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In collaboration with the Government of Cameroon and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the African Regional Cooperative Arrangement (AFRA) on Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology organized its 20th Technical Working Group Meeting (TWGM) in Yaoundé, Cameroon in July 2009. This meeting marked the celebration by of AFRA's 20th anniversary with an exhibition highlighting achievements and success stories under its programmes. A press conference focused on AFRA achievements, policies and future challenges, was also held.

The meeting brought together National Coordinators from the 34 AFRA Member States to deliberate on AFRA policy and programme related

matters. Participants reviewed the AFRA draft Annual Report for 2008 and reviewed the implementation of cooperative projects, and also formulated recommendations for consideration by the AFRA Meeting of Representatives. Other issues addressed during the meeting included: the establishment of the AFRA Programme Management Committee (PMC) and the AFRA-Partnership Building and Resource Mobilization Committee (PBRMC); the initiation of the AFRA Fund; fundraising; the implementation of the AFRA Regional Cooperative Strategic Framework 2008-2013; and the linkages between Country Programme Frameworks and other national planning documents such as national development plans, UNDAF, PRSPs including the review of AFRA operational matters.