

# General Conference

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## Fiftieth regular session

# Advance Information for Delegations

## A. Opening of the Fiftieth Regular Session

1. The fiftieth regular session of the General Conference<sup>1</sup> will open on ***Monday, 18 September 2006, at 9:30 a.m.*** It will be held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno Kreisky Platz, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC). **It should be noted that the Conference is opening slightly earlier than in recent years, to accommodate a number of additional items which have been included in the agenda to commemorate the fiftieth regular session.**

2. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings, subsequent to the opening session, will begin at 10:00 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3:00 p.m. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually. If evening meetings prove to be necessary, the starting times will be announced during the session.

## B. Pre-Session Consultations

3. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (***Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September 2006***), facilities for group meetings are being made available on request. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving agreement on organizational matters (e.g. regarding the composition of the General Committee) before the session opens on ***Monday, 18 September***. This will contribute to the smooth running of the Conference. Consequently, Member States should ensure - where necessary - that their representatives arrive in Vienna in time to participate in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms should be reserved in good time through the Secretariat's Conference Services Section.

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<sup>1</sup> The provisional agenda for the fiftieth regular session is contained in document GC(50)/1.

## C. Notification of the Composition of Delegations

4. Governments are requested to communicate to the Secretariat the composition of their delegations well in advance. This should be done through the IAEA's General Conference Registration pages online. The direct Internet address is <http://gc-registration.iaea.org>. These pages can also be accessed through the Agency's website, <http://www.iaea.org>, within the IAEA General Conference sub link. Internet registration has been available as of **Monday, 17 July 2006** and will close on **Friday, 15 September 2006**. The specific usernames and passwords needed to access the website have been transmitted to Ministries of Foreign Affairs with copies to the Permanent Missions. If it is not possible to register online due to lack of access to the Internet, a communication to that effect should be sent to the IAEA Protocol office with a request for printed forms. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure<sup>2</sup> provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented by one Delegate, who may be accompanied by as many alternates, advisers, technical advisers, experts and persons of similar status as may be required by the delegation.

5. A preliminary list of members of delegations will be issued on **Wednesday, 13 September 2006**; only those names, which are received by the Secretariat by **Friday, 8 September**, can be included in it. An updated list of members of delegations will be issued on **Sunday, 17 September**; it will contain information that has been communicated to the Secretariat by 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, 14 September**.

6. If, during the session, changes are required in the particulars provided at the time of registration, delegations are requested to inform the Protocol Office at the ACV in writing, so that the list of delegation members may be brought up to date.

## D. Credentials of Delegates

7. Delegates (but not other members of a delegation) will require credentials specifically for the session, even if they are already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity - for example, as Resident Representative. Credentials have to be delivered in due time; this helps to avoid difficulties, particularly for the General Committee. It is accordingly emphasized that, in accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should be submitted to the Director General, if possible not later than seven days in advance of the Conference, i.e. **Monday, 11 September 2006**, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned. If credentials have not been submitted by **Friday, 15 September**, delegations should deliver them directly to the Credentials Officer at the ACV either on **Sunday, 17 September, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** or on the following Monday morning.

## E. Registration for Badges

8. Each participant will require a badge with a photograph for entry into the ACV during the session. The staff at the Registration Desk will issue badges to those designated participants who are not already in

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<sup>2</sup> GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

possession of a valid VIC grounds pass. Badges issued for the General Conference will also be valid for entering the VIC.

9. Participants may register on **Friday, 15 September 2006**, at the Agency's Registration Desk at Gate I of the VIC **between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.** and at the ACV on **Sunday, 17 September, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Registration will continue throughout the week of the Conference's session at the Registration Desk in the ACV.

10. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on **Monday, 11 September 2006**, may register simultaneously for both the Board's meetings and the Conference's regular session at Gate 1 of the VIC **between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Monday, 11 September, and Tuesday, 12 September**, provided they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before **Friday, 8 September**.

## F. Documents

11. Delegates are reminded that General Conference documentation is available electronically and are urged to make full use of this service so as to reduce the costs to the Agency of printing and distributing hard copies of documents. (The relevant website address is <http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC50/Documents/docindex.html>). Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 in the VIC not later than **Friday, 15 September 2006**, and specify its requirements for documents produced during the Conference on a form, which will be provided for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should apply to the Documents Station at the ACV either on **Sunday, 17 September, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** or on the following Monday morning.

12. Before the opening of the session, one complete set of the Conference documents already issued will be made available on request to each delegation. All documents produced during the session, including the Conference Journal containing the daily programme, and other notices will also be available at the Documents Station in the ACV.

13. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the Conference Secretary or the appropriate Committee Secretary with the text as early as possible. This will greatly facilitate the conduct of business, particularly in the Committee of the Whole, which normally has to consider and make recommendations on a relatively large number of draft resolutions.

## G. Speakers in the General Debate

14. Until the beginning of the Conference's session on **Monday, 18 September 2006**, requests for inscription in the list of speakers in the general debate should be made directly, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs (VIC, room Q -164). As Member States were informed by document GC(50)/INF/1, issued on 16 May 2006, inscription in the list of speakers started on **19 June 2006**; a ballot was taken at 11:00 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of speakers among the Member States whose representatives had - between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. -

made a request for inscription in the list.<sup>3</sup> Member States requesting, after that time, inscription in the list are being added in the order in which they make such requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

15. Delegates who have not inscribed their names in the list by the beginning of the session but wish to speak in the general debate are requested to contact the official responsible for maintaining the speakers' list, who will have a desk in Conference Room A (where the plenary meetings will take place). Delegates should also contact that official if they wish to speak on other items at plenary meetings.

## **H. Statements in the General Debate**

16. To make more efficient use of the general debate, and in line with the recommendations on 'Streamlining the work of the General Conference' approved in 1998 by the Conference in decision GC(42)/DEC/13, Delegates are invited to keep the duration of their statements to 15 minutes by focusing on the main points which they wish to make. Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if Delegates so request, be made available to other Delegates during the session. It should be noted that only the portion orally delivered will be included in the official records.

17. The general debate usually extends over four days of the Conference's sessions. With a view to making the best use of the time available during the forthcoming session, which is expected to last five days only, Member States may wish to consider the desirability of making group statements - a practice which is being followed in other UN organizations.

18. To facilitate interpretation, texts of statements to be delivered should be handed to the Conference Officer in advance. It is of considerable help if the texts of statements provided to the Secretariat are typed with double line spacing. In addition, to facilitate posting of statements on the Agency's website, copies of statements should also be provided in electronic form as early as possible to the Division of Public Information. Statements may be e-mailed to: [Official.Mail@iaea.org](mailto:Official.Mail@iaea.org).

## **I. Working Languages and Interpretation**

19. The working languages of the Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and statements made in any one of these languages during the formal meetings of the Conference will be interpreted simultaneously into the others. If Delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, under Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure, themselves arrange for interpretation into one of the working languages. Delegates are asked to provide the Secretariat with a written text of their speech in advance in that working language.

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<sup>3</sup> This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

## **J. Pledges of Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) for 2007, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Contributions Related Issues**

20. Since a recommendation to the General Conference regarding a target for Member States' voluntary contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2007 has not been agreed upon at the time of the preparation of this document, the Secretariat has not sent to Member States the customary letter indicating their individual shares of the recommended target. It is expected, however, that the target figure will be recommended by the Board of Governors in September for the decision of the General Conference, whereupon the Secretariat will immediately bring the recommendation to the notice of Member States and inform them of their individual shares of the recommended target.

21. It would be appreciated if Governments communicated their pledges as soon as they are in a position to do so. Member States will appreciate that the pledging process contributes significantly to the effective planning and organization of the TC cycle and TC activities for the year ahead. During the regular session of the Conference, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying Delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged.<sup>4</sup> As this document will be updated daily for the duration of the Conference, it would be greatly appreciated if Member States contributed towards the timely preparation of this document by communicating their Governments' pledges as soon as they are in a position to do so. During the session, it will be possible to communicate pledges to the Contributions Officer, who will have a desk in Conference Room A (ACV) and will arrange for the updated versions of the document to be issued.

22. As for Regular Budget and all other payments issues, the Contributions Officer and his staff will also be available in Room A-443 (Ext. 2112) on the Second Floor at the ACV to discuss these as well as respond to any questions Member States may have in respect of arrears, payment plans and voting rights.

## **K. Special Event in Conjunction with the Conference's 50<sup>th</sup> Session**

### **New Framework for the Utilization of Nuclear Energy in the 21st Century: Assurances of Supply and Non-Proliferation**

23. The objective of the Special Event is to stimulate discussion on the recent new approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle, with a view to developing the outlines of a "new framework", as noted by the Director General, focusing in the first instance on "assurances of supply and assurances of non-proliferation" and to identifying the next steps for the near- to mid-term. The proposed programme of discussions, to take place from *19 to 21 September 2006*, is as follows (the full tentative programme is provided as Annex 1 to this document). The list of presentations has been finalized and closed, and no additional speakers can be added given the time constraints.

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<sup>4</sup> The corresponding document of last year was GC(49)/19.

## **Tuesday, 19 September 2006**

- 10:00 a.m. *Opening by the Director General*  
*Keynote addresses*  
(Break for lunch at 1:00 p.m.)
- 3:00 p.m. *Session 1: Current Proposals for Nuclear Energy Security*

## **Wednesday, 20 September 2006**

- 9:30 a.m. *Session 2.A: Frameworks for Assurances of Supply: Institutional Perspectives*
- 12:30 p.m. *Special Address: Nuclear Energy and Non-Proliferation*  
  
(Break for lunch at 1:00 p.m.)
- 3:00 p.m. *Session 2.B: Frameworks for Assurances of Supply: Technical and Legal Arrangements*

## **Thursday, 21 September 2006**

- 10:00 a.m. *Session 3: Findings, Conclusions and Future Directions*  
  
(End at 1:00 p.m.)

24. The three sessions of the Special Event will consist of expert presentations by representatives of Member States, the nuclear industry and other experts. There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion. All sessions will take place in Conference Room C (ACV). **The working language of the Special Event will be English.** However, simultaneous interpretation in all the working languages of the Agency will be available.

25. The Special Event is open to the public. Registration is exclusively on-line: <http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/Meetings/meetingonlinereg.asp>.

26. The Secretariat encourages Member States to facilitate the participation of their experts and other interested parties dealing with the issues that will be the focus of the Special Event.

## **L. Senior Regulators' Meeting**

27. The meeting for senior regulatory officials who are policy-makers in the field of nuclear, radiation, transport, and radioactive waste safety, will take place on **Thursday, 21 September, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** The provisional programme of the meeting is provided as Annex 2 to this document.

28. The meeting will take place in the IAEA Board Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of building C (VIC). Further information may be obtained from the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (Tel.: 2600/22696).

29. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

## M. Technical Cooperation Meetings

30. There will be meetings of representatives of AFRA, ARCAL and RCA Cooperative Agreements. The representatives of Member States from the Europe region will hold an individual group meeting. Representatives of Member States of ARASIA will also hold a group meeting. There will also be a meeting of the Quadripartite Forum (AFRA, ARASIA, ARCAL, RCA).

31. The timetable and locations of the meetings are as follows:

**RCA:** Friday, 15 September, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
VIC, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Room C0343

**ARCAL:** Monday, 18 September, 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
VIC, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference Room VI

**AFRA:** Tuesday, 19 September, 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
VIC, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference Room V

### **Europe Group Meeting:**

Tuesday, 19 September, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
VIC, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, IAEA Board Room

### **ARASIA Group Meeting:**

Wednesday, 20 September, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
VIC, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference Room VI

### **Quadripartite Meeting:**

Thursday, 21 September 2006, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
VIC, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference Room IV

32. Consultations with the representatives of most Member States that are engaged in technical cooperation activities with the Agency will be held prior to the Conference sessions. For those delegations present in Vienna only during the General Conference, and for specific issues or special problems, meetings will be arranged during the General Conference. In such cases, the Department of Technical Cooperation will provide advance notice of the schedule of meetings with individual Delegations. However, if no advance notice is issued and Member States' representatives wish to discuss technical cooperation projects, delegations are requested to contact their corresponding TC Regional Director at the ACV (Africa – Mr. A. Boussaha; Asia and the Pacific – Mr. M. P. Salema; Europe – Mr. B.K. Kim; Latin America – Mr. J.A. Casas-Zamora).

## **N. Other Events Organized in Conjunction with the Conference's Session**

### **N.1. Visit to IAEA Laboratories in Seibersdorf**

33. On *Wednesday, 20 September 2006* (in the week of the General Conference), Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Laboratories in Seibersdorf.

34. The Laboratories are situated about 35 km southeast of Vienna and contribute to the Agency's programmes with experimental activities in the following fields: nuclear verification, applications of radiation and isotopes in food and agriculture, sterile insect technique, nuclear instrumentation, radiation dosimetry, nuclear techniques for monitoring radioactive and other contaminants in the environment. The laboratories are also a training centre for scientists from developing countries. In addition, quality control services for analytical and radiometric measurements and radiation applications are provided at Seibersdorf for the benefit of Member States' laboratories and institutes.

### **N.2. Briefing Session for IGOs and NGOs**

35. A briefing for representatives of Inter-Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations attending the General Conference will take place on *Monday, 18 September 2006 at 5:00 p.m.* in Meeting Room O, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor at the ACV.

### **N.3. INSAG Forum on "Requisite Safety Infrastructure for Emerging and Mature Nuclear Power Plant Programmes"**

36. The INSAG Forum will examine issues related to the necessary nuclear safety infrastructure for Member States with emerging and mature nuclear power programmes. The Forum will take place on *Monday, 18 September 2006 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.* in Hall E at the ACV.

### **N.4. "Nuclear Technologies for the Environment: Protecting Air, Earth and Oceans"**

37. The IAEA is helping Member States to protect marine, terrestrial and atmospheric environments through the use of nuclear technologies. The exhibit on "Nuclear Technologies for the Environment: Protecting Air, Earth and Oceans" to be opened by the Director General and H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco in the Main Lobby, ACV at *9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, 19 September 2006*, will highlight the role of the IAEA's laboratories and the Technical Cooperation programme in these efforts. The opening of the exhibition will be followed by several keynote speeches.

### **N.5. "Employment at the Agency – Member States and the Secretariat Working Together"**

38. The Division of Personnel will conduct an information session regarding further enhancement of the cooperation between Member States and the Secretariat in identifying qualified candidates to IAEA assignments. An overview of the Agency's recruitment process, as well as its interactive on-line recruitment system will be presented, followed by an open discussion, on *Wednesday, 20 September 2006 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm* in Room N, ACV 01.



## **O. Additional Exhibits and Displays**

39. Information on specific displays, including displays by Member States and Agency programme areas may be found in the Daily Journal published during the Conference.

## **P. Information Technology Services**

### **P.1. External E-Mail and Internet Services**

40. The Conference's public address is: "GENCONF06@IAEA.ORG". This e-mail address may be used only to receive messages for delegates. Senders should specify the recipient's name and country in the subject line in order to ensure that the message is allocated to the proper delegate. Delegates may pick up messages sent to this e-mail address at the information desk.

41. In addition to the above general e-mail address, delegates may register during the Conference for an individual e-mail address valid for the duration of the General Conference.

42. Computers will be made available in the Internet Corner. Delegates may use these computers to access the Internet, including sending and receiving e-mail messages using their individual e-mail address. Delegates with their own laptops with wireless capability will be able to utilize the wireless access to Internet services.

### **P.2. Web Broadcasting**

43. Plenary sessions will be broadcast live over the Internet. They will be accessible on the IAEA.org website.

## **Q. General Information**

### **Q.1. Accommodation for Delegations**

44. Hotels in Vienna are usually heavily booked during the month of September. It is therefore important to reserve accommodation as far in advance as possible. Delegates are advised to make their bookings either directly with the hotel or through their Permanent Mission or Embassy/Consulate in Vienna.

### **Q.2. Parking**

45. Parking facilities will be available on parking decks 1 and 2 of the ACV. For official cars with chauffeurs, red stickers entitling the cars to be driven to the main entrance of the ACV will be issued. For other cars, Delegates are requested upon arrival to take a parking ticket from the ACV parking dispenser. This ticket should then be exchanged for a long-term, cost-free permit at the Registration Desk.

### **Q.3. VIC Commissary**

46. In accordance with the Headquarters Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Republic of Austria, the **heads** of delegations of Member States participating in the General Conference are entitled to commissary cards for the duration of the Conference's session. Registration for designated members for such cards will take place on *Sunday, 17 and Monday, 18 September*, at the ACV registration area.

47. Any questions in connection with the issuance of commissary cards to heads of delegations should be directed to the Protocol Office at the ACV.

### **Q.4. Receptions and other events taking place during the Conference**

48. The organizers or sponsors of receptions and other events to be arranged during the Conference are invited to contact the Protocol Office if they wish an announcement regarding such events to be included in the Conference Journal.

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INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

## **New Framework for the Utilization of Nuclear Energy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Assurances of Supply and Non-Proliferation**

*Special Event at the 50<sup>th</sup> IAEA General Conference*

Conference Room 'C', Austria Center, Vienna

19 - 21 September 2006

### **Tentative Programme**

***Tuesday, 19 September 2006***      ***10:00 – 13:00***

#### ***Opening***

*Mohamed ElBaradei* (IAEA Director General)

*Charles Curtis* (Special Event Chairman)

#### ***Keynotes***

- International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Centres
- Global Nuclear Energy Partnership: Reliable Access to Nuclear Fuel and Technology
- International Nuclear Fuel Cycle: Security of Supply
- AEA Administered Nuclear Fuel Reserve
- Multilateral Approaches to the Nuclear Fuel Cycle: Energy Security and Non-Proliferation
- Nuclear Energy: Issues and Choices
- Re-envisioning Atoms for Peace
- Chairman's Introduction: New Framework for Nuclear Energy

*Tuesday, 19 September 2006*

*15:00 – 18:00*

**SESSION 1: Current Proposals for Nuclear Energy Security**

- Multilateral Approaches to the Nuclear Fuel Cycle
- International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Centres
- Mechanism for Reliable Access to Nuclear Fuel
- Security of Nuclear Fuel Supply – Uranium Enrichment Services
- IAEA Administered Nuclear Fuel Reserve
- Regional Approaches: Cooperation for Energy Security

*Wednesday, 20 September 2006*

*09:30 – 13:00*

*09:30 – 12:30*

**SESSION 2. A: Frameworks for Assurances of Supply: Institutional Perspectives**

- Assessment of current proposals on assurances of nuclear fuel supply
- Assurances of fuel fabrication: technical and institutional issues
- Utility/buyer perspectives
- Perspectives of other States

*12:30 – 13:00*

**Special Address:** Nuclear Energy and Non-Proliferation

*15:00 – 18:00*

**SESSION 2. B: Frameworks for Assurances of Supply: Technical and Legal Arrangements**

- Technical issues related to nuclear fuel banks
- Roles of the Agency
- National legal aspects
- Criteria governing release of nuclear material

*Thursday, 21 September 2006*

*10:00 – 13:00*

**SESSION 3. Findings, Conclusions and Future Directions**

- Findings
- Conclusions
- Road map for future work

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## International Atomic Energy Agency

### GENERAL CONFERENCE SENIOR REGULATORS MEETING

Thursday, 21 September 2006  
IAEA Board Room (C04) (VIC)

#### Provisional Programme

Thursday 21 September	
09:00 – 09:10	<i>Opening Remarks</i> – DDG-NS
	<b>Session I: Regulatory Effectiveness; Mutual Learning</b>
09:10 – 09:50	Lessons Learned from the Implementation of the International Framework for Promoting Nuclear Safety and Security
09:50 – 10:30	Enhancing International Mechanisms for Sharing Operational Experience Feedback
10:30 – 10:50	<b>Coffee Break</b>
	<b>Session I: Regulatory Effectiveness; Mutual Learning (continued)</b>
10:50 – 11:30	Inspection and Enforcement for Industrial, Medical and Research Facilities and Research Reactors
11:30 – 12:10	Knowledge Sharing among the Ibero-American Nuclear Safety Regulators
12:10 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
	<b>Session I: Regulatory Effectiveness; Mutual Learning (continued)</b>
14:00 – 14:40	A Comprehensive Approach to Nuclear Legislation
14:40 – 15:20	Transparency and Confidentiality in Safety and Security
15:20 – 15:30	Chair's Summary
15:30 – 15:50	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:50 – 17:30	<b>Session II: Panel Discussion on the Role of Regulatory Bodies in Society:</b> <i>Who we are, what we do and how can we further improve.</i>  The panel will discuss topics such as regulatory effectiveness, regulatory oversight of safety and security, relationship with the licensee, public communication and confidence, regional and international cooperation and licensing of new designs and installations.  Chair's Summary