



Technical Meeting on Educational Networks

**IAEA Headquarters
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and virtual participation via Microsoft Teams

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Information Sheet

Introduction

In line with IAEA General Conference resolutions, the Secretariat supports Member States in ensuring the sustainability of nuclear education and training for the peaceful use of nuclear energy. This is achieved through regional educational networks, fostering cooperation and optimizing the use of educational resources. Educational providers play a key role in these efforts, ensuring that curricula and training programs align with evolving technological and industry needs.

Regional and interregional cooperation enhances knowledge-sharing, facilitates best practices, and strengthens partnerships among nuclear education and training institutions worldwide. The IAEA actively fosters educational networks in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and collaborates with associated educational, human resource, and knowledge development networks in these and other regions.

These networks contribute to nuclear knowledge management, ensuring the availability of skilled human resources for the safe and sustainable use of nuclear technology. Additionally, they promote collaboration among academia, government, and industry. During the meeting, participants will share collaborative approaches between academia, government, and industry, and other relevant initiatives. Key findings will be incorporated into an IAEA Technical Document.

The meeting will also address the evolving educational landscape influenced by advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and digital technologies, extending beyond the nuclear field, to better prepare for and understand these changes.

Objectives

- Identifying common challenges and synergies in nuclear education.
- Discussing effective academia–government–industry collaboration.
- Recognize the changing environment driven by AI and advanced digital technologies.

- Discuss the role of AI, virtual reality, and cyber platforms in education across primary, secondary, and tertiary levels.
- Explore integration of multiple digital technologies in real laboratory environments.
- Differentiate competencies achievable through digital tools versus those requiring real laboratory conditions.
- Identify indicators for assessing competency achievement through digital tools and real laboratory conditions.
- Review status and progress of the document on industry–academia–government collaboration.
- Promote harmonized approaches to human resource development across regions.

Target Audience

The meeting is intended for:

- Nuclear education providers.
- Representatives of national and regional networks, agencies, and institutions supporting nuclear education.

Working Language

The working language of the meeting is English.

Expected Outputs

- Compilation of good practices in networking and academia–government–industry collaboration.
- A summary report on the meeting’s discussions and outcomes.
- Recommendations on integrating AI and advanced digital technologies in education.
- Framework for competency assessment using digital and real laboratory approaches.
- Status update on industry–academia–government collaboration document.

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 **20 May 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 **20 May 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 arrangements.

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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:
<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.

Additional Information

While formal papers are not required, participants are expected to:

- Present a summary of current processes, standards, and experiences in educational networks.
- Share insights on nuclear science and technology programs, e-learning platforms, and innovative teaching approaches.
- Engage in discussions and contribute to IAEA initiatives on nuclear education.
- Case studies on AI, virtual reality, and cyber platforms in education.
- Examples of blended learning combining digital tools and real laboratory experiences.
- Indicators and metrics for competency evaluation using digital and real laboratory methods.

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Event Web Page

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www.iaea.org/events/EVT2503932.