



40 Years of Safety Culture – Culture for Safety in the Coming 20 Years

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Information Sheet

Introduction

In August 1986 the International Nuclear Safety Advisory Group (INSAG) held a Post-Accident Review Meeting with delegates from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), a large number of experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Member States and international organizations with respect to the Chernobyl accident (ref. INSAG-1). In this meeting for the first time the concept of safety culture was mentioned as one of the underlying causes of the Chernobyl accident. The meeting was summarized and published in 1986 as the first report INSAG report named Summary Report on the Post-Accident Review Meeting on the Chernobyl Accident – Report by International Nuclear Safety Advisory Group INSAG-1. From this moment on the concept of safety culture has been an important component of nuclear and radiation safety. Today the concept is used not only for nuclear and radiation safety but also for other areas such as aviation, oil and gas, civil construction, healthcare, and transportation. The IAEA is holding a Technical Meeting to reflect upon what has been learned so far in the domain of safety culture, and how to proactively address the future challenges in the coming 20 years. Active participation and broad representation of the Member States is needed for fruitful and productive dialogues.

Objectives

The objective of this Technical Meeting is to obtain information from Member States and other stakeholders on approaches and lessons learned in relation to leadership, management and culture for safety. This information will contribute to the revision of the IAEA's Leadership and Management for Safety document, IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GSR Part 2. Participants will reflect on how this document should be revised to consider technological developments and other changes in the coming 20 years. The meeting will continue the process of revising the culture for safety normative framework with support from a broader representation of IAEA Member States. The new culture for safety normative framework is planned to be incorporated into the revised GSR Part 2.

Target Audience

Regulatory bodies, licensees, technical support organizations, international organizations, subject matter experts in leadership and culture for safety, nuclear safety, radiation safety, medical applications of radiation, transportation and waste safety. Subject matter experts from other sectors with relevant information such as oil and gas, aviation, transportation, healthcare, or civil construction are also welcome to contribute to this meeting.

Working Language(s)

English

Expected Outputs

The meeting will compile insights from the past 40 years of experience in safety culture, identify new elements to be integrated into the concept of culture for safety, and provide inputs to support the revision of the normative framework for culture for safety.

Structure

Below is a provisional structure for the Technical Meeting but this may be revised as the agenda is refined.

Day 1 – What We Have Learned So Far

- Keynotes reflecting on historical events
- Keynotes from other industries
- IAEA work in the area
- Safety science presentation
- Member States presentations

Day 2 – Practical Applications – Worldwide

- Keynote on different approaches worldwide
- Member State presentations
- Engaging dialogues with participants
- Demonstrations of approaches

Day 3 – Workshop on Revision of the Culture for Safety Framework

- Keynote – History of IAEA Normative Framework
- Keynote – Researcher on state-of-the-art work in Culture for Safety
- Group work to generate world-wide attributes of a healthy safety culture (the output will be used in the revision of the GSR Part 2 normative framework of healthy culture for safety)

Day 4 – The Future Applications

- Keynote – Inspirational visioning
- Member State sharing practical contemporary approaches
- Other industries sharing practical contemporary approaches

Day 5 – Commitments to Continue Enhancing

- Keynotes – Change in Leadership Approach
- Group work on commitments continuing enhancing culture for safety
- Sharing of commitments
- Closure

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 **26 June 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 **26 June 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. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

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.

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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: 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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