

General Conference

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Fifty-second regular session

Advance Information for Delegations

A. Opening of the Fifty-second Regular Session

1. The fifty-second regular session of the General Conference¹ will open on **Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10:00 a.m.** It will be held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno Kreisky Platz, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC).
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.
3. **Since the Holiday of Eid al Fitr, an official IAEA holiday, will this year fall on Thursday, 2 October 2008, the proceedings of the Conference will be adjourned for that entire day and will resume on the following day, Friday, 3 October 2008, and if necessary continue on Saturday, 4 October 2008 if so decided by the 52nd regular session of the General Conference under rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1).**

¹ The provisional agenda for the fifty-second regular session is contained in document GC(52)/1.

B. Pre-Session Consultations

4. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (***Saturday, 27 September and Sunday, 28 September 2008***), facilities for group meetings are being made available on request. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of these 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, 29 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.

C. Notification of the Composition of Delegations

5. 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 since ***Monday, 14 July 2008***. 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 Procedure² 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.

6. A preliminary list (GC(52)/INF/8 Unofficial Edition) of members of delegations will be issued on ***Sunday, 28 September 2008***; only those names which are received by the Secretariat by ***Wednesday, 24 September*** will be included in it. An updated list (GC(52)/INF/8) of members of delegations will be issued on ***Wednesday, 1 October***. It will contain information which has been communicated to the Secretariat by ***Monday, 29 September***. A finalised list (GC(52)/INF/8/Rev.1) of members of delegations will be issued on ***Friday, 3 October***. It will contain information that has been communicated to the Secretariat by 5:00 p.m. on ***Wednesday, 1 October***.

7. If, during the session, changes are required to 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.

² GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

D. Credentials of Delegates

8. 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. In accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned should be submitted to the Director General, if possible not later than seven days before the start of the Conference, i.e. **Monday, 22 September 2008**. If credentials have not been submitted by **Friday, 26 September**, delegations should deliver them directly to the Credentials Officer at the ACV either on **Sunday, 28 September, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. or on Monday, 29 September, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

E. Registration for Badges

9. Each participant will require a badge with a photograph to enter to the ACV during the General Conference. The staff at the Registration Desk will issue badges to those designated participants who are not already in possession of a valid VIC grounds pass. Badges issued for the General Conference will also be valid for entering the VIC.

10. Participants may register on **Friday, 26 September 2008**, at the Agency's Registration Desk at Gate 1 of the VIC **between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.** and at the ACV on **Sunday, 28 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.

11. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on **Monday, 22 September 2008**, 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, 22 September, and Tuesday, 23 September**, provided that they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before Thursday, 18 September 2008.

F. Documents

12. Delegates are reminded that General Conference documentation is available electronically and they 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/GC52/Documents/index.html>). Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 in the VIC not later than **Friday, 26 September 2008**, and specify its requirements for documents produced during the Conference, on a form which will be available for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should direct their requests to the Documents Station at the ACV, 2nd Floor, Foyer A, either on **Sunday, 28 September, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. or on Monday, 29 September, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

13. 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.

14. 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 large number of draft resolutions.

G. Speakers in the General Debate

15. Until the beginning of the Conference's session on *Monday, 29 September 2008*, 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 A-2863). As Member States were informed by document GC(52)/INF/1, issued on 14 May 2008, inscription in the list of speakers started on 9 June 2008; 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.³ Member States requesting, after that time, inscription in the list are being added in the order in which they make their requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

16. 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

17. 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.

18. 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, Member States may wish to consider the desirability of making group statements - a practice which is being followed in other UN system organizations.

³ This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

19. To facilitate interpretation and public distribution of statements in the General Debate, texts of statements to be delivered should be handed to the Conference Officer in advance (in double spacing if possible).

20. All statements, as received by the Conference Officer, will be made available on the IAEA's website, www.iaea.org, unless the distribution is restricted by the Member State. In such a case, this should be clearly marked on the statement. Copies of the full texts (in the original language and as delivered to the Conference Officer in Room A) will also be available in hard copy at the documents station in ACV, 2nd Floor, Foyer A. It should be noted that only the statement orally delivered will be included in the official records.

I. Working Languages and Interpretation

21. 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.

J. Pledges of Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) for 2009, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Contributions Related Issues

22. Following the recommendation by the Board of Governors on 1 August 2008 to the General Conference for approval of a target figure of \$85 million for Member States' contributions to the TCF for 2009, a circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 2009) has been issued to Member States. It is hoped that this information will facilitate the usual practice of pledging by Member States before or during the General Conference.

23. 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.⁴ 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.

⁴ The corresponding document of last year was GC(51)/28

24. The Contributions Officer and his staff will also be available in Room A-350 (Ext. 2112) on the Second Floor at the ACV to discuss regular budget and all other payment issues, as well as to respond to any questions Member States may have in respect of arrears, payment plans and voting rights.

K. Scientific Forum Organized in Conjunction with the Conference's Session

25. The objective of the Scientific Forum, established in 1998, is to stimulate discussion of scientific and technical issues relating to the Agency's activities and of interest to Member States. This year the Scientific Forum will be on the theme of *The Future Role of the IAEA*. The proposed programme of discussions, to take place on **30 September to 1 October 2008**, is as follows (the full tentative programme is provided as Annex 1 to this document).

Tuesday, 30 September 2008

10:00 a.m.	Opening
10:30 a.m.	Session 1: <i>Nuclear Energy – The Role of the IAEA in Meeting Energy Needs</i> (Break for lunch at 1:00 p.m.)
3:00 p.m.	Session 2: <i>The Role of the IAEA in Meeting Development Needs</i>

Wednesday, 1 October 2008

10:00 a.m.	Session 3: <i>Nuclear Safety and Security – Enabling a Nuclear Future</i> (Break for lunch at 1:00 p.m.)
3:00 p.m.	Session 4: <i>IAEA Safeguards and Verification – A Contribution to Nuclear Non-Proliferation</i>

26. The four sessions of the Scientific Forum will consist of keynote speeches and presentations by leading experts in their respective fields which will be followed by questions and discussion. All sessions will take place in Conference Room C (ACV, 2nd Floor). Interpretation will be provided during presentations and panel discussions.

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

28. 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 this year's Scientific Forum.

L. Senior Regulators' Meeting

29. 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 **Friday, 3 October, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** The provisional programme of the meeting is provided as Annex 2 to this document.

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

31. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

M. Technical Cooperation Meetings

32. 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).

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

RCA: Friday, 26 September, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
VIC, 7th floor, Conference Room V

ARCAL: Thursday, 2 October, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
ACV, Hall C

AFRA: Tuesday, 30 September, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
VIC, 2nd floor, Conference Room I

ARASIA Group Meeting:

Tuesday, 30 September, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
VIC, 7th floor, Conference Room V

Europe Group Meeting:

Wednesday, 1 October, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
VIC, 2nd floor, Conference Room I

Quadripartite Meeting:

Wednesday, 1 October 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
VIC, 7th floor, Conference Room V

34. Consultations with the representatives of the majority of Member States which 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 meetings with individual Delegations. However, if no meeting has been scheduled in advance, Member States' representatives

who wish to discuss technical cooperation projects are requested to contact their corresponding TC Regional Director (Africa – Mr. A. Boussaha; Asia and the Pacific – Mr. M. P. Salema; Europe – Mr. O. Acuña (Acting Director); 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

35. On *Wednesday, 1 October 2008*, Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Laboratories in Seibersdorf.

36. 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.

37. Registration for this visit may be made by 12:00 p.m. on *Tuesday, 30 September 2008*, at the Information Desk, 1st floor, at the ACV. Due to security and logistics concerns visitors will be taken only by Agency transport. The number of seats available is limited to 58. The assembly point for delegates is the rotunda of the VIC, ground floor of building 'C', at 8:50 a.m. on *1 October 2008*.

N.2. Visit to the Isotope Hydrology Laboratory

38. On *Tuesday, 30 September* and *Wednesday, 1 October 2008*, Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Isotope Hydrology Laboratory, which is situated in the VIC. The Laboratory provides analytical support to the Water Resources programme, training for scientists from Member States and quality assurance services to isotope hydrology laboratories worldwide. The visits will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days. The assembly point is the rotunda of the VIC, ground floor of building 'C', at 1:50 p.m. Due to space constraints no more than 20 visitors will be able to make the visit per day. Registration for the visits should be made at the Information Desk, 1st floor, at the ACV.

N.3. Launching of the World Institute for Nuclear Security

39. An event sponsored by the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), in cooperation with the Office of Nuclear Security (NSNS) of the IAEA announcing the launch of the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) will take place on *Monday, 29 September, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*, on the ground floor of the ACV. All delegates and members of the press are welcome.

40. WINS is a new non-profit international organization, to be based in Vienna, to provide a forum to allow nuclear security professionals to exchange best practices on how nuclear operators can efficiently and effectively improve security for nuclear materials with the aim of improving nuclear security world wide.

N.4. Round-Table Discussion on: Medical exposure to ionizing radiation – a worldwide priority for radiation protection

41. A reception and a round-table discussion on radiation protection of patients aimed at increasing the awareness of partners of the importance of the development of a culture of declaration and radiological risk management in the medical sector will take place on *Monday 29 September, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.*, in Meeting Room O, 1st Floor of the ACV, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France (in its capacity as the EU Presidency) in cooperation with the Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety (NSRW) of the IAEA.

42. The use of radiation for medical purposes results in a very large number of examinations and treatments per year and the level of usage continues to increase worldwide. The huge benefits that medical uses of radiation bring must be balanced against potential harm that arises from exposing persons to ionizing radiation. It has been estimated that perhaps up to one half of all X-ray examinations lack proper justification or optimization. Skin injuries occur in image-guided interventional procedures and serious accidents occur in radiotherapy.

N.5. Briefing on the “Updates to the Net-Enabled Waste Management Database (NEWMDB)”

43. The briefing will present the latest version of the online system aimed at enhancing the ability of Member States to access information on radioactive waste management practices and to report on their inventories. Numerous enhancements have been made, including provision of a new tool that allows Member State representatives to download radioactive waste and spent fuel inventory reports that directly comply with the reporting content requirements of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, according to INFCIRC/603/Rev.1. The aim is for Member States to consider using the reporting structure of the NEWMDB as a basis for producing their national reports on radioactive waste management, particularly for the Joint Convention, thus harmonizing the structure and content of National Reports and leading to better consistency in the reporting of important data. The briefing will take place on *Monday, 29 September, and Wednesday, 1 October, at 10:00 a.m.* in Meeting Room J-241-1, 1st Floor at the ACV.

N.6. INSAG Forum on “Nuclear Safety Infrastructure – How to achieve a sustainable high level of nuclear safety – the perspective of five new entrants to the Global Nuclear Safety Regime”

44. The INSAG Forum will be conducted as a round-table discussion led by INSAG Chairman Richard Meserve. The discussion will focus on the experiences in achieving a foundation for nuclear safety within four Member States and one coordinating organization. The Forum will take place on *Monday, 29 September 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.* in Room C at the ACV.

N.7. Briefing Session for IGOs and NGOs

45. A briefing for representatives of Inter-Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations attending the General Conference will take place on *Monday, 29 September 2008 at 5:00 p.m.* in Meeting Room O, 1st Floor at the ACV.

N.8. Round-Table Discussion on Upsurge in the Uranium Mining and Production Industry

46. A reception and a roundtable discussion on the safety implications of the recent global dramatic increase in uranium exploration and development will take place on *Tuesday, 30 September, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.*, in Meeting Room O, 1st Floor of the ACV, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Australia in cooperation with the Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety (NSRW) and the Division of Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology (NEFW) of the Agency.

47. After many years in the economic doldrums the world's uranium industry is experiencing a resurgence of activity. The spot price increase for yellowcake since 2004 and the anticipated market shortfalls in supply of uranium are primarily responsible for this. There is now a rush of new activity: abandoned mines from a previous era are being re-examined for their potential to be re-opened or have their residues re-treated; planning for exploitation of previously known but undeveloped uranium deposits is proceeding in many countries new to uranium mining; and, finally, worldwide exploration activity for uranium is expanding with more than 400 companies now claiming to be involved in the uranium mining market. All of these activities have significant implications for Member States. Issues such as appropriate regulatory framework, radiation protection, and implementation of best practices as related to exploration, exploitation, production and site closure are of utmost concern. In addition, at every stage of the uranium production cycle, from exploration through mining and processing to remediation there are shortages of qualified expertise. The long period of reduced activity in uranium mining has meant that few young people have been joining the industry over the past 20+ years. There is now a shortage of trained and experienced professionals (radiation protection specialists, experienced regulators, geologists, mining engineers, etc.) associated with the mining industry.

N.9. Briefing on Staffing the Agency

48. The Division of Human Resources will conduct an information session on the current status of Professional staffing in the Agency's Secretariat and on the representation of women. Following the presentation, an open discussion will follow on how to further enhance cooperation between Member States and the Secretariat to identify and attract suitable candidates in order to assure that the Secretariat is appropriately staffed with individuals of the highest competence, managerial capability and integrity. The briefing will take place on *Tuesday, 30 September from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.* in Room N at the ACV.

N.10. Briefing on Innovation

49. The briefing will present information on activities under the International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO). It will encompass both progress made under INPRO since the last regular session of the General Conference and on-going activities under the current INPRO Phase 2, in particular: use and development of the INPRO methodology; infrastructure and institutional innovations; common user considerations by prospective newcomer countries and INPRO Collaborative Projects. The briefing will also present information on trends in the area of small and medium sized reactors. The briefing will take place on *Tuesday, 30 September, at 2:00 p.m.* in Meeting Room L/M, 1st Floor at the ACV.

N.11. Briefing on Nuclear Infrastructure and Support for the Introduction of Nuclear Energy including Human Resources Development

50. The briefing on national infrastructure for nuclear power for Member States considering the introduction of nuclear power plants will present information on Agency actions and proposed activities in response to General Conference Resolutions GC(50)/RES/13 (2006), Part B2, “Approaches to supporting nuclear power infrastructure development”, GC(50)/RES/13 (2006) Part C “Nuclear Knowledge” and GC(51)/RES/14 (2007), Part B1 “Nuclear power applications”. The briefing will address the development of approaches to support the application by Member States of the document describing the “Milestones in the development of a national infrastructure for nuclear power”. The briefing will also include information on the Nuclear Power Support Group and its role in coordination of Agency activities. The briefing will continue with presentations on the evaluation of human resource needs to meet the Milestones document and activities of the Education and Training Support Group within the Agency. The role of knowledge management and the activities of the INIS and Library programmes within the Agency in support of the introduction of nuclear power will also be described. The briefing will take place on *Wednesday, 1 October, at 2:00 p.m.* in Meeting Room N at the ACV.

N.12. Briefing on Research Reactor Coalitions and Centres of Excellence

51. The briefing will present recent IAEA activities under regular budget programmes, Technical Cooperation projects, and initiatives to promote strengthened regional and international cooperation between research reactors to form coalitions, networks, and other arrangements with the objective of improved research reactor utilization and sustainability. In particular, IAEA activities as “facilitator” or “matchmaker” to promote the formation of initial arrangements in Africa, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean will be highlighted. The involvement of such coalitions in promoting nuclear education and training, and improving radioisotope production and availability will also be discussed. The briefing will take place on *Wednesday, 1 October, at 10:00 a.m.* in Meeting Room O at the ACV.

N.13. Briefing on the International Low-Level Waste Disposal Network (DISPONET)

52. The briefing will present information on initial steps and further plans to launch an international low-level waste disposal network aimed at enhancing cooperation among organizations involved in low and intermediate level waste disposal. DISPONET will incorporate all types of disposal facilities accepting very low and low level waste (both surface and subsurface). The aim for the network is to involve experienced operators in sharing information, specification of proved practices in developing and operating disposal facilities and dissemination of experience gained to developing projects through coordinated training activities and expert missions. Another goal is the creation of a forum in which expert advice and technical guidance may be provided on the Agency’s programme. The briefing will take place on *Wednesday, 1 October, at 11:00 a.m.* in Meeting Room O at the ACV.

N.14. Round-Table Discussion on Denial of Shipment

53. A reception and a round-table discussion on the issue of “Denial of Shipment” will take place on *Wednesday, 1 October, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.* in Meeting Room O, 1st Floor of the ACV, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Canada in cooperation with the Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety (NSRW) of the IAEA.

54. The round-table discussion will focus on how Member States can work together to resolve “Denial of Shipment”, and what the Agency needs to do to facilitate the solution in order to provide a framework which will strengthen the sustainability of transport of radioactive material.

O. Exhibits and Displays

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

P. Information Technology Services

P.1. External E-Mail and Internet Services

56. The Conference’s public address is: "GENCONF08@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.

57. 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

58. Plenary sessions will be broadcast live over the Internet. They will be accessible on the IAEA’s website, www.iaea.org.

Q. General Information

59. For the convenience of delegations a Delegates’ Handbook in pocket format will be issued containing useful information about the Conference, the Secretariat, exhibits, facilities and services. Delegates are urged to keep the handbook with them during the Conference.

Q.1. Accommodation for Delegations

60. Hotels in Vienna are usually heavily booked during the months of September and October. 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

61. Parking facilities will be available on parking decks 1 and 2 of the ACV. Red stickers will be issued entitling official cars with chauffeurs to be driven to the main entrance of the ACV. 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

62. 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, 28 and Monday, 29 September 2008*, at the ACV registration area.

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

IAEA SCIENTIFIC FORUM 2008

The Future Role of the IAEA

DRAFT PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

10:00–10:30 hours

Opening Session:

Dr Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Hon Dr Ruud Lubbers, Forum Chair

The Hon Sam Nunn: Guest Speaker

10:30–13:00 hours

Session 1: Nuclear Energy: The Role of the IAEA in Meeting Energy Needs

Keynote Topics*:

- Nuclear Energy and the IAEA in 2020
- Future IAEA Roles in Support of Building Infrastructure, Capacity and Human Resources: Perspective of a Prospective Newcomer
- Future IAEA Roles in Support of Technology and Innovation: Perspective of a ‘Mature’ Country
- Future IAEA Roles in Support of Sustainable Nuclear Energy
- Multinational Fuel Cycle Approaches

13:00–15:00 hours

Break

15:00–18:00 hours

Session 2: The Role of the IAEA in Meeting Development Needs

Keynote Topics*:

- Reaching the Unreached: The Challenge of Making Nuclear Technologies for Development Acceptable, Accessible and Affordable
- World Food Security: Challenges and Opportunities for Stronger Partnerships
- Assessment and Impact of Regional Water Resources Variability on Energy Production and Development
- Globalization of Cancer and the Challenge of Improving Cancer Cure and Care in Developing Countries

* The keynote presentations will be followed by a panel discussion (Order, subject to change)

IAEA SCIENTIFIC FORUM 2008

The Future Role of the IAEA

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2008

10:00–13:00 hours

Session 3: Nuclear Safety and Security: Enabling a Nuclear Future

Keynote Topics*:

- Introduction and Overview
- Safety and Security Challenges for Developing Nuclear Programmes
- Developing a Normative Approach to Nuclear Security
- A Harmonized Approach to Safety and Security
- Advancing International Consensus in Nuclear Safety/Security Regulation
- Moving towards a Mandatory Safety and Security Regime

13:00–15:00 hours

Break

15:00–18:00 hours

Session 4: IAEA Safeguards and Verification: A Contribution to Nuclear Non-Proliferation

Keynote Topics*:

- Introductory Remarks: the 20/20 Vision
- Future Non-Proliferation Challenges
- The Next Generation Safeguards Initiative
- Nuclear Disarmament and the Verification Role of the IAEA
- Advanced Nuclear Fuel Cycles and Safeguards

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To register online and for further information please go to

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* The keynote presentations will be followed by a panel discussion (Order, subject to change)

GENERAL CONFERENCE: SENIOR REGULATORS' MEETING
Friday, 3 October 2008
IAEA Board Room (C04)
Provisional Programme

Friday, 3 October	
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Opening Remarks</i>
	Session I: Establishing a National Nuclear Installations Safety Infrastructure
	Presentation of the INSAG report
09:15 – 09:45	Presentation of the draft IAEA safety guide
09:45 – 10:00	
10:00 – 10:30	Session II: Panel Discussion Keynote address
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Panel Discussion: The Panel will discuss the elements of a national nuclear installations safety infrastructure, their progressive establishment and the associated time-frame
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:20	Session III: 50th anniversary of the IAEA Safety Standards: The next 50 years History and current status of the IAEA Safety Standards
14:20 – 14:50	Experiences in the use by Member States of the IAEA Safety Standards: Report from the Commission on Safety Standards
14:50 – 15:30	Session IV: Panel Discussion The Panel will discuss the conditions for a worldwide application of the IAEA Safety Standards
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Session IV: Panel Discussion (Cont)
17:00	Chair's Summary