

Technical Meeting/Workshop
on
Milestones for Nuclear Power Infrastructure Development
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ANNOUNCEMENT

1. BACKGROUND

This is a follow-up of the Technical Meeting/Workshop in Vienna on “Issues for the Introduction of Nuclear Power” held at the IAEA’s Headquarters in December 2006. This Technical Meeting/Workshop is an opportunity for Member States to exchange views on the most important infrastructure issues summarised in the IAEA’s document GOV/INF/2007/2, *Considerations to Launch a Nuclear Power Programme*; and discuss:

- a) a new IAEA guidance document entitled *Milestones in the Development of a National Infrastructure for Nuclear Power*; planned to be published in September 2007, and
- b) the effects of infrastructure developments and other related topics on reducing investment risks and improving prospect for financing nuclear power projects.

It is expected that over 100 participants from about 40 Member States will attend.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 1) To discuss a wide range of relevant nuclear infrastructure issues including those summarized in the IAEA document GOV/INF/2007/2, *Considerations to Launch a Nuclear Power Programme*;
- 2) To review issues related to nuclear infrastructure from the perspective of national requirements, as presented in an IAEA publication planned for September 2007 entitled *Milestones in the Development of a National Infrastructure for Nuclear Power*;
- 3) To enable the IAEA and supplier countries to develop a comprehensive understanding of the concerns and needs of participating Member States;
- 4) To review the effects of infrastructure developments and other related topics on reducing investment risks;

- 5) To discuss possible actions that may improve prospects for financing nuclear power projects.

3. SCOPE AND MAJOR ISSUES

- National infrastructure wide range of hard (grid, facilities, etc) and soft issues (legal, regulatory, training, etc) needed for the first nuclear power plant (NPP) project
- Period: from the decision to include nuclear power within the national energy strategy to the start of commissioning the first NPP
- Mechanisms to reduce risk of investing in NPP projects
- Options for improving prospects in financing NPP projects

4. PARTICIPATION

- Representatives from Member States interested in developing the first NPP or extending nuclear power programmes for electricity generation or desalination
- Representatives from Member States who are supplier countries or other countries with an interest in the future application of nuclear energy

Level of participation:

Senior representatives of responsible energy supply Ministries

Senior Executives of power companies

Senior Directors of Atomic Energy Commissions or equivalent

Heads of Regulatory Bodies (Nuclear, Environmental or Commercial)

Senior Executives of international and national financial institutions

All persons wishing to participate in the Technical Meeting/Workshop must complete a Participation Form (see attached Form A) and send it as soon as possible to the competent authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Atomic Energy Authority) for subsequent transmission to the IAEA. A participant will be accepted only if the Participation Form is transmitted through the government of a Member State to the IAEA by **25 September 2007**.

Participants whose official designations have been received by the IAEA will receive confirmation that they have been accepted by **10 October 2007**. Further information on the Technical Meeting/Workshop, including a preliminary programme, will be sent to participants approximately one month before the meeting.

5. EXPENDITURES

No registration fee is charged to participants.

Limited funds may be available to help cover the costs of participants from Member States eligible to receive technical assistance under the IAEA technical cooperation programme. Such assistance may be offered depending upon the availability of funds, upon specific request, to one or two participants per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, these participants will make an important contribution to the Technical Meeting/Workshop and represent different national organizations. The applications for financial support should be made at the time of designation of the participants.

Additional participants would be possible and welcomed also from other countries; however the IAEA will not pay the cost of attendance, i.e. travel and living expenses, of those participants.

Governments wishing to apply for a grant on behalf of a participant should address specific requests to the IAEA Secretariat. Governments should ensure that applications for grants:

- (a) are submitted by **25 September**;
- (b) are accompanied by a duly completed and signed Grant Application Form (Form C) available from the Technical Meeting/Workshop web page.

Applications that do not comply with conditions (a) and (b) cannot be considered.

The grants awarded will be in the form of lump sums that usually cover only part of the cost of attendance.

6. TECHNICAL MEETING/WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the Technical Meeting/Workshop will be produced as a CD by the IAEA as soon as possible after the meeting.

7. WORKING LANGUAGES

The working language of the Technical Meeting/Workshop will be English.

8. ACCOMMODATION

Detailed information on accommodation and other information of interest will be sent to all designated participants before the meeting and will also be available on the web page:

<http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTC/Meetings/Announcements.asp?ConfID=33552>

9. VISAS

Designated participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application(s) to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria as early as possible but at least one month before the meeting.

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11. TECHNICAL MEETING/WORKSHOP INFORMATION

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