URAM-2009

Uranium Production Cycle Subprogramme (1.2.1) Activities

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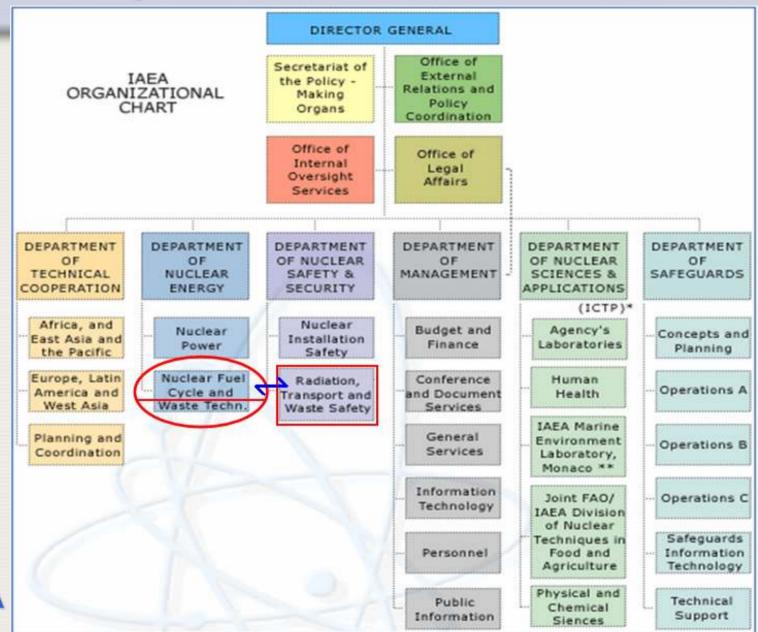
What is the Agency's mission?

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- assists its Member States in planning for and using nuclear science and technology and facilitates the transfer of technology and knowledgeto ... Member States;
- develops nuclear safety standards and promotes the achievement and maintenance of high levels of safety in applications ... and ... the protection of human health and the environment against ionizing radiation;
- verifies through its inspection system that States comply with their commitments only for peaceful purposes.



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- IAEA Programme 1.2: Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Materials Technologies
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 - Project 1.2.1.1: Updating Uranium Resources,
 Supply & Demand and Nuclear Fuel Cycle
 Databases
 - Project 1.2.1.2: Supporting Good Practices in Uranium Production



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Project 1.2.1.1: Updating Uranium Resources, Supply & Demand and Nuclear Fuel Cycle Databases

- Uranium Group secretariat & Red Book preparation etc.
- Analysis of Uranium Supply to 2060
- UDEPO content (a database of uranium deposits)
- IAEA Symposium on Uranium (URAM-2009)

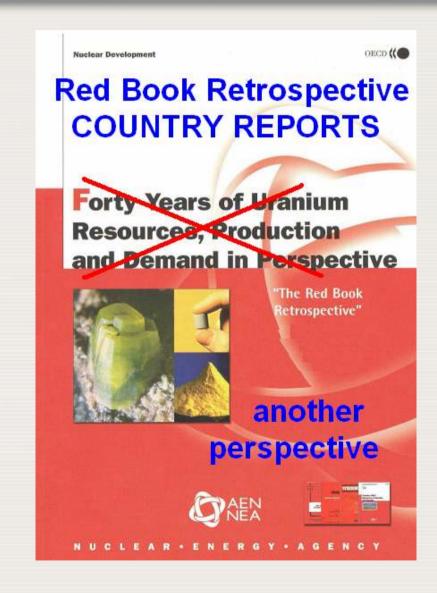


- RED BOOKs since 1965
- Uranium 2009: Resources, Production and Demand
- Sources:
 governmental
 reports, secretariat
 reports and
 estimates





- Forty years of uranium production cycle activities country by country:
- RED BOOK Retrospective Country Reports
- Sources: Red Books, IUREP, other (SG open sources?)





- RED BOOK Retrospective Country Reports
- A spin-off from regular Red Books Country Reports
 - Country by country reports
 - Final format definition
 - Final extent of the publication definition (limitation in pages)
 - Countries definition
 - Core consultant group († Jay McMurray, Jean Rene Blaise, Fritz Barthel, Doug Underhill, Kim Warthan)
 - External consultants to cover particular countries
 - Final editing

Looking for recommendations!!!!



Uranium Resources / RBR-CR

SPAIN

Foreword

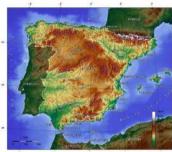
Executive Summary

Introduction - Geography

Spain is located at the Iberian Peninsula, of which it occupies approximately 80% (the remaining 20% are occupied by Portugal), in the southwest of Europe. In the north Spain borders on France and Andorra, with the Pyrenees as a natural frontier. Additionally the Balearic Islands (Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza) in the Mediterranean Sea, Canary Islands in Atlantic Ocean close to the Moroccian coast, and Ceuta and Melilla, located in northern Africa, are Spanish territory.

Population 40 448 200 (July 2007 est)

Madrid Capital city



The majority of Spain's peninsular region consists of the M rimmed and dissected by mountain ranges. Other landforms inclulowland river valleys, the most prominent of which is the Andale

from 610 to 760 m. Rimmed by mountains, the Meseta Centra series of rivers that form some of the border with Portugal. "dorsal spine" of the Meseta Central, divides the Meseta into 1 GEOLOGY OF SPAIN former higher in elevation and smaller in area than the latter. The of Madrid with neaks that rise to 2,400 m north of the city and to Madrid, the Sistema Central shows its highest peak of almost 2 Central, which continue westward into Portugal, display some gl

central plateau has very hot, dry summers and drought is common (Co saying is that the climate is "9 months of winter (-5°C) and 3 months of the freezing winters and scorching summers. In Seville, Cordoba and (50°C. On the southern Mediterranean coast a mediterranean climate pr average winter temperature of 14°C.

Although Spanish soils need careful irrigation and cultivation, the valuable natural resource with nearly a third of the land available for cu grain, vegetables, olives, wine grapes, sugar beets, citrus fruit, beef, por

The country also has many mineral resources, including hard and and natural gas deposits, iron ore, uranium, mercury, pyrites, fluorspar, copper, and potash. In 2003 production included hard and brown coal () (265,000 t), zinc (70,000 t), copper (5,000 t), and lead (2,000 t). Spain a and 2 tons of silver, In addition, 2.4 million barrels of petroleum were e mines are in the northwest, near Oviedo: the chief iron-ore deposits are Santander and Bilbao; large mercury reserves are located in Almadén, i The Meseta Central, a vast plateau in the heart of penin copper and lead are mined in Andalusia.

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URANIUM EXPLORATION

Historical review

First studies on radium-bearing ores were carried out in Spain in 1914 by a French company, on a deposit in the Monesterio region which was worked down to 60m. In 1939, a private company known as BRESA mined pegmatites with brannerite mineralisations in the

In 1949, the Junta de Energia Nuclear (JEN) reopened the Monesterio works and continued the exploration of that region until 1956. However, it was in 1952 that the LEN launched its extensive exploration programme, concentrating essentially on the provinces of Jaen, Cordoba, Badajoz, Caceres, Salamanca and Zamora. It was at that time that systematic exploration in the Badajoz massif got under way. In the Andujar region, the first indications in the Los Pedroches massif were discovered in 1953, and in May 1954 the most important of them, the La Virgen deposit, was found. A mining division, the oldest for this purpose, was set

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Zamora region were then studied. In the meantime, less systematic prospecting wor in various regions outside the Meseta. Indications we

Triasic formations, but without notable results

Expenditures

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Intermedia-Maria Lozano open pits. From 1983 to 1990, a processing plant at site produced yellow cake. The project ceased operation in March 1990, due to an increasing strip ratio and the low uranium price. Remaining in-situ resources are estimated to amount about 2500 tU.



Don Benito uranium mine and mill complex in 1982

The Andujar uranium mill plant was operated from 1959 to 1981, producing uranium concentrate from ore extracted from 24 mines within a 400-kilometers distance from the site (provinces of Badajoz, Cordoba and Jaen). 22 uranium mines were developed by underground mining, and two by open-pit mining. Mining operations started around 1950 and were shut down in 1976. Ore deposits were vein-type deposits in granitic and metamorphic rocks. Ore grade varied from 0.06 to 0.23 % U. The Andujar plant was designed for processing low grade uranium ore (0.15% U) and produced 80% concentrate of U3O8 in form of sodium and ammonium urinate at a rate of 60-80 t/vr. A total of 1.22 million t of uranium ore was processed to produce 1 145 tonnes of uranium.

Los Ratones, located in the Caceres region, was mined as a small granite-hosted, vein-type, underground mine between 1959 and 1975. It was mined to a depth of 160m, and worked along strike for 375m. A total of 125 000 tonnes of ore were extracted, grading 0.192 % U, to produce 240 tU. The principal uranium mineral was massive pitchblende associated with iron sulphides in quartz veins. Other small mines in the same area, include La Carretona, Las Perdizes, La Debesilla, El Penascal, La Dehesa del Medico and Casa del Gallo

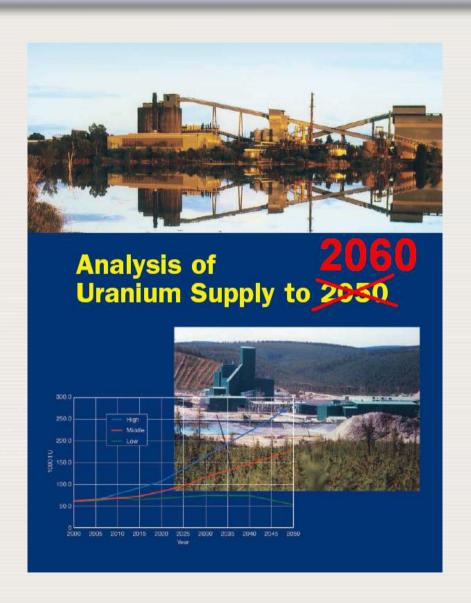




In relation to potentially favourable uranium bearing areas

- Fifty year outlook on availability of uranium resources – an update and upgrade
- Analysis of Uranium Supply to 2060 (and maybe longer)
- Sources: Red Books, IUREP, internet,



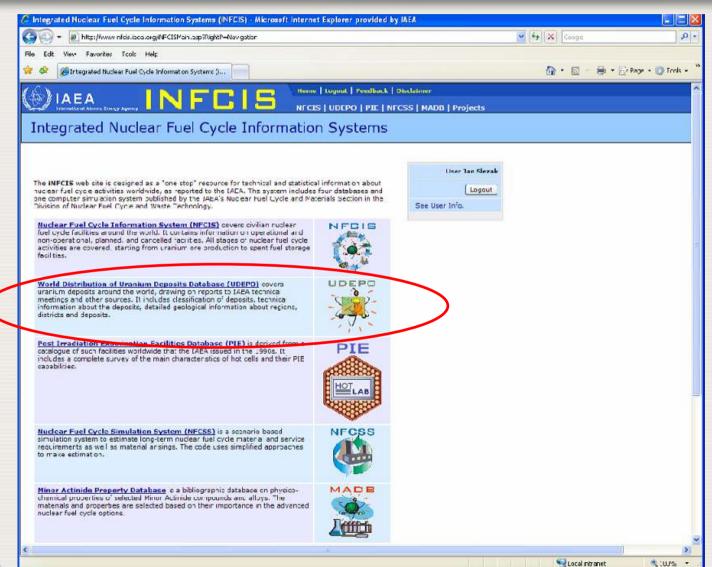


Uranium Resources / U2060

- Analysis of Uranium Supply to 2060
 - Core consultant group († Jay McMurray, Jean Rene Blaise, Fritz Barthel, Doug Underhill)
 - Supply
 - Production centres definition
 - Production costs sorting
 - Priority sorting
 - Other aspects (secondary sources)
 - Total resources/reserves 15 million tU
 - Demand scenarios definition (comparison of different sources)
 - Looking for consultants to comment on
 - Filling demand by sorted supply (production centres + others)
 - Secondary sources availability definition
 - Final comments & editing

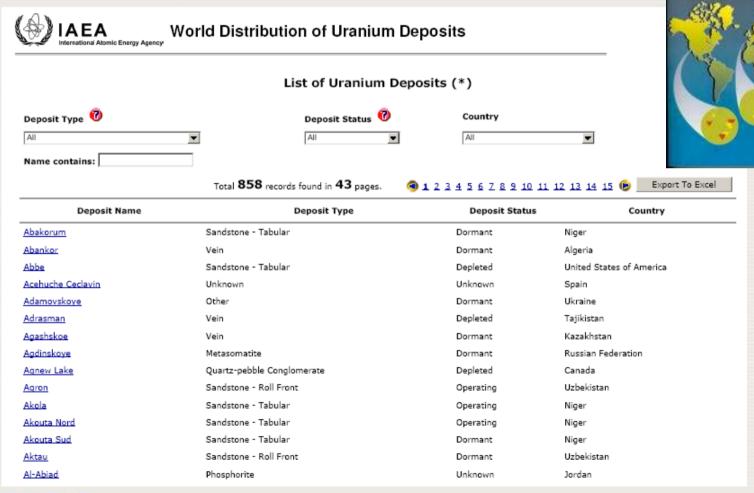
Looking for experts!!!!

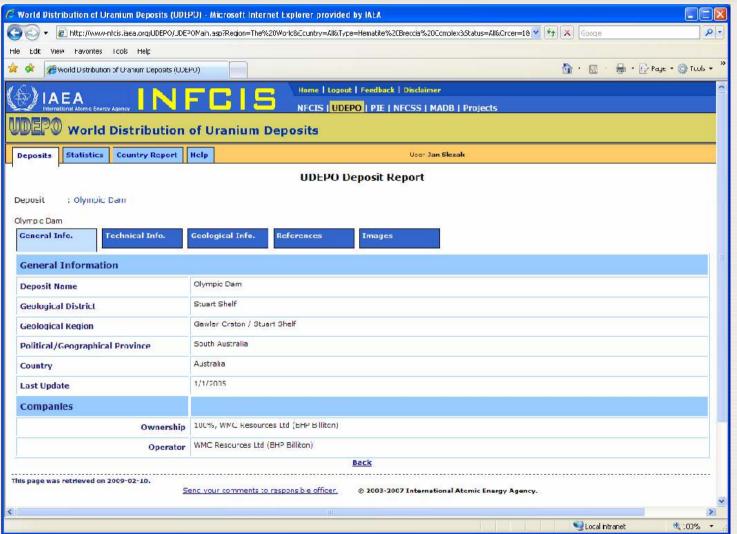




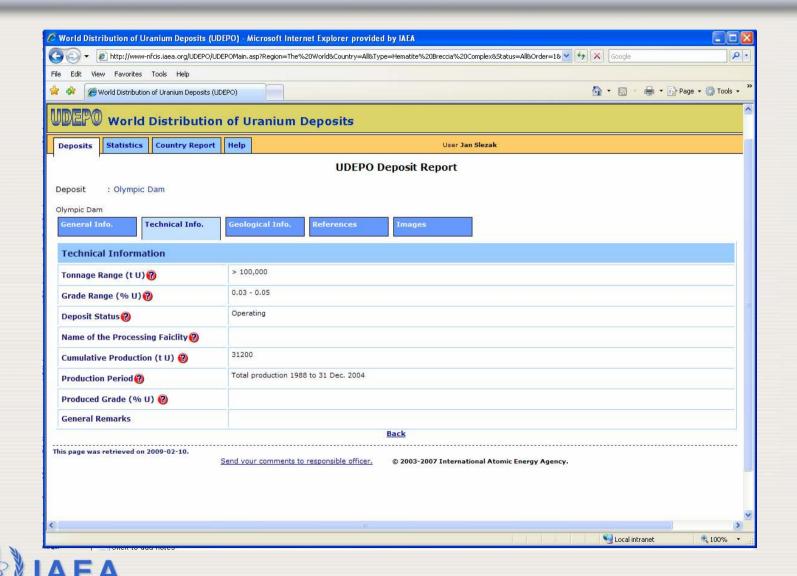


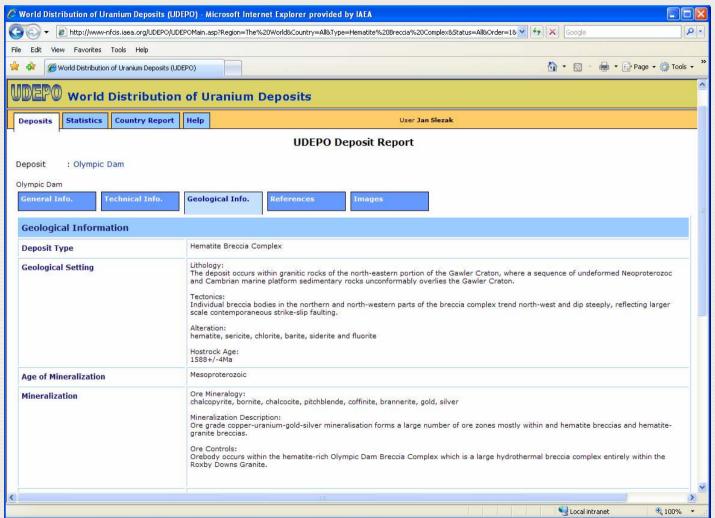
UDEPO (a Database of Uranium Deposits)



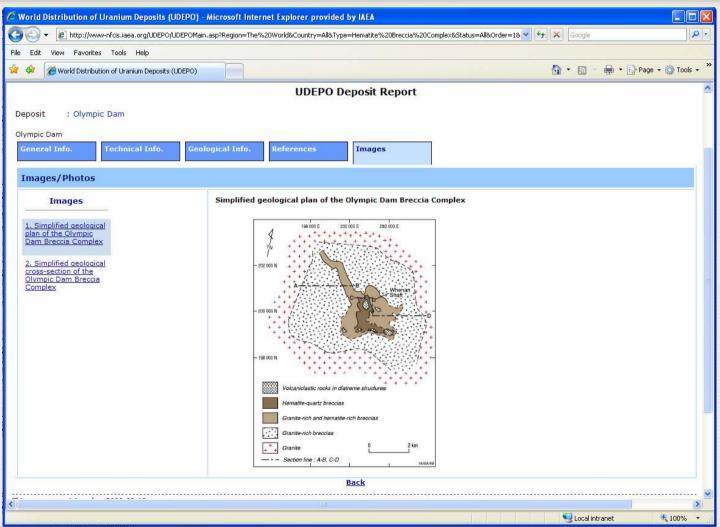














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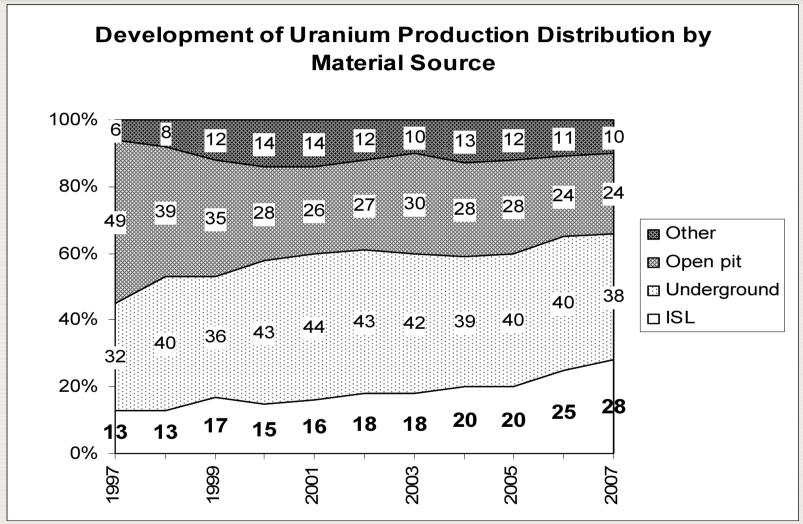
Project 1.2.1.2: Supporting Good Practices in Uranium Production

- Uranium exploration
- Uranium mining & milling technologies
- Uranium mining and milling products/wastes (with WTS)
- Remediation after uranium mining and milling and their closure (with WTS & WES)

all of them including ENVIRONMENTAL TASKS



Uranium Production





Good Practices in Uranium Production

Finalizing documents on:

- Best Practice in Environmental Management of Uranium Mining
- Establishment of Uranium Mining and Processing Operations in the Context of Sustainable Development
- Radioelement Mapping

to be issued as NE documents



Good Practices in Uranium Production

Preparing documents on:

- Best practices in uranium mining, milling and production
- Uranium exploration, highlighting advanced aerial and ground geophysical techniques
- Historical in-situ leach mining operations



- CS on URAM-2009 preparation, 1 April 2008, Vienna, Austria
- CS on UDEPO, 2-4 April 2008, Vienna, Austria
- 42st Uranium Group Meeting, 13-17 June 2008, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
- TM on Implementing the Best Practices in Uranium Mining, Milling and Production, 15 – 17 October 2008, Vienna, Austria
- CS on Analysis of Uranium Supply to 2060 and Red Book Retrospective – County Reports, 3 -7 November 2008, Vienna, Austria



- TC (RLA 3006) Training Course on Remediation after Uranium Production, 3-7 November 2008, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- TM on Uranium Exploration, Mining, Production, Mine Remediation including Environmental Issues, 17 - 21 November 2008, Amman, Jordan
- TC (RLA 3006) Meeting on Uranium Exploration, Mining, Production, Mine Remediation including Environmental Issues, 24 - 28 November, Salvador, Brazil
- TC (RLA 3006) Training Course on Environmental management Systems in Uranium Mining and Processing, 1-5 December 2008, Lima, Peru



- CS on URAM-2009 preparation, 28-30 January, Vienna, Austria
- CS on UDEPO, 25-27 March 2009, Vienna, Austria
- TC (RAF 3007) Meeting on coordination of the project, 23 –
 27 March 2009, Maputo, Mozambique
- 43rd Uranium Group Meeting, 17-19 June 2009, Vienna, Austria
- International Symposium on Uranium, 22-26 June 2009, Vienna, Austria
- TC (RAF 3007) Training Course on Infrastructure for Uranium Mining and Processing, 17-21 August 2009, Swakopmund, Namibia



- TC (RLA 3006) Training Course on Uranium Geology and Exploration, 28 September – 9 October 2009, Pocos de Caldas, Brazil
- 44th Uranium Group Meeting, 28-30 October 2009, Paris, France
- CS on Uranium from Unconventional Resources, 2-6
 November 2009, Vienna, Austria
- TM on Uranium from Unconventional Resources, 3-6
 November 2009, Vienna, Austria
- CS on Analysis of Uranium Supply to 2060, 9-11November 2008, Vienna, Austria



- CS on Red Book Retrospective County Reports, 12-13 November 2008, Vienna, Austria
- TC (RLA 3006) Meeting on Project coordination, 7-11 December 2009, Lima, Peru



Past training events

Training events	Year	Host country	Region
Uranium Exploration and Evaluation	1969	Argentina	Latin America
Uranium Ore Analysis	1970	Interregional	Spain
Uranium Exploration and Evaluation	1974	India	Asia
Geochemical prospecting for Uranium	1975	Austria	Interregional
Geochemical prospecting for Uranium	1977	Yugoslavia	Interregional
Uranium Exploration and Evaluation	1978	USA	Interregional
Uranium Exploration Methods	1981	Bolivia	Latin America
Uranium Ore Processing	1981	Yugoslavia	Interregional
Uranium Exploration Methods	1982	Madagascar	Interregional



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Uranium Deposit Evaluation	1983	Yugoslavia	Interregional
Uranium Ore Processing	1983	Spain	Interregional
Processing of Uranium – from Mining to Fuel Fabrication	1984	France	Interregional
Exploration Drilling and Ore reserves Estimation	1985	Brazil	Interregional
Exploration Drilling and Ore reserves Estimation	1991	India	Asia
Computerized databases in Mineral Exploration and Development	1993	Zambia	Africa



Past training events

Training events	Year	Host country	Region
Spatial Data Integration for Uranium Exploration, Resource Assessment and Environmental Studies	1993	China	Asia
Uranium Mining: Its Operation, Safety and Environmental Aspects	1995	France	Middle East& Asia
Uranium In Situ Leaching: Its Planning, Operation and Restoration	1998	USA	Interregional
Uranium Geology, Exploration and Environment	1990s	Canada	Interregional



IAEA Technical Cooperation

Subprogramme 1.2.1: Uranium Resources and Production, Databases for the Nuclear Fuel Cycle

supports Technical Cooperation projects within the area of

Uranium Production Cycle



Ongoing TC Projects

Country/Region	Title of the Technical Cooperation Project
Argentina	Geology Favourability, Production Feasibility and Environmental Impact Assessment of Uranium Deposits to be Exploited using In Situ Leaching Technology
China	Study of the Key Problems in Prospecting for Sandstone-Type Uranium Deposits and their Amenability to In-Situ Leach (ISL) Mining in the Basins in Northern China
Egypt	Airborne and Ground Gamma-Ray Spectrometry for Radio- element Mapping for Environmental Purposes and for Exploration of Uranium Resources
Pakistan	Uranium geochemistry, mineralogy and host rock uranium deposit description
Regional Latin America	Regional Upgrading of Uranium Exploration, Exploitation and Yellowcake Production Techniques taking Environmental Problems into Account



Starting TC Projects

Country/Region	Title of the Technical Cooperation Project
Algeria	Contribution to the development of activities for the processing of Algerian ores and purification of uranium concentrates
Brazil	Practical guidance tools for nuclear safety analysis of remediation and decommissioning actions of the first uranium ore mining and milling facility in Brazil
China	Techniques And Methods For Optimization Of Uranium Exploration in Both Sedimentary and Volcanic Basins
China	Integrated assistance to institutions supporting nuclear power programme
Egypt	Evaluation of some selected uranium resources in Egypt and production and purification of the yellow cake
Jordan	Uranium exploration
Jordan	Uranium extraction
Regional Africa	Strengthening regional capabilities for uranium mining, milling and regulation of related activities
Venezuela	Exploración de los recursos uraníferos de Venezuela



Outlook into 2010-11:

- Ongoing activities:
 - Red Books 2009, 2011
 - Red Book Retrospective Country Reports to be published
 - Analysis of U supply to 2060 to be published
 - UDEPO
 - UPC economics
 - Best practice in UPC
 - TC support (14 TCPs)



Outlook into 2010-11:

- New tasks added:
 - Uranium production economics, full-cost accounting and the reality of market based economy
 - Database on Th deposits (ThDEPO)
 - Processing and purification of U and Th from conventional and unconventional resources
 - Optimization of ISL technology
 - Organize training programme on uranium production cycle
 - A network on UPC training and education



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Consulting groups

- ISL
- UDEPO
- ThDepo
- Exploration
- Uranium Supply to 2060
- RBR Country Reports
- Training & Education in UPC
- Resources classification, estimation, administration, reporting.....



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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