



# **Technical Meeting on Stakeholder Engagement in Nuclear Decommissioning**

**IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria**  
and virtual participation via MS Teams

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Introduction**

As more nuclear facilities enter the decommissioning phase, the importance of effective stakeholder engagement continues to grow. Permanent shutdown affects a wide range of stakeholders, including residents and organizations in local communities and beyond the immediate vicinity of a site. A site repurposing can be an opportunity to mitigate the socio-economic impacts associated with shutdown. It also aligns with the principles of sustainable development and a circular economy. Repurposing can extend the life of potential assets at the site and reduce the amount of waste generated during decommissioning.

Repurposing nuclear sites after decommissioning presents complex challenges, involving diverse stakeholder groups with varied perspectives and expectations. At the same time, it provides an opportunity to demonstrate that decommissioning does not have to be “the end of life” but rather a “preparation for new life.”

This Technical Meeting will bring together professionals to share knowledge, tools, and experiences on stakeholder engagement in the context of decommissioning and site repurposing. The meeting will feature interactive exercises that reflect the complexities commonly encountered when engaging stakeholders.

A draft section of NW-T-2.5 “*An Overview of Stakeholder Involvement in Decommissioning*”, which is under revision, will be shared with participants before the meeting. Feedback and contributions from the TM will help shape the updated publication.

## Objectives

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- a) Share practical experience, and lessons learned from stakeholder engagement in the context of nuclear decommissioning and site repurposing;
- b) Provide input to the ongoing revision of NW-T-2.5.

## Target Audience

The meeting is intended for professionals involved in planning, implementing, or participating in stakeholder engagement activities for decommissioning and/or site repurposing of nuclear facilities.

Participants may include representatives from:

- Government and policy-making bodies
- Regulatory bodies
- Organizations responsible for implementing decommissioning activities
- Local communities and municipal authorities
- Civil society and NGOs
- Industry and technical support organizations
- Academia
- Stakeholder engagement practitioners

## Working Language

The working language of the meeting will be English with no interpretation provided. All communications and presentation slides must be submitted in this language.

## Expected Outputs

The outputs of the meeting will directly contribute to the revised edition of NW-T-2.5, including practical updates, case examples, and considerations emerging from discussions and exercises.

## Topics

The TM will include presentations, panel discussions, fireside chats, and breakout group exercises aimed at eliciting good practice and lessons learned from Member States' practical experiences in stakeholder engagement for nuclear decommissioning and site repurposing. The thematic structure will be organized around the following topics:

- a) Challenges, good practice, and lessons learned from practical experiences in stakeholder engagement;

- b) Formats and tools for effective stakeholder engagement;
- c) Specific and unique aspects of stakeholder engagement in a decommissioning and site repurposing context;
- d) Local community perspectives;
- e) Stakeholder engagement in the context of sustainability and the circular economy.

## 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 **8 May 2026**, 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](mailto:InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org));
  - If applicable, indicate whether a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
  - 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.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **8 May 2026**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to [InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org](mailto:InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org).

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. 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

## **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 a presentation are requested to submit an abstract of their work. The abstract should clearly explain which topics the presentation will address and how they will be covered. 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 three pages (including figures and tables) and should not exceed 500 words. It should be sent electronically to Mr Yoshiaki Tamura ([y.tamura@iaea.org](mailto:y.tamura@iaea.org)), the Scientific Secretary of the event, not later than **8 May 2026**. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed presentations by **12 June 2026**.

Submission of a paper should be confirmed, together with the submission of the main application via the InTouch+ platform, by **8 May 2026**.

## **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, together with the submission of the application, by **8 May 2026**.

Participants requesting financial support who will not present should submit a brief justification via the InTouch+ platform, outlining their contribution to the meeting and/or how their participation will support their activities. The justification should be in A4 page format, should extend to no more than one page and should not exceed 500 words.

## 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:

<https://www.iaea.org/events/guide-to-the-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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## **Event Web Page**

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