



International Forum on Rays of Hope

Assessing 3 years of Progress and Inspiring Further Action towards
#CancerCare4All

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Information Sheet

A. Purpose

To bring together selected recipient Member States, existing and prospective partners of Rays of Hope (RoH) including donors, private sector, International Financial Institutions, for showcasing the progress of the Rays of Hope initiative, providing a common platform and sensitising on various aspects of RoH, ranging from radiation safety, RoH methodology and process, role of Anchor Centres, to technical contents related to Radiotherapy, Radiology and Nuclear Medicine.

B. Working Languages (s)

The working language(s) of the event will be English

C. Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 30 May 2025 will not be considered.

D. Project Background

The RoH initiative supports Member States in establishing, or expanding, their medical imaging, nuclear medicine, and radiotherapy capabilities to improve access to radiotherapy services, particularly in countries that lack this life-saving treatment. RoH directly contributes to the 2030 Agenda and SDG3 (Good Health and Well-Being) while promoting gender parity in healthcare, particularly in cancer care for women in need. The RoH Initiative was launched by the IAEA's Director General on World Cancer Day in February 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, together with the former President of Senegal Macky Sall, and with support from the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Since the launch of the RoH initiative in February 2022, 93 countries have requested the Agency's support to increase access to cancer care. The IAEA has mobilised funds from donor Member States, Private Sector companies as well as Member State Development agencies in support of cancer care for low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) across the world.

Under the RoH initiative, the Agency supports Member States with comprehensive baseline assessments (i.e. imPACT reviews), development of Strategic Documents (National Cancer Control Plans, Bankable Documents), procurement of equipment and capacity building. In addition, RoH is addressing long-term sustainability through Anchor Centres that foster regional cooperation through provision of training, innovation and quality assurance. Anchor Centres are based on South-South/triangular cooperation mechanisms and are ultimately aimed at ensuring sustainability of results. RoH also supports innovation and research through the Sunrise initiative and educational innovation.

With a growing number of prioritised needs within LMIC Member States and many countries joining the RoH initiative, more can be done in countries with insufficient or no radiotherapy available, saving lives and improving quality of life.

Funds mobilised through RoH were initially prioritised to support seven "first wave" countries in Africa. Since then, financial "seed money" has been extended to cover countries across all regions. After three years of the initiative, it is crucial to take stock of what was achieved and witness concrete results on the ground.

The next RoH Forum will take place in Ethiopia – the birthplace of Rays of Hope.

E. Scope and Nature

The participants in the Rays of Hope Forum will:

1. Review the progress made with the Rays of Hope initiative since its launch in 2022.
2. Learn about challenges and lessons learned from countries that are benefitting from the Rays of Hope initiative.
3. Learn about the key role of Anchor Centres and contribution to the sustainability of the RoH initiative.
4. Learn/share Member States experience in receiving support from the IAEA through imPACT Reviews, National Cancer Control Planning, Bankable Documents.
5. Engage with a coalition of partners on mutual areas of interest.

The RoH Forum will include a series of presentations as well as panel discussions with a view to exchange information, share best practices and lessons learned as well as discussing the Initiative's future directions.

All in-person participants are encouraged to be involved in discussions and exchange views and ideas. The event will also be live streamed.

F. Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Download and complete the [Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form](#), and upload to InTouch+ ('Profile' tab under the personal section) specifying the document name. If already provided, kindly discard this step; and
 - c. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVT2502306) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e., the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

G. Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

H. Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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