The International Atomic Energy Agency launched the Renovation of the Nuclear Applications Laboratories (ReNuAL) initiative in 2014 to provide for the modernization of its Nuclear Applications laboratories in Seibersdorf. The goal is to ensure they remain fit-for-purpose to respond effectively to growing Member State demand for training, services and applied research aimed at addressing existing and emerging challenges in food and agriculture, human health, and environmental management.

To date, ReNuAL has delivered three major new laboratory facilities and significant equipment upgrades that have partially or fully addressed the modernization of five of the eight laboratories. This progress was made possible with generous extrabudgetary and in-kind contributions from 45 Member States and some individuals and through non-traditional private partnerships for key laboratory equipment.

In September 2020 the Director General launched ReNuAL2 as the final phase of the ReNuAL initiative to complete modernizing the remaining laboratories that have not yet been comprehensively upgraded.
How to Support the Project

Continued strong political and financial support from our Member States is essential to completing the laboratory modernization. ReNuAL2 urgently needs extrabudgetary funding (currently, an additional €6.7 Million) to stay on schedule for a timely launch of construction in 2022 and completion of the project in 2024. If you would like further information or to visit the laboratories to learn more about their important work and modernization, please contact the ReNuAL team at NA-Labs@iaea.org.

The Donor Display

Public recognition of donors is an important way to express gratitude to those who make the modernization of the laboratories possible. At a General Conference side event in September 2021, the Director General unveiled a new donor recognition display to honor contributors to the ReNuAL2 phase of the modernization initiative. The display currently includes plaques bearing the name and flag of 20 Member States that have announced contributions to date, with future contributors to be added at upcoming events. The display will be permanently installed in the lobby of the new laboratory building in Seibersdorf upon its completion. In the interim, the display can be viewed on the ground floor corridor of the A building in the Vienna International Centre.