



Technical Meeting on Approaches to Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Radioactive Waste Management

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The development of infrastructure for implementing a nuclear power programme is a major challenge. Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Radioactive Waste Management are among the 19 infrastructures issues that need to be addressed to support the implementation of the nuclear power programme. Developing and properly implementing policies and strategies for the nuclear fuel cycle and radioactive waste management is crucial for a successful and sustainable nuclear power programme. Security of nuclear fuel supply for nuclear power plants and sustainable management of spent fuel and radioactive waste are key issues. This requires proper planning from the outset and throughout all the phases of the nuclear power programme. The IAEA is currently preparing a technical publication (TECDOC) on *Experiences of Member States in Developing Infrastructures for Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Radioactive Waste Management*, which will offer practical insights and recent examples adapted to the needs of countries developing nuclear power programmes. In order to collect experience, a panel of countries has been established. Each country on the panel will prepare its own case study describing the development of its infrastructure in both areas, including lessons learned and best practices. The countries in the panel have recent experience in Phases 1, 2, and 3 of a nuclear energy programme. The Technical Meeting will be a unique opportunity to gather opinions and proposals from a larger number of Member States.

Objectives

The main objective of this meeting is to gather feedback on the decision-making process and studies on nuclear fuel cycle and radioactive waste management from countries in Phases 1, 2 and 3, or those that have recently commissioned their first nuclear power plant.

Expected Outputs

The expected outputs of this Technical Meeting are:

- A review of the draft TECDOC.
- Additional information based on broader experience.
- Roadmap to finalize the TECDOC.

Participants

The event is open to participants from Member States that are embarking on new nuclear power programmes as well as those with operating nuclear power plants, including those with expanding nuclear power programmes. The event is aimed at representatives of key organizations involved in the development and implementation of nuclear fuel cycle and radioactive waste management infrastructure. The meeting is also open to experts from nuclear societies, or other institutions engaged in nuclear fuel cycle and radioactive waste management activities.

Working Language

The working language of the meeting will be English with no interpretation provided.

Participation and Registration

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 **6 February 2026**, 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 a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
 - 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.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **6 February 2026**.

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 financial 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.

Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), where the IAEA's Headquarters are located, specifically in Room M5 in Building M, and will start at 09:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 April 2026, and end around 01:00 p.m. on Thursday, 23 April 2026. 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:

<http://www-pub.iaea.org/iaeaevents/GeneralInfo/Guide/VIC>.

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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