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Information Sheet

Introduction

The project Status and Trends in Spent Fuel and Radioactive Management is a collaborative effort between the IAEA, OECD Nuclear Energy Agency and the European Commission. The project is intended to provide, at regular intervals, a report providing a condensed international overview, based on national input information, on:

- Global status and trends on spent fuel and radioactive waste management.
- spent fuel inventories and
- radioactive waste inventories (i.e. any material which is considered as radioactive waste in national waste management systems).

The project began in 2014 and the report from the first cycle was published in January 2018. The first report was undertaken as a pilot study, intended to establish the general content and method of working for subsequent reports, which would then be published on a 3-year cycle. It provided data on national and global inventories of spent fuel and radioactive waste and an analysis of national arrangements and programmes for the management of these materials. The preparation of the report involved representatives from the Member States of the IAEA and from other international organizations, including the World Nuclear Association.
The second cycle, which was more analysis driven, has been finalized and the report was published in 2022. The third report is in preparation and in this process the outcomes of the Joint Convention Review Meeting (held in 2022) are also taken into account. The aims of the meeting include getting feedback to the report published in 2022, as well as to the draft of the next revision.

**Objectives**

The purpose of the event is for Member States to share information on the status and trends in their national radioactive waste and spent fuel management programmes.

The objective of the annual meeting is to get the feedback on the previous reports and to get the input for the third cycle of the Status and Trends Project on Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste and to define the relevant trends, which will be reflected in the next report.

**Target Audience**

Experts in spent fuel and radioactive waste management.

**Working Language(s)**

English.

**Expected Outputs**

The inputs for drafting next revision of the “Status and Trends in Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste Management” report. Goals for the next technical meeting will include feedback from the 2nd report, sharing orientation of 3rd report and getting input for 3rd report. Additionally, there will be 2 topical sessions, which will help with the needed input to the third report.

**Participation and Registration**

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.
In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State, participants are requested to send the Participation Form (Form A) to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by 30 December 2022. Participants who are members of an organization invited to attend are requested to send the Participation Form (Form A) through their organization to the IAEA by the above deadline.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the Agency’s Personal Data and Privacy Policy and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required.

Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants. The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA’s view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

The application for financial support should be made using the Grant Application Form (Form C), which has to be stamped, signed and submitted by the competent national authority to the IAEA together with the Participation Form (Form A) by 30 December 2022.

Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), where the IAEA’s Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:

www.iaea.org/events.

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since
Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.