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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the IAEA's Member States and has the honour to draw their attention to the **Technical Meeting of the Underground Research Facilities Network for Geological Disposal on Global Progress in Geological Disposal Programmes** (hereinafter referred to as “event”) to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams from **3 to 6 February 2026**.

The purpose of the event is to share updates on the development, evaluation and implementation of geological disposal solutions for high level waste and spent nuclear fuel. The event will also focus on sharing current research results from operating underground research facilities that support the development and implementation of disposal programmes.

The attached Information Sheet provides further details of the event.

The event will be held in English.

Member States are invited to designate one or more participants for this event. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify women participants.

Designations should be submitted to the IAEA via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) through the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) not later than **20 January 2026**, as indicated in the enclosed Information Sheet.

The Scientific Secretary of the event will liaise with the participants directly concerning further arrangements, as appropriate, once the official designations have been received.

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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA's Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.



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