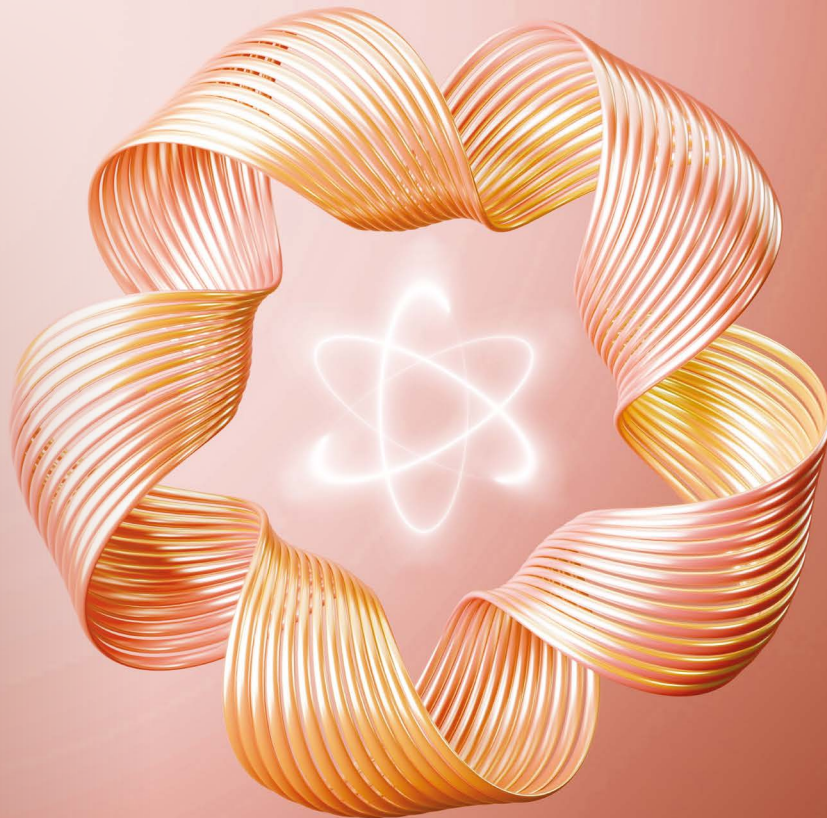# Effective Nuclear and Radiation Regulatory Systems

Strengthening competence, agility and connection in the modern era

27–30 APRIL 2026
Vienna, Austria

Background

The IAEA is organizing the *International Conference on Effective Nuclear and Radiation Regulatory Systems: Strengthening Competence, Agility and Connection in the Modern Era* from 27 to 30 April 2026 at the Agency's headquarters.

The conference is the seventh in a series of conferences on effective nuclear and radiation regulatory systems held since 2006 in different regions. These conferences have served as platforms for regulators to thrive in their independent roles, strengthening international cooperation, and facilitating the exchange of information and experiences among regulators from large and small, nuclear and non-nuclear power countries across all regions. At the most recent edition of the conference, in Abu Dhabi in 2023, the main focus was on how regulators can best prepare for the future in a rapidly changing environment.

Three years later, in a world facing complexities such as energy crises, geopolitical challenges, climate change and the need for decarbonization of energy systems, and rapid technological advancements, the challenges of tomorrow have already arrived. In this context, discussions on how regulators are forging strong and credible pathways for effective nuclear and radiation regulatory systems are more urgent and vital than ever.

Purpose and objectives

The objective of the conference is to build on the conclusions and deliberations of the previous conferences, and to consider developments in regulatory systems to further enhance nuclear and radiation safety and security globally. The conference will play a vital part in the global efforts of regulators to review, identify and propose paths forward for issues that are important to the global regulatory community.

Target audience

The conference is directed at a broad range of experts in the area of nuclear and radiation safety and nuclear security regulation, bringing together the world's regulators responsible for these areas.

Participation of other interested individuals and organizations, such as policy makers, technical and scientific support organizations, professional associations, research and academic institutions, young professionals, as well as technical and scientific experts working or interested in all areas of regulatory functions is also welcome.

The IAEA highly encourages the participation of women, early career professionals and individuals from developing countries.

Main topics

Contributions are invited on the following topics:

- **Competence:** thinking and acting as an effective regulator
- **Agility:** growing as a regulator to address emerging challenges
- **Connection:** strengthening connection in the regulatory 'ecosystem'

In addition, meaningful national initiatives on leadership, organizational readiness and agility, trust and collaboration, received through the ongoing Call for Action from the RegCon2023, will be highlighted.

Format

The conference programme will begin with an opening day that builds on the outcomes of previous editions. Subsequent days will focus on the key topics of regulatory competence, agility and connection.

The conference programme will feature high-level plenary sessions, interactive workshops, cross-cutting sessions and panel discussions aimed at fostering engagement, strengthening collaboration, encouraging intergenerational dialogue and incorporating the perspectives of stakeholders across the regulatory community.

Submission of abstracts

Abstracts of approximately 500 to 600 words must be submitted in electronic format through IAEA-INDICO system available at the conference website. Additionally, the Participation Form (Form A) and Submission of a Paper (Form B) have to be submitted as explained in the announcement on the conference website.

Submission of responses to the Call for Action from RegCon2023

All RegCon participants are invited to share their response to the Call for Action by providing information on their programmes, projects, activities, actions or initiatives inspired by RegCon2023. The RegCon2023 Call for Action Response form is available by following this QR code.

Registration

No registration fee is charged.

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.

Key deadlines

1 September 2025	Submission of abstracts through IAEA-INDICO
	Submission of responses to the Call for Action from the 2023 Regulatory Effectiveness Conference
15 December 2025	Submission of the Grant Application Form (Form C), together with Form A, through the InTouch+ Platform
21 April 2026	Registration only (no paper submission, no grant request) using Form A through the InTouch+ Platform

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