member States in dealing with Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials for decades now. A great part of this work has been done through the scope of safety related activities. Although the importance of safety considerations is unequivocal, there are enabling factors which absence will not allow for the achievement of appropriate solutions to manage NORM.

With that in mind and taking into account the needs of participants expressed in meetings such as workshops and training courses and particularly during the first IAEA organised Conference on NORM - International Conference on the Management of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) in Industry (NORM 2020 Conference) – the Environet NORM Project was structured putting forward what is known as the Holistic Approach to NORM Management. This approach is composed by six different topical areas that include Policy and Strategy for NORM, Inventory of NORM Residues, Cost Estimate of Different NORM Waste Disposal Options, Sampling and Characterization of NORM Residues; Valorisation of NORM Residues in line with Circular Economy Principles and Decommissioning of NORM related Facilities. Each of these themes is developed by a specific working group that will produce guidance material in each one.

The purpose of the meeting is to consolidate and promote the developments and results achieved by the six working groups of the Network on Environmental Management and Remediation's project on naturally occurring radioactive material, as well as to identify outstanding challenges.

Objectives

The objective of this Technical Meeting is to present the results of the work developed by each of the working groups of the ENVIRONET NORM Project and review, capture and consolidate the approaches used by represented Member States on the sustainable and safe management of NORM residues.

Target Audience

Representatives of national and international organizations concerned with Environmental Remediation and NORM management, including:

- government officials with policy responsibility for Environmental Remediation and NORM management;
- managers and members of regulatory authorities;
- managers and implementers of Environmental Remediation projects and NORM related facility operators;
- managers and planners from Environmental Remediation and NORM management organizations/projects;
- researchers from universities and research institutions
- officials from concerned international organizations.

Working Language(s)

English

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 or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **9 August 2024**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).

2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
 - Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
 - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
 - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
 - Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

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. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA’s scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA’s mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

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