



Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR)

# Regional Workshop on Strengthening Radiation Safety Culture in Medicine

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Introduction**

The safe use of ionizing radiation in medicine is of vital importance for patients, health professionals and the public, in all countries. Implementation of radiation safety culture in healthcare settings can help to strengthen safety in the use of radiation technology, preventing injuries and reducing unnecessary or unintended radiation dose to patients and staff overall. Also, the appropriate safety standards for radiation protection and safety of patients, workers, and the public need to be implemented to ensure safe use of ionizing radiation in medicine. This workshop is centred on radiation protection and safety in medical uses of ionizing radiation. It aims to strengthen radiation safety culture in the Member States through the guidance of participants on how to recognize and strengthen safety culture principles, or traits, in medical radiation uses. A trait in safety culture can be defined as a personal or organizational presence such as a pattern of thinking, feeling or behaving, which results in implementing measures that prioritizes the “safety first” principle. Participants will be provided with information on how to consider the application of safety culture in their own environments, including regulators with oversight over the medical uses, and health professionals on the operational side in medical facilities. Furthermore, the workshop will aim to discuss and give orientation on the IAEA Safety Standards pertaining to medical uses, in particular General Safety Requirements Part 3, and Specific Safety Guide 46 on Radiation

Protection and Safety in Medical Uses of Ionizing Radiation. This will ultimately enable different institutions to better implement standards of safety for protection of health in the medical area.

## **Objectives**

The purpose of the workshop is to train the participants in recognizing and strengthening the principles and traits of safety culture in relation to the uses of medical radiation, in order to strengthen radiation safety in Member States overall. It also aims to inform participants on the International Safety Standards in the medical area. It is expected that the knowledge and expertise gained during the workshop will allow the participants to initiate and further strengthen radiation safety culture in medicine in their respective organizations and facilities.

## **Target Audience**

The workshop is open to a maximum 25 participants being regulators with a responsibility in the medical radiation area as well as health professionals using radiation in medicine, particularly in radiotherapy.

The workshop will consist of presentations, facilitated discussions and practical exercises relating to pre-recorded digital presentations on how medical facilities address improvements in safety culture. In order to allow the selected participants to be familiar with the objective and content of the workshop, a “Handbook on Radiation Safety Culture Trait Talks” will be provided to the selected participants 1-2 weeks before the event. The participants are expected to familiarize themselves with the contents of this handbook prior to the event.

## **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 **21 July 2023**, 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 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 **21 July 2023**.

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.

## 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 Morocco should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Morocco.

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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.

## **Event Web Page**

Please visit the ANNuR website regularly for new information regarding this event:

<https://gnssn.iaea.org/main/ANNuR/Pages/default.aspx>



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