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# GNSSCOM – Briefing 2016

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*Communication and consultation are subject to Safety Requirements in all General Safety Req. Publications*

To protect people and the environment from harmful effects of ionizing radiation.

An effective legal and governmental framework for safety, including an independent regulatory body, must be established and sustained

- 3.10. The Regulatory Body must:**
- Set up appropriate means of **informing parties** in the vicinity, the public and other interested parties, and the information media about the safety aspects (including health and environmental aspects) of facilities and activities and about regulatory processes
  - **Consult parties** in the vicinity, the public and other interested parties, as appropriate, in an open and inclusive process

- Responsibility for safety
- Role of government
- Leadership and management for safety
- Justification of facilities and activities



- Protective actions to reduce existing or unregulated radiation risks
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Prevention (and mitigation) of accidents
- Protection of present and future generations

- Optimization of protection
- Limitation of risks to individuals



# DS460 (GSG-6, IN NEAR FUTURE)

- Guidance and recommendations for regulatory bodies concerning communication and consultation during “normal” situations (Neither in an emergency nor on security issues) about
  - Radiation risks associated with facilities & activities
  - Regulatory processes and decisions
- Can be used by Authorized Parties



## 5 Sections

1. Introduction
2. Overarching recommendations
3. Provisions of the regulatory framework
4. Leadership and conduct of communication processes
5. Methods
6. APPENDIXES, examples of Communication Strategy and Plan
7. ANNEX: USE OF TERMS - Strategy, Plan, Transparency and Openness...



# WHY A NEW NETWORK

- Communication is an element of a safety and security infrastructure
  - Important for the development and sustainability of nuclear and radiation safety and security programmes for the IAEA Members States
  - *'Communication and consultation is a Regulatory Function'*
- Needs for global coordination and cooperation to support capacity building on Communication
  - Many requests from Members States to support in pursuing their goals, including assistance for way of work and practices
  - Knowledge enhancement and sharing as well as dissemination of information
  - Promotion of the work of the members and existing network
- Component of the global nuclear safety and security framework



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# HOW CAN A NETWORK HELP?



Individuals can come together to formally and informally access, and exchange knowledge on nuclear safety and security communications



Provide a community of practice for collective learning where common interests and associated professional relationships are pursued



Provides a venue where various types of knowledge can be brought together and recombined to expand the expertise of its members over time

# GNSSCOM

- SCOPE

- Nuclear safety and security communication during non-emergency situations for **regulatory bodies**, their **technical support organizations** and **relevant government organizations**. Other participation will require review and approval by IAEA and the GNSSCOM Steering Committee
- A global information resource and does not have the authority to dictate state of practice from one Member State to another

- OBJECTIVES

- To encourage Member State to connect and collaborate in routine situations aimed at improving communication effectiveness and building public trust
- To collaborate and focus on enhancing transparency and communication effectiveness, improving information dissemination



# SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE

- Means
  - Sharing knowledge, expertise, lessons learned and best practices;
  - Promoting capacity building through networking activities;
  - Developing, implementing and evaluating strategies and processes for effective communication and consultation with stakeholders;
  - Providing access to communication professionals, tools, materials, resources, knowledge databases, and publications;
  - Dialoguing to establish close working relationships and work on communication related issues in order to develop expertise



# MANAGEMENT

- Steering committee (12 Members maximum)
  - To lead GNSSCOM for the development and sustainability
  - Meeting at least once a year
  - Use of a work plan
  - To report annually to the IAEA: Activities and progress
  - GNSSCOM activities are evaluated for continuous improvement
  - Report annually to DDG NS
- Secretariat provided by the IAEA
  - Coordinate GNSSCOM meetings
  - Maintain the GNSSCOM website
  - Facilitate interaction with other networks and advisory groups as appropriate...





# ACTIVITIES

- Initial meeting organized in July, 2015
  - Sharing background information
  - Draft GNSSCOM Terms of Reference
  - Draft a tentative action plan
    - Website development, ongoing
    - Process to finalize and endorse Terms of Reference
- Consulting meeting held on 13-14 June 2016
  - Finalization of the Terms of reference
  - Work plan review



# WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

***“GNSSCOM  
Consultancy Held” –  
13 - 14 June 2016***

- Refined and finalized the Terms of Reference
- Implemented procedures for establishing the Steering Committee
- Reviewed the GNSSCOM Web Site
- Reviewed the Agency’s existing Communicator’s toolbox and discussed the actual need Nuclear Safety and Security
  - Reviewed new Communication Safety Guide (DS460) and how to use it
- Discussed methods of building capacity (training, workshops, etc.)
- Discussed a call to action for Member States for increased membership
- Discussed Nuclear Security communicator needs (Danielle DAHLSTROM/ NSNS)

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# WHAT'S NEXT FOR GNSSCOM?

- First Steering Committee Meeting and consultancy meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2017
- Technical Meeting, May 2017 on *Challenges and Good Practices in Safety Communication*
- Discussion on the development of a Communication Toolbox
- Call to Action to Member States for members to GNSSCOM, communicators in safety and security, novice or expert
- Refinement of GNSSCOM Web Site



*THANK YOU!*



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