



Workshop on the Safety Culture Continuous Improvement

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The improvement of safety culture is an ongoing endeavour that requires a long-term commitment to succeed. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) offers comprehensive support to licensees and regulatory bodies wishing to systematically improve their safety culture. An effective way of doing this is to conduct safety culture assessments and implement improvement activities based upon their findings. The assessments can be conducted by either internal or external teams. The IAEA offers both independent safety culture assessments and training courses for developing internal safety culture self-assessment teams for licensees and regulatory bodies.

The importance of continuously improving leadership and safety culture cannot be overemphasized, as they are fundamental to the safe operation of nuclear installations, as pointed out in Fundamental Safety Principles (IAEA Safety Standards Series No. SF-1, Vienna, 2006). The Secretariat has taken an active role in providing Member States with guidance on how to practically improve safety culture and leadership and has developed a training course on safety culture self-assessment, which is offered to Member States.

The workshop sessions will be based on the IAEA safety culture self-assessment training material and methodologies. After participating in the workshop, participants will be able to conduct safety culture self-assessments and train assessment teams within their own organizations, and act as assessors in IAEA Independent Safety Culture Assessment teams. The workshop will mainly be conducted in an interactive manner through reflections and dialogues. The invited experts who will be conducting the workshop will play the role of facilitators to trigger new insights and exchange of experience. The number of participants will be limited in order to ensure effective group dynamics and coaching by the facilitators during the practical exercises.

Objectives

The primary objective of the workshop is to train international safety culture experts/specialists on how to conduct safety culture assessments in accordance with the IAEA methodology.

Target Audience

The workshop is intended for those working in nuclear installations and/or regulatory bodies who are currently or may be engaged in the assessment of safety culture. Preferably, participants will have knowledge, through experience or studies, in human factors related to safety, safety culture or performance improvement. Familiarity with conducting qualitative analysis and writing qualitative reports is also preferred.

Working Language(s)

English

Expected Outputs

Participants will develop an understanding of approaches to understand and assess culture for safety in their own organisations. Through lecture, simulations, and dialogue, a systematic methodology for understanding strengths and areas of improvement as it relates to developing a healthy culture for safety will be delivered.

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 **22 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);
 - 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 **22 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.

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.

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 reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:
<https://www.iaea.org/events>.

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