

## LANGUAGE

Interpretation into all official IAEA languages will be provided for the ministerial segment on 5 December 2016. The scientific and technical programme will be held in English.

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# International Conference on NUCLEAR SECURITY: *Commitments and Actions*

5–9 December 2016  
Vienna, Austria

Ministerial Segment  
5 December 2016

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## BACKGROUND

Following the successful International Conference on Nuclear Security: Enhancing Global Efforts held in Vienna, Austria, in July 2013, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is organizing a second conference in this area – the International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitments and Actions – at its Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, from 5 to 9 December 2016. The 2013 conference attracted more than 1300 registered participants and 34 ministers from 25 States, as well as garnering the support of 21 international organizations and initiatives. The 2016 conference is expected to engender an even greater level of interest.

The 2016 conference will have two main parts:

- A ministerial segment which will provide an opportunity for ministers to deliver messages on achievements, commitments and actions, and adopt a Ministerial Declaration; and
- A scientific and technical programme comprising high level discussions on six broad themes central to nuclear security and parallel technical sessions on specialized scientific technical, legal and regulatory issues concerning nuclear security.

## PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The conference is being convened to discuss the national and international community's experiences and achievements to date in strengthening nuclear security; to enhance understanding of current approaches to nuclear security worldwide; to identify trends; and to provide an inclusive forum at which ministers, policymakers, senior officials and nuclear security experts can formulate and exchange views on future directions and priorities for nuclear security and how these may evolve.

The conference will be the ideal forum to:

- Raise awareness of nuclear security;
- Review the current status of nuclear security efforts and existing approaches, emerging trends and areas that may still need to be addressed;
- Consider the medium and long term objectives and priorities for nuclear security and how current approaches may evolve to address these and to meet future challenges;
- Promote universalization of the key international legal instruments for nuclear security;
- Promote international nuclear security guidance and its use by States;
- Review technological developments in nuclear security;
- Promote sharing of information and good practices in nuclear security, with due regard to the protection of sensitive information;
- Promote stronger nuclear security culture;
- Support capacity building to help sustain national nuclear security regimes;
- Encourage diverse participation in such conferences, including increased representation of women, early career professionals and individuals from developing countries; and
- Reaffirm and support the central role of the IAEA in strengthening the nuclear security framework globally and leading the coordination of international activities in the field of nuclear security, whilst avoiding duplication and overlap.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The conference is aimed at ministers, senior government officials, high level staff from all of the agencies involved in making policy for, and managing, nuclear security, and at technical and legal experts working in all areas of nuclear security.

## KEY DEADLINES

<b>29 July 2016</b>	Notification of acceptance of synopsis
12 August 2016	Essay Submission Deadline
16 September 2016	Announcement of Essay Contest Winners
<b>31 October 2016</b>	Submission of full paper (only upon request by the IAEA)

## PAPER SUBMISSION

Extended synopsis and full papers must be submitted through the IAEA-INDICO file submission system. Instructions are available on the INDICO system.

## REGISTRATION

No registration fee is charged.

Any participant not submitting a synopsis should submit Participation Form A through the appropriate authority as soon as possible (see conference web page for further details).

## ESSAY COMPETITION

The IAEA 2016 International Essay Competition on Nuclear Security invites students and early career professionals to submit an innovative and original essay on *The Future of Nuclear Security: Commitments and Actions*. Three winners will be presented with cash prizes of €2000 and a certificate signed by the Director General of the IAEA. All three winners will receive flight tickets, accommodation and daily living expenses to attend and present their papers at the International Conference. Please refer to the Conference Web Page for more information, or contact [NUSECessay2016@iaea.org](mailto:NUSECessay2016@iaea.org).