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Information Sheet

Introduction

The IAEA has developed the *Milestones in the Development of a National Infrastructure for Nuclear Power* of "Milestones Approach", a guidance to implementing a new nuclear power programme and developing the required infrastructure, which identifies three milestones and 19 infrastructure issues. The Milestones Approach was first published in 2007 (NG-G-3.1) and subsequently revised in 2016 (NG-G-3.1, Rev. 1) and 2024 (NG-G-3.1, Rev. 2).

The publication *Evaluation of the Status of National Nuclear Infrastructure Development* or "Evaluation Methodology" provides a methodology for evaluating progress made by the Member State in the development of nuclear power infrastructure based on the guidance contained in the Milestones Approach. The Evaluation Methodology was first published in 2008 (NG-T-3.2) and subsequently revised in 2015 (NG-T-3.2 (Rev. 1)) and 2022 (NG-T-3.2 (Rev. 2)). The 2022 revision was introduced to include the methodology for Phase 3 which was finalized after conducting two pilot INIR Phase 3 missions in two frontier embarking countries, the United Arab Emirates (2018) and Belarus (2020), now both operating their first NPPs.

A third revision of the Evaluation Methodology is necessary to bring the document in line with the second revision of the Milestones Approach published in 2024, incorporate feedback from its use in Integrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review (INIR) missions and self-evaluations, consider relevant guides published for various infrastructure issues and factor in current developments concerning small modular reactors (SMRs).

Objectives

The objective of the event is to present proposed revision to the publication "*Evaluation of the Status of National Nuclear Infrastructure Development* (NG-T-3.2 (Rev. 2))" in order to receive feedback from Member States and to provide a platform for exchanging information and relevant lessons learned in evaluating the status of development of infrastructure for nuclear power.

Target Audience

The meeting is open to participants from Member States that are considering, planning or expanding a nuclear power programme, preferably from the key players in different organizations having roles in the development and implementation of the nuclear power programme organizations (Government/NEPIO, regulatory body, owner, operating organization, national technical support organizations and national competent authorities).

The meeting is also open to Member States with operating experience, representatives of the nuclear industry and relevant international organizations who are willing to share their experience and lessons learned, and donors to IAEA infrastructure development activities.

Participants are expected to be at a senior level in the government, future owner or operating organizations, regulatory bodies or other institutions involved in the nuclear power programme. They should be knowledgeable about national nuclear power programme and required infrastructure and authorized to discuss in depth the experience and lessons learned in the implementation of evaluation of the status of national nuclear infrastructure development.

Working Language

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

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 **10 December 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 **22 December 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 the 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: 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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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.