

Webinar on Looking Back and Looking Forward, Shaping Nuclear Security through ICONS

Webinar Series on Nuclear Security - Looking Beyond ICONS 2024

Organized by the IAEA Division of Nuclear Security

Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Time: 12:00 – 13:00, Vienna (Austria) time

Duration: 1 hour

Information Sheet

Introduction

In May 2024, the IAEA convened the International Conference on Nuclear Security: Shaping the Future (ICONS 2024). It was the fourth quadrennial ministerial conference on nuclear security convened by the Agency, following conferences held in July 2013, December 2016 and February 2020.

The conference attracted over 2000 registered participants, including 49 ministers, deputy ministers and other high ranking officials, underscoring the importance of ICONS as the largest and foremost global forum for nuclear security practitioners. The conference also demonstrated widespread recognition among members of the international community that nuclear security is a topic that requires continued attention, discussion and international dialogue. Conference panellists and participants consistently emphasized the need for the Agency to continue organizing periodic international workshops, and meetings and forums, such as ICONS, in order to share best practices and foster continued and meaningful international cooperation.

Building on the discussions held at ICONS 2024, the IAEA is launching a webinar series titled "Nuclear Security – Looking Beyond ICONS 2024". Individual webinars will be planned on a variety of topics related to the core themes of ICONS 2024: policy, law and regulations for nuclear security; technology and infrastructure for nuclear security prevention, detection and response; capacity building for nuclear security; and cross-cutting nuclear security topics.

The first webinar is on "Looking Back and Looking Forward, Shaping Nuclear Security through ICONS". Dates and times for future webinars will be announced in due time. A tentative list of topics to be covered includes, but is not limited to:

- Computer security: what's next for this cross-cutting area of nuclear security
- Nuclear security and small modular reactors
- Initiatives for sustaining the nuclear security workforce
- Advances in detection and deterrence of nuclear security threats

Objectives

The objectives of the webinar are:

- To engage the international nuclear security community in an open discussion about the outcomes of ICONS 2024 and emerging topics in nuclear security.
- To provide a platform for information exchange and strengthening international cooperation for nuclear security.

Target Audience

The webinar series is intended for officials and nuclear security professionals involved in the establishment, strengthening and sustainability of national nuclear security regimes. The participation of women, early career professionals, students and representatives from developing countries is especially encouraged.

Working Language

English

Registration

To register for the webinar, please use this link no later than 17 June 2025: Webinar 1 Registration.

After the registration and acceptance of your participation, you will receive an e-mail containing information on how to access the webinar by following a hyperlink to join the WebEx meeting or by calling in by phone.

You can test your ability to connect to a WebEx meeting at the following link: https://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html#. Please contact your IT department if the test fails.

For additional help regarding registration, please contact the ICONS team: ICONS2024@iaea.org.

Webinar Programme

The webinar will be a moderated conversation format with a period for questions from the audience.

Panelists:

Ms Elena Buglova, Director, Division of Nuclear Security, IAEA

HE Mr Ian Biggs, Ambassador of Australia, representing co-President of ICONS 2024

HE Mr Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Ambassador of Kazakhstan, representing co-President of ICONS 2024

Ms Anita Nilsson, co-Chair of ICONS 2024 Programme Committee, Sweden

Moderator:

Ms Sara Mroz, Scientific Secretary ICONS 2024, Division of Nuclear Security, IAEA