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2nd Meeting of Capacity Building Coordination Group (CBCG) Vienna, Austria, 25 May 2010

The 2nd Capacity Building Coordination Group (CBCG) meeting was held at the IAEA in Vienna, and attended by the coordinator of CBCG, the coordinators of six Topical Groups (TGs), the Programme Manager (PO), three Project Management Officers (PMOs) and other IAEA staff members. Two members of the IT Support Group (ITSG) of Japan attended the meeting as guest experts, also members of the Steering Committee (SC) of Australia and Korea attended the meeting as observers.

Mr. K. Tomita, Coordinator of CBCG, made opening remarks and Mr. K. Mrabit, PO, Head, Safety Coordination, Department of Nuclear Safety, IAEA, made an opening address on behalf of IAEA.



Since the CBCG developed the draft of the 'Generic Action Plan for establishing the Regional Capacity Building System in Asia' at its first meeting (Tokyo, March 2010), it then presented the plan at the 3rd meeting of Nuclear Safety Strategy Dialogue (NSSD), 22-23 April 2010, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. This plan was then endorsed with renewed stronger commitment from the ANSN Member States, who are dedicated to completing the necessary actions for its implementation. At the 3rd NSSD, ANSN Member States confirmed the necessity of preparing National Action Plans for implementing this Generic Action Plan, in particular expanding National Education and Training Centres to National Capacity Building Centres, and subsequently establishing a Network between them for the Regional Capacity Building System in Asia.

At the 2nd meeting, the CBCG developed guidance for ANSN Member States to prepare their own National Action Plans, and identified the need of developing Action Plans of Topical Groups (TG Action Plans) for establishing the Regional Capacity Building System in a collaborative and well-coordinated manner.

The CBCG also prepared outcome-based performance indicators for capacity building activities of ANSN Member States, CBCG and TGs, and agreed to continue improving this important work.

11th Meeting of Steering Committee Vienna, Austria, 26–28 May 2010

On 26 – 28 May 2010, the 11th Steering Committee (SC) meeting was held in Vienna, and attended by SC members from Australia, China, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, United States of America and Vietnam, as well as TG coordinators and IAEA staff members.

The meeting was opened by Mr. T. Taniguchi, IAEA Deputy Director General for Nuclear Safety and Security, who gave a warm welcome to all the participants on behalf of IAEA. Mr. T. Taniguchi expressed his hopes for ANSN to grow and maintain safe and secure nuclear programmes through sustained commitment and support from member states. Following the DDG's welcome address, Mr. T. Yokoyama, the Chairperson of the 11th SC meeting, on behalf of all SC members, expressed his sincere thanks to DDG Mr. T. Taniguchi for his long-term contributions and continuous support of ANSN activities — in particular for the establishment and continuous improvement of the safety infrastructure and capacity building efforts in ANSN member countries.

This was the first meeting for the SC since the CBCG and the ANSN management team (November 2009) were established. The SC appreciated the significant progress made by the CBCG, the Topical Group (TGs) and the new ANSN management team since the last SC meeting, 20-22 October 2009, Singapore. The SC very



actively discussed several strategically important issues, following the 3rd NSSD meeting in April 2010.

Further to the SC discussions, details of the revision of Terms of Reference (ToR) of the SC were provided as well as an agreement to assign two new vice-chairs to support the Chair; this included defining the Chairs three-year term. It was agreed that this new organization will start from the next SC meeting.

The SC supported the proposal from the CBCG for the development of National Action Plans by the ANSN Member States and the TG Action Plans. It also supported the CBCG's further work on the development of outcome-based performance indicators of capacity building activities of ANSN Member States, CBCG and TGs. The SC strongly encouraged the IAEA to further develop the Capacity Building IT Module (i.e., a dynamic and interactive e-Library and Expert Pool Database, facilitating Internet and Video Network Communication as well as the development and application of an Online Planning System in the ANSN website).

The SC welcomed the IAEA's initiative to execute a pilot project of applying an Online Nomination Process as an initial step to the eventual development of the Online Planning System to the forthcoming 'Regional Conference 21st Century Capacity Building and Virtual TSO in Asia, 29 October 2010 in Tokyo (see the ANSN website for more information on this conference).

The SC acknowledged the importance of third-party evaluation of the ANSN in-progress activities as described in IAEA initiative for the improvement of

ANSN programme management; it further encouraged the IAEA to accomplish this initiative. The SC also agreed to redesign the Country Knowledge Base on the ANSN website to enhance mutual learning and knowledge sharing under the responsibility of ANSN Member States. The SC discussed and supported other proposals from the ANSN management team, including standardization of home pages for SC, CBCG and TGs; opening of the ANSN documents to the public, operation of the Integrated Safety Evaluation (ISE) process. The SC supported and appreciated the initiatives taken by the IAEA secretariat, and requested the IAEA to continue its efforts.

Responding to the strategic guidance from the 3rd NSSD meeting on the urgent need to develop terms of reference and criteria for future membership in the ANSN, as well as acknowledging requests for expanding the membership of the ANSN to other Asian countries, the SC agreed to welcome Kazakhstan as a new Observer Country of the; the Kazakhstan representative also gave a presentation to the ANSN of the current status of nuclear safety within the country.

Regarding the EC contribution to the ANSN activities, the SC discussed and supported the work programme proposed by the IAEA secretariat, and appreciated the generous contribution from EC on continuous improvement of nuclear safety in ANSN member countries.

It was decided that the 12th ANSN SC meeting will be held in Beijing China, from 20 to 22 October 2010. (Note: the 4th CBCG meeting will be held also in Beijing, from 18 to 19 October in 2010)



Recent and forthcoming ANSN activities and other IAEA activities in Asia:

2nd meeting of the CBCG and 11th meeting of Steering Committee (SC)

Vienna, IAEA, 25-28 May 2010

Training Course on Shielding Design and Modelling Related to Reactor Upgrading Activities

Malaysia, 31 May - 4 June 2010

Workshop on Regulatory Requirements for Site Selection and Evaluation for Nuclear Power Plants

Vietnam, 7-11 June 2010

The knowledge gained through the implementation of the ANSN activities is being progressively uploaded in the Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN) knowledge base and can be accessed at <http://www.ansn.org>

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