## IAEA NSSC NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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## Chair's Welcome

As the Chair of the NSSC Network, I am pleased to highlight the progress that <u>the International Network</u> <u>for Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres (NSSC Network)</u> has made towards achieving major objectives since the previous publication of this Newsletter in October 2021.

Building on productive virtual meetings of the Asia Regional Network, the Hungary-Lithuania-Ukraine Consortium, and the Africa Regional Group in the autumn, the Network members continued to collaborate with the IAEA Secretariat during the last months of 2021.

In November, we held the third Consultancy Meeting on Development of Materials for Workshops on IAEA-TDL-010, Establishing and Operating a National Nuclear Security Support Centre. At this meeting, a group of NSSC Network experts worked with the IAEA to review and finalize training materials and to discuss preparations for the pilot regional workshop. This workshop, initially planned for February 2022, will be held from 29 May to 2 June 2022 at Egypt's NSSC in Cairo.

In December, the Network Bureau held a virtual Consultancy Meeting to review progress reports on the implementation of the Action Plans for the three Working Groups, and to discuss key activities in support of the long-term NSSC Network strategy and preparations for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Due to the current logistical challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and in consultation with the IAEA Secretariat, a decision was made to postpone the Annual Meeting to summer 2022. The preparations to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the NSSC Network are also on-going.

Since the last issue of this Newsletter, NSSC Network members continued to identify new best practices and lessons learned from their operations. The In Focus article in this Newsletter edition highlights the good practices offered by the Tajikistan NSSC in providing a wide range of training for national stakeholders, as well as regional and international partners. Following this example, I recommend that all Network members document their own experiences and good practices and consider sharing them in future In Focus articles and in the NSSC Network <u>Library of Lessons Learned and Case Studies</u> (<u>LiLLaCS</u>).

Similarly, as always, I strongly encourage the Network members to make regular updates to and refer to the NSSC Network's information management tools, the NSSC Network <u>Database</u> and <u>Calendar</u>. I am pleased that NSSC Network members signed up for and held informal virtual database tutorial sessions with the IAEA Secretariat and experts from Working Group C in February and March 2022, and we hope to be able to offer additional tutorial sessions for members again in the future.



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