

USA-IAEA Nuclear Stakeholder Engagement School

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Information Sheet

Introduction

Many countries are looking into the option of deploying nuclear power to ensure security of energy supply and enable their socioeconomic development while reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and meeting climate change goals. However, countries often identify effective communication and engagement with stakeholders as one of the biggest challenges of a nuclear power programme. Recognizing that high quality stakeholder engagement supports the day-to-day activities of a nuclear organization as well as when internal or external challenges occur, the IAEA Member States have increasingly been asking for support in this field.

In response to increasing demand for support to Member States in strengthening their engagement efforts, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) established the Nuclear Stakeholder Engagement School. The school equips participants with the skills, tools, and knowledge needed to engage stakeholders effectively across the nuclear fuel cycle and throughout the life cycle of nuclear facilities. It is designed for professionals involved in the planning, regulation, development, or communication of nuclear power programmes, including representatives from government, regulatory bodies, technical organizations, and their communication teams.

Objectives

The school offers a comprehensive curriculum comprising lectures, interactive group discussions, practical exercises and, when possible, technical visits. Through a combination of theoretical and practical learning, participants will develop the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively engage with diverse stakeholders, as well as gain an understanding of why it is important to embed stakeholder engagement in organizational management processes and organization's core values.

The objectives of the school include:

- Promote the understanding of the need for continuous engagement of various stakeholder groups across the nuclear fuel cycle and throughout the lifecycle of nuclear facilities.
- Raise awareness of the need to embed stakeholder engagement as an integral element of organizational management processes and organization's core values.
- Look into the specifics and dynamics of effective stakeholder engagement, including cross cutting nature and impact of stakeholder engagement activities and the appropriate application of a variety of participatory tools for different objectives of stakeholder engagement.
- Identify the key skills and internal capacities required within organizations to effectively implement and sustain stakeholder engagement programme over long timeframes.

Target Audience

The target audience for the school are executives, managers and professionals working in governmental bodies, regulatory bodies, technical support organizations, operating organizations and other organizations from across the nuclear industry, who are directly or indirectly involved with their entity's stakeholder engagement programmes.

Working Language

The working language of the event will be English.

Topics

Some of the topics covered by the school curriculum include:

- psychology of human decision making and stakeholder engagement;
- tools, methods and approaches to effective stakeholder engagement;
- stakeholder engagement strategy and plan;
- roles and responsibilities in stakeholder engagement;
- leadership and influencing skills
- crisis and emergency communication;
- public information and communication;
- disinformation, misinformation, rumours and fake news mitigation;
- ensuring sustained stakeholder engagement.

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 **31 July 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 **31 July 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>.

Nominated applicants from IAEA Member States should prepare a motivational video (not longer than two minutes) as part of the selection process. Motivational video should be submitted through the IAEA's learning platform, CLP4NET (Cyber Learning Platform for Nuclear Education and Training). Login credentials for CLP4NET will be provided to the designated candidates separately.

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.

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.

The application for financial support should be made using the **Grant Application Form** (Form C) which has to be stamped, signed and submitted by the competent national authority to the IAEA together with the **Participation Form** (Form A) by **31 July 2025**.

Venue

INL DC Office, Lobby Conference Center 1201 Maryland Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024, The United States of America

Visas

Obtaining the visa of the host country – including any transit visas required as per travel itinerary – is **the exclusive responsibility of the participant**. Participants who require a visa to enter the United States of America should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of the United States of America.

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Event Web Page

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