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Information Sheet

Introduction

The role of a nuclear security support centre (NSSC) is to support competent authorities, authorized persons, and other organizations with nuclear security responsibilities in sustaining the national nuclear security regime. The primary functions of an NSSC in this role are: human resource development, specifically through the provision of a national nuclear security training programme; technical support services for nuclear security equipment life cycle management; and scientific support services for provision of expert advice, analysis, and research and development for nuclear security. As a corollary to these main functions, an NSSC also fosters nuclear security culture and enhances national coordination and collaboration among the various organizations involved in nuclear security. The International Network for Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres (NSSC Network) was established by consensus in February 2012 at a meeting of IAEA Member States in Vienna. The Network's mission is "to contribute to the global efforts to enhance and sustain nuclear security through an effective and collaborative network of nuclear security training and support centres," carried out through the following primary objectives: encouraging cooperation and supporting joint activities among NSSCs; identifying and documenting best practices for NSSCs; and strengthening information sharing among NSSCs.

Objectives

The primary objective of the 2026 annual meeting of the NSSC Network is to bring together IAEA Member States that have established or are planning to establish an NSSC, in order to share information on key technical themes relevant to developing and operating such a centre. The participants will also discuss overall Network priorities and receive updates from the Network leadership on progress towards individual working group objectives achieved during 2025. The NSSC Network members will review and consider next steps in several key activities, including: updates to the NSSC Network's Information Management Tools; development and implementation of expert missions based on the publication IAEA-TDL-010; technical exchange visits among NSSC Network members; and promotion and facilitation of greater regional cooperation among NSSCs. NSSC Network members will also select new leadership and develop new action plans for the coming period 2026 - 2027.

Target Audience

All IAEA Member States are invited to attend. Points of Contact for current NSSC Network Members and official NSSC Network Observer organizations are highly encouraged to participate.

Working Language(s)

English

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 **15 October 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 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 **15 October 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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Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Pakistan should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Pakistan.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.