The Role of Member States in Supporting Neighbouring Countries to Ensure Safety and Security

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• Aware of the importance to be given to the fight against cancer disease and complementing the IAEA's ongoing efforts to help Member States improve their cancer management capabilities under the auspices of the initiative of Rays of Hope, Morocco is engaged to support the IAEA achieve the objectives of this initiative with the aim of ensuring cancer care for all.

➢ Noting that this initiative will contribute to the achievement of target 3.4 of the Sustainable Development Program by 2030 of "reducing by one third the rate of premature mortality due to non-communicable diseases".
In this framework, during the visit of H.E Mr Rafael Mariano Grossi to the Kingdom of Morocco in June 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Moroccan Ministry of Health and Social Protection and the IAEA to strengthen cooperation in the field of cancer and zoonotic diseases control.
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To ensure the sustainability of this initiative and maximize its impact in the IAEA African Member States, Morocco has been committed to work together with the IAEA to:

- Build / strengthen radiation protection legislation, regulation and infrastructure;
- Promote the use of radiotherapy as an essential tool in the cure and palliation of cancer and fundamental to the treatment of half of cancer patients;
- Organize training courses, fellowships and scientific visits in medical practices as well as regulatory control of safety, security and radiation protection;
- Share the Moroccan experience with other IAEA African Member States.
The Kingdom of Morocco is committed to share its experience, expertise and lessons learned with the IAEA African Member States. In this framework:

- The Moroccan RB, AMSSNuR, has organized, inter-alia:
  - +9 IAEA Expert and Advisory missions;
  - +90 regional workshops;
  - +25 fellowships and scientific visits.
Mohamed V University and The National Center for Energy, Sciences and Nuclear Techniques (CNESTEN), in collaboration with AMSSNuR and Ministry of Health and Social Protection under the IAEA auspices and cooperation, have organized 2 editions of Master of Radiopharmacy, benefiting more than 8 African IAEA Member States.
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- **Oncology centers** ensures training of radiotherapists and technicians in radiotherapy.

- “**Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Santé (ISSS)**” as well as other universities ensures training of Medical Physicists:
  
  ✓ 10 participants from African IAEA MS will benefit from the training at ISSS this year.
Initiative Rays of Hope – Cooperation networks

Pursuant to the Royal Directives of His Majesty King Mohammed VI aiming at strengthening South-South relations, AMSSNuR aspires to strengthen its regional network through an intense and active participation in several IAEA cooperation networks and programmes, namely, the RIDP, GNSSN, FNRBA, AFRA, and many others.
Conclusion

• The Kingdom of Morocco is committed to share its experience, expertise and lessons learned with neighbouring countries. It also strives to make them benefit from the assistance it receives from its international partners.

• South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation play a crucial role in supporting the exchange of knowledge and enhancing the impact and sustainability of Morocco’s contribution to the development of IAEA African Member States.
Thank you for your attention

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