

Technical Meeting on the IAEA Disused Sealed Radioactive Sources Network (DSRS-Net)

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The Disused Sealed Radioactive Sources Network (DSRS Net) was launched at the 63rd regular session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 2019, as one of a series of measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation and transport safety as well as radioactive waste management. Its objective is to support and enhance the sharing of international knowledge and experience in the safe and secure management of DSRS.

The IAEA envisions that all its Member States will have the proper infrastructure and technologies in place for managing their own disused sealed radioactive sources (DSRS). Aligned with this vision, the DSRS-Net showcases a variety of products, projects and services aimed at facilitating and increasing the exchange of information and experiences among its participants.

Objectives

The main objective of this event is to discuss current practices and development in DSRS management in Member States and identify further technical support of the Agency to address Member States' needs and gaps as an opportunity to review the DSRS-Net mission, structure, content and work programme and to provide recommendations on future activities in the short and medium term.

The event will provide opportunities for participants to update one another and the IAEA on ongoing and planned activities in their respective countries, and for IAEA staff to bring participants upto date on relevant activities under the IAEA's own programme in this area.

Target Audience

This meeting is of interest to Member States having an active involvement in the planning and/or implementation of DSRS management, including national operators of DSRS facilities, regulatory bodies, sealed sources manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and recyclers, governmental and non-governmental organisations dealing with DSRS.

Working Language(s)

English

Expected Outputs

The meeting will serve as a platform for participants to share national and international experiences, along with key lessons learned, regarding the current status and anticipated future developments of programmes for managing DSRS. Discussions will cover major factors influencing strategic choices, as well as implementation challenges.

- Reports from international collaborative projects on DSRS management;
- Role of young professionals in DSRS management;
- Recent technical innovations that may support management of DSRS; and
- Enhancing knowledge sharing on DSRS management.

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 or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (https://intouchplus.iaea.org) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by 30 May 2025, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

- 1. Access the InTouch+ platform (https://intouchplus.iaea.org):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register here.
- 2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under 'Complete Profile' and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event under the 'My Eligible Events' tab;

- Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled 'Designating Authority' (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
- If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
- Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
- Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **30 May 2025**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the <u>InTouch+ Help</u> page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and technical 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. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate. Further information can be found in the Data Processing Notice concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Papers and Presentations

The IAEA encourages participants to give presentations on the work of their respective institutions that falls under the topics listed above.

Participants who wish to give presentations are requested to submit an abstract of their work. The abstract will be reviewed as part of the selection process for presentations. The abstract should be in A4 page format, should extend to no more than 2 pages (including figures and tables) and should not exceed 500 words. It should be sent electronically to the Scientific Secretary of the event (see contact details below), not later than 30 May 2025. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed presentations by 15 July 2025.

In addition to the registration already submitted through the InTouch+ platform, participants have to submit the abstract, together with the Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B), to the competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA not later than **30 May 2025**.

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.

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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 reducedrate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:

http://www-pub.iaea.org/iaeaevents/GeneralInfo/Guide/VIC.

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 and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.

Event Web Page

Please visit the following IAEA web page regularly for new information regarding this event: www.iaea.org/events/ EVT2401921

Enclosure: Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B)



Form for Submission of a Paper

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To be completed by the participant and sent to the competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA, or National Atomic Energy Authority) of his/her country for subsequent transmission to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) either by email to: Official.Mail@iaea.org or by fax to: +43 1 26007 (no hard copies needed). Please also send a copy by email to the Scientific Secretary (V.Pereira-Campos@iaea.org) and to the Administrative Secretary (Sh.garcia@iaea.org).

Deadline for receipt by IAEA through official channels: 30 May 2025

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