

# Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science, Technology and Applications and the Technical Cooperation Programme



26–28 November 2024, Vienna, Austria

## BACKGROUND

- The International Atomic Energy Agency supports Member States in using nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes, building national and regional capacities, and providing essential equipment in support of their priority needs and sustainable development.
- The world is facing new challenges, such as food security and climate change. Nuclear science and technology have a key role to play in addressing these.
- The complexity of these challenges requires a multisectoral approach integrating partnership and resource mobilization across all sectors, which the IAEA has been promoting and supporting.
- The IAEA has launched cross cutting initiatives: Zoonotic Disease Integrated Action (ZODIAC), NUClear TECHnology for Controlling Plastic Pollution (NUTEC Plastics), Rays of Hope (to address cancer), and together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Atoms4Food, all of which are meant to contribute to global efforts to address these challenges.
- The 2024 Ministerial Conference will allow Member States and other partners to explore the breadth of nuclear science, technology and its applications, and will highlight the latest research and development, and the achievements of the IAEA technical cooperation programme.

## OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Conference is to enable the participants to engage in high-level dialogue to:

1. **Facilitate the development and deployment of nuclear techniques** with emphasis on climate change, health, and food safety and security as well as water resource management and radiation technology supporting these areas.
2. Strengthen and address sustainability and growth of the Agency's support to Member States towards **achievement of the SDGs**, including through partnerships with the private sector, development agencies, regional and international development and financial institutions.

3. **Recognise and raise awareness** amongst strategic decision makers, the private sector, the youth and other relevant stakeholders on the role of the IAEA's research and development capabilities and its Technical Cooperation programme in the development and transfer of nuclear science, technology and its applications to address developmental challenges.
4. Encourage Member States to **enhance nuclear science education**.

## AUDIENCE

The Conference will bring together a wide range of stakeholders including ministers, high-level representatives, high-level decision makers and policy formulators from Member States, international organizations, industry, youth, technical experts, academia, the private sector, development banking and non-governmental organizations.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Conference will consist of:

- **A Ministerial Segment**, which will provide an opportunity for ministers to deliver national statements.
- **A Scientific and Technical Programme**, comprising panel discussions among scientists and experts on the latest developments in nuclear science, technology and applications, and among Member State's representatives that will share experiences on how the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme has contributed to their national development; and including partners sharing their views and experience for bigger impact and scale up.
- **Partnership and Engagement** of relevant stakeholders such as the private sector, development agencies, regional and international development and financial institutions, as well as the youth. The Conference will also highlight the need for gender equality, youth involvement and education in the fields related to nuclear science, technology and applications.
- **Side events and exhibits** where the audience will be able to deepen its knowledge on nuclear science, technology and applications, and their transfer through concrete examples and experiences from IAEA's Member States and cooperating organizations.

## REGISTRATION

Individual Registration by participants seeking financial support through InTouch+ is possible under EVT2300045 until **31 July 2024**.

Registration of Delegations through InTouch+ by the Designated Focal Point is possible under EVT2401236 until **18 November 2024**.

## CONFERENCE WEB PAGE

Detailed information on administrative procedures including participation and registration is provided on the conference web site:

<https://www.iaea.org/events/ministerial-conference-2024>

## EXHIBITS

A limited amount of space will be available for exhibits during the conference. Interested Member States should contact the Scientific Secretariat by email at:

**MTCD-CSS-Exhibitions.Contact-Point@iaea.org** before **31 July 2024**.

## SIDE EVENTS

Member States are encouraged to propose side events on the topics relevant to the Conference before **31 July**. More details can be found on the dedicated conference web page.

## WORKING LANGUAGE

The working languages of the conference will be all the official IAEA languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

## EXPENDITURES AND GRANTS

No registration fee is charged to participants.

Limited funds are available to assist certain participants, by Submission of Form C (together with Form A) through the InTouch+ Platform; **EVT2300045**.

**Deadline is 31 July 2024.**

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