

Evolution of safeguards to date

The sessions under this theme will feature retrospectives on all aspects of safeguards, considering the evolutions and achievements that led to the safeguards of today, experience gained and lessons learned, and taking stock of challenges that remain. Topics of interest include:

- Key events and insights from the past that have shaped the safeguards of today
- 50 years of comprehensive safeguards agreements; the evolution of safeguards from facility-focus to State-as-a-whole, from the perspective of the IAEA (State evaluation, drawing of conclusions, effectiveness evaluation, reporting, etc.) as well as States (SSACs, reporting, cooperation with the IAEA, etc.)
- 25 years of additional protocols; progress and experience in concluding and implementing APs
- More than 15 years of modified Small Quantities Protocols (SQPs); the importance of amending or rescinding the original SQPs
- 30 years of efforts to strengthen safeguards; lessons learned and what remains to be done
- 60 years of IAEA inspections; changes in inspections over the decades
- Advancements made in safeguards approaches, cooperation, technology, methods, tools and competencies.