



**Global Nuclear Safety and Security Communication Network
(GNSSCOM)**

Organized within the framework of the

**Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network
(GNSSN)**

**Technical Meeting on
Challenges and Good Practices in
Safety and Security Communication**

Hosted by the
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

**IAEA Headquarters
Vienna, Austria**

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Prospectus

A. Introduction

It is recognized that many Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) continue to face diverse communication challenges. Some of these challenges are related to: transparency, openness, public trust, risk perception, dissemination of safety and security information, message development and information clarity, and stakeholder engagement. In addition, members of the public usually have limited knowledge of, and display a great deal of uncertainty with regard to, nuclear applications, radiation sources and radioactive waste issues due to the complexity of the subject matter.

Safety Guides are developed by the IAEA to provide recommendations aimed at helping Member States to achieve compliance with the safety requirements. A new Safety Guide (DS460) has been developed to establish a set of clear and comprehensive guidelines concerning communication and consultation with interested parties about the possible radiation risks associated with facilities and activities, and about the processes and decisions of the regulatory body. This Safety Guide does not provide guidance on communication and consultation in a nuclear or radiological emergency, or on nuclear security issues. However, effective communication and consultation generally involve knowledge in all three areas of safety, nuclear security and emergency preparedness and response.

The 2016 International Conference on Nuclear Security emphasized that public engagement on nuclear security is a confidence building measure and that it should be a national priority. Member States need to consider being proactive in planning and preparing to communicate with the public on a spectrum of scenarios ranging from daily operations to accidents and acts of terrorism. This includes an appreciation of the competing priorities of safety and security.

B. Objectives

The main objectives of the meeting are to:

- Share national experiences and best practices in safety and security communication based on real events;
- Discuss current issues and challenges faced by Member States in communicating with the public and other interested parties;
- Identify ways to increase the scope and reach of the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Communication Network (GNSSCOM) to ensure wide participation and regular use by Member States; and
- Provide recommendations to the IAEA concerning the development of capacity building activities and services in communication.

C. Target Audience

Participation is solicited mainly from regulatory bodies, technical support organizations and other relevant governmental organizations. Participants should be actively involved in the subject of the meeting and have considerable experience in related activities.

Participants are expected to be familiar with their respective countries' nuclear and radiation applications, regulatory practices and existing communication strategies and practices.

D. Structure

The programme of the meeting will include presentations from Member States and discussions on national practices for communication and consultation with interested parties on safety and security matters. This meeting will be an opportunity to determine key elements and good practices to be considered by regulatory bodies when communicating and, if appropriate, consulting with appropriate interested parties, and to provide the IAEA with recommendations concerning the development of capacity building activities and services in this area.

The participants are encouraged to give presentations sharing experiences and current practices in the areas of communication and involvement of interested parties in their respective countries. In order to maximize the benefit of the meeting for all participants, the presentations should address the following:

- Regulatory framework for safety and security;
- Strategy for interaction with interested parties;
- Lessons learned and conclusions.

Participants who plan to give a presentation should submit an abstract or draft presentation to the IAEA Project Management Officer responsible for the meeting, Mr Yassine Chaari (see contact details in Section H below) by **11 August 2017**.

E. Application Procedure

Nominations should be submitted using the attached Participation Form. Completed forms should be endorsed by the competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA, or National Atomic Energy Authority) and returned through the established official channels. They must be received by the IAEA not later than **7 August 2017**. Nominations received after that date or applications sent directly by individuals or by private institutions cannot be considered. Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the selected candidates and at that time full details will be given on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters. For Member States receiving technical cooperation assistance, applications for financial support should be made at the time of nominating the participant.

F. Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the selected candidates and will at that time be given full details on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

The costs of the meeting are to be borne by the IAEA; no registration fee is charged to participants. Travel and subsistence expenses of participants will not be borne by the IAEA. However limited funds are available to help cover the cost of attendance of selected experts from Member States. Such assistance can be offered, upon specific request, to one participant per country provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the meeting. The application for financial support should be made at the time of nominating the participant.

The organizers of the meeting do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the meeting, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

G. Venue

The meeting will be held at the IAEA's Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, specifically in Room M6, M Building, of the Vienna International Centre.

H. Organization

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the IAEA Project Management Officer and correspondence on other matters related to the meeting to the IAEA Project Assistant.



NOMINATION FOR GNSSN EVENTS

Note: This form is only to be used for regional training courses and workshops related to the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network (GNSSN) implemented through the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security

The Government of _____

nominates the following candidate for the following GNSSN event: **Technical Meeting on Challenges and Good Practices in Safety and Security Communication, Vienna, Austria, 28–31 August 2017**

<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male Family name: <small>(as in passport)</small> First name: Complete mailing address (office): Institute name: Street: PO Box: Post Code: Town/City: Region/District: Country: Airport/town nearest to residence:	Date of birth: Place of birth: Nationality: Passport No.: Date of issue: Place of issue: Valid until: Telephone (office): Telephone (home): Fax: Email: Web page: Emergency phone:	Recent photograph of candidate
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EDUCATION (commencing with secondary school)

Years attended	Name and place of institution	Field of study	Diploma or degree
from to			

RECENT EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Years of service	Name and place of employer/organization	Title of position	Type of work
from to			

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Type of work done by the candidate during the past three years (Please attach list of any material the candidate may have published)

Is the candidate covered under a radiation surveillance programme in his/her home country? yes no

Has the candidate been, or will he/she be, involved in any IAEA-supported GNSSN or Nuclear Communication event? (Please identify project and describe the nature of the candidate's involvement.)

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION IN AN IAEA ACTIVITY:

Has the candidate participated in a previous IAEA event? If yes, please list each event below:

RELEVANCE OF THE TRAINING

How is the Government going to make use of the experience gained by the candidate at the event?

LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE

I, as a qualified language examiner, hereby certify that I have examined the above candidate and give the following information on his/her language qualification:

- (a) Mother tongue of the candidate:
- (b) Other languages:
- (c) Language of the event: English

Proficiency in the language of the event	Read	Write	Speak	Understand
	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Date

Name (printed) and signature of examiner

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

I, as a qualified medical doctor, hereby certify that I have examined the above candidate and found him/her in good health, free from infectious diseases and able physically and mentally to carry out any relevant duties away from his/her home.

Date

Name (printed) and signature of examining physician

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

The nominating Government gives the following assurances:

- a) All information supplied in this form is complete and correct;
- b) Should the candidate's language qualification prove to be insufficient or should the candidate's state of health not correspond to the examining physician's statement, the nominating Government will accept the responsibility for the consequences and any costs arising therefrom;
- c) It is noted that the sponsoring organization(s), host country(ies) and host institution(s) do not accept liability for the payment of any costs or compensation arising from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the event, and it, the nominating Government, undertakes the responsibility for such coverage;
- d) The position of the candidate will be retained for him/her and he/she will continue to receive during the event a salary and related emoluments to enable him/her to meet his/her financial commitments in his/her home country;
- e) If selected, the nominee will conduct himself/herself in a manner compatible with his/her status as a participant and will refrain from engaging in any political and commercial activities;
- f) No facts are known to the Government regarding the reliability and character of the applicant which would obstruct giving him/her access to nuclear installations or institutions where ionizing radiation is used.

Date

Name and title (printed) and signature of certifying Government official