

Technical Meeting on the Application of Artificial Intelligence for Nuclear Security

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Information Sheet

Introduction

In recent years, there has been growing interest in developing and applying Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to nuclear technologies. AI/ML has the potential to enable advanced analysis of nuclear security data and the development of innovative detection techniques and algorithms.

AI/ML have the potential to reshape nuclear security systems and measures, offering unprecedented capabilities for addressing growing challenges in protecting nuclear materials, other radioactive materials, associated facilities and activities, and detecting criminal or intentional unauthorized actions. Computer security anomaly detection techniques and measures based on AI/ML have the potential to detect process anomalies and initiate automated responses before malicious cyber-attacks can lead to the real-world consequences of a nuclear security event.

AI/ML technologies may enable real-time analysis of complex behavioral and operational data gathered from physical protection systems. Advanced algorithms can monitor personnel access patterns, monitoring systems, sensor networks, and facility logistics to identify anomalies suggestive of insider threats or unauthorized access attempts. AI/ML have also the potential to integrate inputs from radiation detection systems and surveillance systems, employing adaptive algorithms to optimize security responses during adversarial scenarios. Further developments in computer vision may enhance perimeter monitoring and AI-assisted risk modelling for nuclear material accountancy and control purposes.

This event aims to provide a collaborative platform for discussing and advancing AI/ML applications, addressing Member States' needs to understand their potential in supporting the safe and secure use of nuclear technologies. By fostering interdisciplinary dialogue, the event aims to bridge cutting-edge research with practical implementation, ensuring AI/ML technologies strengthen nuclear security systems and measures.

Objectives

The objective of the event is to encourage interaction among experts from all over the world to promote the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning for nuclear security activities. It aims to enhance understanding and capacity building in the development and integration of AI/ML tools in this domain.

Expected Outputs

- A comprehensive report summarizing key, findings, recommendations, and areas for future research.
- A catalogue of potential activities to advance AI/ML integration in nuclear security.
- Enhanced collaboration and partnerships among Member States and stakeholders for implementing AI/ML solutions in nuclear security.

Target Audience

- **System Designers and Engineers:** Professionals involved in the design and deployment of AI/ML tools and technologies for nuclear security applications.
- **Operators and Regulators:** Personnel responsible for the operational oversight and regulatory compliance of nuclear security systems.
- **Subject-Matter Experts:** Specialists in nuclear security, computer security, AI/ML, and related technical fields.
- **International and Technical Organizations:** Representatives from organizations specializing in AI, machine learning, and nuclear security technologies.

Working Language

English.

Structure

The event will feature the following components:

- **Plenary Sessions:** Keynotes and presentations by invited experts on the thematic areas of AI/ML and nuclear security.
- Working Group Sessions: Focused discussions and interactive panels addressing specific challenges, innovations, and strategies in AI/ML applications for nuclear security.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Sessions designed to foster interaction and knowledge-sharing among participants.

Topics

The meeting will address the following key topics:

AI for Threat Detection and Anomaly Analysis

Exploration of machine learning techniques for detecting anomalies and identifying threats in nuclear security data, sensor fusion, radiation detection, and predictive analytics to enhance real-time threat detection and material control. This includes case studies on operationalizing AI/ML tools, including lessons learned from pilot projects.

Risk Mitigation in AI Implementation

Examination of issues such as algorithmic bias in training datasets, adversarial attacks on AI models, overreliance on automated decision-making in high-stakes scenarios, and ethical frameworks for the adoption of AI technologies.

AI in Computer Security for Nuclear Systems

Discussion on enhancing computer security measures using AI tools for continuous monitoring, intrusion detection, and automated threat response systems.

AI for Physical Protection Systems in Nuclear Facilities

Analysis of AI-driven solutions for physical security, such as computer vision in surveillance systems, access control, and incident response mechanisms.

International Collaboration in AI for Nuclear Security

Strategies for strengthening international partnerships to harmonize AI/ML regulatory frameworks, improve data-sharing mechanisms, and address dual-use concerns.

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 (<u>https://intouchplus.iaea.org</u>) 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 **30 August 2025**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<u>https://intouchplus.iaea.org</u>):

- 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 <u>here.</u>

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 **30 August 2025**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the <u>InTouch+ Help</u> page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.

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 <u>Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy</u> 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 <u>Data</u> <u>Processing Notice</u> concerning the IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Papers and Presentations

The IAEA encourages participants to give presentations on the work of their respective institutions that falls under the topics listed in above Topics Section.

Participants who wish to give presentations are requested to submit an abstract of their work. The abstract will be reviewed as part of the selection process for presentations. The abstract should be in A4 page format, should extend to no more than 2 pages (including figures and tables) and should not exceed 500 words. It should be sent electronically through Indico, not later than **15 July 2025**. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed presentations by **30 August 2025**.

In addition to the registration already submitted through the InTouch+ platform, participants have to submit the abstract, together with the Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B), to the competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA not later than **15 July 2025**.

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: <u>https://www.iaea.org/events</u>.

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.

Additional Information

The event will commence at 10:00 on Monday, 20 October 2025, and is expected to end at 13:00 on Friday, 24 October 2025.

The event agenda and the information on local arrangements will be sent to the designated participants approximately one month before the beginning of the event.

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Event Web Page

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www.iaea.org/events/EVT2405595

Enclosure: Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B)