



Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN)

**Regional Workshop on
Safety Culture Self-Assessment
for Middle Managers**

**Hosted by the
Government of Philippines**

**through the
Philippines Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI)**

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Prospectus

A. Introduction

The Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN) provides a sustainable regional network for effectively supporting the establishment and continuous improvement of national nuclear safety infrastructures in member countries, especially countries embarking on nuclear power programmes, by taking advantage of regional resources through enhanced regional cooperation. In view of the rapid expansion of nuclear power programmes in the Asia and the Pacific region, it has been recognized that additional cooperation and timely efforts to establish effective nuclear safety infrastructures are required. In this respect, a number of Topical Groups have been established under the ANSN to ensure and assist in the implementation of international safety standards and requirements.

In accordance with Principle 3 of the *Fundamental Safety Principles* (IAEA Safety Standards Series No. SF-1) and Requirement 19 of *Governmental, Legal and Regulatory Framework for Safety* (IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GSR Part 1), a new Topical Group on Leadership and Management for Safety of the Regulatory Bodies (LMSTG), was established by the ANSN Steering Committee at its 15th meeting in April 2012. The function of the Topical Group is to strengthen the capabilities of the regulatory bodies to ensure effective implementation of leadership requirements and of integrated management systems, and to promote a strong safety culture and ensure its sustainability.

Within the framework of its Extra-budgetary Programme on the Safety of Nuclear Installations in South East Asia, Pacific and Far East Countries, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is organizing a Regional Workshop on Safety Culture Self-Assessment for Middle Managers at the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute in continuation of a similar workshop held in Jakarta, Indonesia, in June 2015 for senior managers from regulatory bodies. These workshops were planned at the third annual meeting of the LMSTG held in Malaysia in November 2014 with the objective of providing an overview of the IAEA's methodology safety culture self-assessment (SCSA) and an introduction to SCSA **for senior and middle managers, including the staff at regulatory bodies**. The two workshops are not intended to provide the type of in-depth knowledge that is necessary to become a fully competent specialist in **safety culture assessment**, but rather to provide orientation which will assist in informed decision-making as well as guidance for an SCSA team.

The training to be given at the present workshop is intended to enhance awareness of culture and safety culture concepts, and to provide insight into the benefits of conducting self-assessment. The workshop will also provide knowledge and skills on assessment methods and techniques based on the IAEA's SCSA methodology.

The workshop will include presentations by international experts and group exercises involving all the participants. Participants are encouraged to give a presentation on the current status of the implementation of safety culture elements in their respective organizations.

B. Objectives

The objective of the workshop is to provide an understanding of the IAEA's safety standards dealing with integrated management systems, safety culture and safety culture assessments, as well as of the roles and responsibilities of regulatory staff in enhancing overall safety performance.

The overall objective of the workshop is to provide middle managers with practical knowledge and skills on the methods and requirements involved in conducting an SCSA based on current international

research and practices in organizations associated with nuclear installations and radiation facilities and activities.

The external experts will provide information on the current international practices applied for promoting and assessing safety culture within regulatory bodies and for performing regulatory oversight of licensees' safety culture.

The workshop will also serve as a forum at which the participants can present the current status of implementation of the requirements in the area of safety culture contained in *The Management System for Facilities and Activities* (IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GS-R-3).

C. Target Audience

This workshop is targeted at middle managers of regulatory bodies who are responsible for planning and implementing activities related to safety culture, including the promotional and assessment aspects of their organization's overall safety culture programme.

D. Working Language

The working language of the workshop will be English.

E. Structure

The workshop will consist of presentations by IAEA representatives and experts. The participants will present their experience and describe the challenges encountered in the implementation of the GS-R-3 requirements related to safety culture. The workshop will also include practical exercises in groups and discussions aimed at identifying common issues and challenges.

F. Application Procedure

Prospective participants should first apply through the ANSN website (www.ansn.org). If requested by the national authorities, the completed Nomination Forms should then be endorsed by these and returned through the established official channels (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Atomic Energy Authority, or office of the United Nations Development Programme). They must be received at the IAEA, Vienna International Centre, PO Box 100, 1400 Vienna, Austria, not later than **21 September 2015**. Nominations should also be copied to the Local Organizer, Ms María Celerina Ramiro of the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI), via her official email address: mcmramiro@pnri.dost.gov.ph or via the official fax number: +63 2 9201646. Nominations received after that date or applications which have not been routed through one of the aforementioned channels cannot be considered.

In case of technical problems with the online nomination system, nominations may also be sent to the IAEA Project Management Officer, Mr Kyu-Jin Oh, via email to: K.Oh@iaea.org, via the IAEA's official email address (Official.Mail@iaea.org), or via fax: +43 1 26007. The email should contain the following basic information about the candidate(s): name, age, gender, academic qualifications, present position (including exact nature of duties carried out), proficiency in English, and full working address (including telephone and fax numbers and email address) to enable the IAEA to carry out a preliminary evaluation of the candidate(s).

G. 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.

H. Venue

The meeting and workshop will be held at the PNRI in Manila, Philippines.

I. Organization

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ANSN Website

Please visit the ANSN website regularly for new information regarding this workshop: www.ansn.org



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