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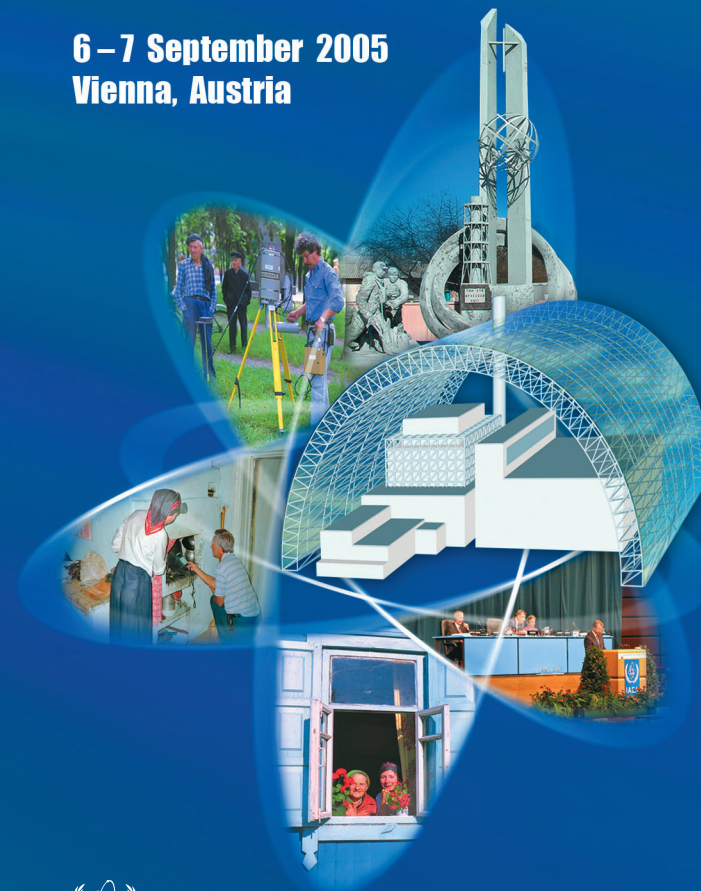
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# International Conference CHERNOBYL: Looking Back to Go Forwards

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## Background

The explosion on 26 April 1986 at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, located just 100 km from the city of Kiev, Ukraine, led to the substantial airborne release and subsequent ground deposition of a radionuclide mixture that resulted in the long term radioactive contamination of more than 200 000 square kilometres of European territory. This accident led to numerous adverse environmental, health, social and economic consequences.

In 2003, the IAEA, in cooperation with FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UN-OCHA, UNSCEAR, WHO and The World Bank, as well as the competent authorities of the most affected countries, Belarus, the Russian Federation and the Ukraine, established the Chernobyl Forum. The mission of the Forum is to generate “authoritative consensual statements” on the environmental consequences and health effects attributable to radioactive fallout and radiation exposure arising from the accident. The Forum was created as a contribution to the United Nations’ ten years strategy for Chernobyl, launched in 2002 with the publication of **Human Consequences of the Chernobyl Nuclear Accident - A Strategy for Recovery**.

## Objective

The objective of this conference is to inform governments and the general public about the Forum’s findings regarding the environmental and health consequences of the Chernobyl accident, as well as its social and economic consequences, and to present the Forum’s recommendations on further remediation, special health care, and research and development programmes, with the overall aim of promoting a United Nation’s wide consensus on these issues.

## Audience

The conference is directed at a broad spectrum of experts and persons from various professional disciplines, as well as decision makers from the countries affected by the Chernobyl accident, non-governmental organizations, and the mass media. Those attending the conference are also expected to include health physicists, environmental engineers, radiation protection experts, officers having responsibilities for the application of remediation standards and radiation protection programmes, and senior policy makers at the ministerial level.

## Programme

The conference programme will be based on the following approach:

- The opening will consist of statements of high level officials of members of the Chernobyl Forum;
- The major findings of the Forum concerning environmental consequences and remediation, as well as health consequences and health care, will be presented and followed by a panel discussion;
- The social and economic consequences and development issues will be presented in the context of the UN Strategy for Recovery;
- The conference will conclude with the Chairman’s statement containing the Forum’s conclusions and recommendations;

The conference will include a major press conference and a press briefing with presentation of the Forum findings and recommendations.