

International Conference on
**NUCLEAR
SECURITY**

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Ministerial Segment
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**SHAPING
THE
FUTURE**



IAEA

International Atomic Energy Agency
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ICONS

Background

The International Conference on Nuclear Security (ICONS) is a key event for the nuclear security community around the world. The IAEA will host the next ICONS during the week of 20 to 24 May 2024.

ICONS 2024: Shaping the Future will provide a global forum for ministers, policymakers, senior officials and nuclear security experts to discuss the future of nuclear security worldwide, whilst providing opportunities for exchanging information, sharing best practices and fostering international cooperation.

Objectives

The conference will:

- Raise awareness of a wide range of nuclear security topics to maintain and further strengthen national nuclear security regimes for nuclear and other radioactive materials and associated facilities used for peaceful purposes.
- Review nuclear security experiences and achievements, current approaches and trends, and highlight areas that may need more focused attention including technological dimensions.
- Promote IAEA nuclear security guidance, and experience of States in their application,

including through peer reviews, advisory services and capacity building.

- Promote the sharing of information and good practices in nuclear security while protecting sensitive information.
- Reaffirm and support the central role of the IAEA in strengthening nuclear security globally and in leading the coordination of international activities in the field of nuclear security, while avoiding duplication and overlap.
- Highlight and promote the IAEA's efforts to promote adherence to relevant international legally binding instruments and commitment to the legally non-binding instruments.
- Discuss further enhancements of IAEA nuclear security activities and their sustainability.

Main topics

The overall themes for the conference will be:

- Policy and regulations for nuclear security.
- Technology and infrastructure for nuclear security prevention, detection and response.
- Capacity building for nuclear security.
- Cross-cutting nuclear security topics.

Format

The conference will consist of two segments:

(a) a two day ministerial segment featuring national statements, interactive sessions for Ministers, high level policy discussions for Ministers and the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration;

(b) a three day scientific and technical programme to include an opening plenary session, high level policy discussions, parallel streams of technical sessions and a concluding plenary session dedicated to the President's Report.

Target audience

ICONS 2024: Shaping the Future will bring together ministers, senior government officials, high level staff from agencies involved in making policy for, and managing, nuclear security, and technical and legal experts working in all areas of nuclear security. The conference is also intended to attract industry and civil society representatives, including non-governmental organizations and academic institutions. The IAEA welcomes and encourages the participation of individuals from developing countries, early career professionals and women.

Outcomes

The conference will contribute to raising awareness of emerging challenges, lessons learned and best practices in the field of nuclear security. It will foster international cooperation as well as bring together experts and policymakers to promote the exchange of information and experiences in developing, sustaining and strengthening national nuclear security regimes whilst planning and preparing for future challenges and needs.

A Ministerial Declaration will be adopted during the Ministerial segment of the conference, which will inform future Agency activities and the development of the next IAEA Nuclear Security Plan.

Abstracts submission

Abstracts must be submitted in electronic format through the IAEA browser-based file submission system INDICO available at the conference website. Additionally, Forms A and B have to be submitted as explained in the announcement on the conference website. Submission of abstracts only (without submission of Forms A and B) will not be considered.

Registration

No registration fee is charged.

Limited funds are available to assist certain participants. Approved grants will usually cover only part of the cost of attendance. Please see the conference website for further details.

Language

The conference will be held in English.

Key deadlines

16 October 2023	Submission of abstracts through IAEA-INDICO
15 November 2023	Submission of Form C (together with Form A) through the InTouch+ Platform
15 December 2023	Submission of Form B (together with Form A) through the InTouch+ Platform
29 December 2023	Notification of acceptance of abstracts for oral or poster presentation
1 March 2024	Electronic submission of full papers through IAEA-INDICO
10 May 2024	Submission of Form A only (no paper submission, no grant request) through the InTouch+ Platform

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