

Working language

The conference will be held in the official languages of the IAEA: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the conference are requested to register in advance through the conference web page. No registration fee is charged to participants.

Limited funds, which usually cover only part of the cost of attendance, are available to assist certain participants. Such assistance may be offered upon specific request, normally to one participant per country. Please see the conference web page for details on how to apply.

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Key deadlines

- 15 Dec 2016 Submission of Grant Application Form
15 Dec 2016 Submission of request for exhibition space

Conference web page

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Background

The year 2017 will mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the IAEA. *The International Conference on the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme: Sixty Years and Beyond – Contributing to Development* provides an ideal opportunity to take stock of what has been achieved through the technical cooperation (TC) programme and to demonstrate how the programme can best contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) in Member States.

The TC programme is the main mechanism through which the IAEA delivers assistance to Member States. The objective of the TC programme is to promote tangible socioeconomic impact in areas where the peaceful application of nuclear technology holds a comparative advantage, including in human health, food and agriculture, water and the environment, industrial applications and energy. The programme responds to the evolving needs and priorities of Member States through capacity building, transfer of nuclear technology, and the sharing of knowledge among Member States.

Objectives

The conference is an occasion for Member States and other partners to explore innovative means to further develop partnerships with other UN and regional organizations, financial institutions, non-traditional donors and the private sector, in order to enhance delivery of TC programme. It aims to:

- Highlight the achievements of the TC programme in supporting Member States over the last six decades in meeting their

developmental priorities through the peaceful application of nuclear science and technology;

- Raise awareness of the TC programme's role in, and contributions to, the achievement of the SDGs;
- Strengthen partnerships with Member States, UN and regional organizations, financial institutions and non-traditional donors and the private sector, for enhancing TC programme delivery;
- Explore innovative approaches to further improve, strengthen and ensure the impact and sustainability of the TC programme.

Audience

The conference will bring together high level decision-makers and policy formulators, technical experts at the senior management level, representatives from academia, industry, bilateral aid agencies and foundations, as well as UN system partners and other multilateral entities, including regional development agencies, development banks, the private sector and specialized media.

Programme structure and topics

Topical sessions with invited keynote speakers from Member States and partner organizations will present the evolution of the TC programme from its early days, and will highlight the role of the TC programme in sustainable development. The conference will also bring together development partners to discuss future partnership opportunities, and will conclude with a high level panel discussion on the way forward for the TC programme.

Session topics will include:

- Evolution of the IAEA's TC programme.
- Partnerships: working with the UN family and other relevant international organizations.
- Regional cooperation.
- Addressing development challenges through the TC programme.
- Contributing towards the achievement of the SDGs.
- Future perspectives.

Expected outcomes

- Increased awareness of the contribution made by the IAEA's TC programme to socioeconomic development in Member States over the last six decades.
- Improved understanding of how the TC programme can support Member States in addressing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Enhanced partnerships for future activities under the TC programme.
- A common vision on innovative means and approaches to ensure a strengthened and sustainable TC programme.

Exhibits

An exhibition will be held on the margins of the conference, presenting the achievements of the TC programme.

An limited amount of space will also be available for Member States exhibits during the conference. Interested parties should contact the Scientific Secretariat by email before **1 November 2016**.