

IAEA 53rd GENERAL CONFERENCE

DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR SAFETY AND SECURITY (NS) – SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATION SECTION (SSCS) SIDE EVENT

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON NUCLEAR SAFETY KNOWLEDGE NETWORKING

Organizers: NS-SSCS and Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization (JNES)

Date and time: 14:00 – 17:00, Tuesday 21 September 2010, Meeting Room “M7” in M-Building on the Ground Floor (Buffet-lunch offered by JNES will be served to the participants 13:00 – 14:00)

Target audience: Discussion will be open primarily to the Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN) member countries in order to learn and share experiences in nuclear safety and to other Member States participating in other existing regional networks such as the Ibero-America Forum of Nuclear and Radiation Safety and Security Regulatory Agencies (FORO), the Forum for Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa (FNRBA) and the Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR).

Objective: To share experience and good practice on the development and future of global and regional nuclear safety knowledge networks (e.g., the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network (GNSSN), ANSN, FORO, ANNuR) and to explore enhancement of collaboration and coordination among global and regional networks, international/regional/national Capacity Building Centres and technical and scientific support organizations (TSO) for continuously improving “capacity for Capacity Building” of IAEA Member States in the “nuclear renaissance”.

Background:

The Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN) was launched in 2002 to pool, analyse and share nuclear safety information, existing and new knowledge and practical experience among the member countries. Moreover, the ANSN is expected to continue to function as a platform for facilitating sustainable regional cooperation in strengthening capacity building and infrastructure development. The ANSN, as a leading model of network for regional capacity building and infrastructure development, is also expected to play a leading role to enhance cooperation among the global and regional nuclear safety networks.

At the occasion of the IAEA 53rd General Conference in September 2009, the 1st round table discussion on the ANSN activities were organized as a side event. At the round table, participants shared a view that cooperation among global and regional nuclear safety networks would be mutually beneficial and it was worthwhile to further strengthening network of networks, and suggested to renew this type of event for the future General Conferences.

Accordingly, the IAEA and JNES will organize the 2nd roundtable discussion on knowledge networking as a side event during the IAEA 54th General Conference on 21 September 2010 for sharing the experience and good practices of the nuclear safety networks and for further strengthening the cooperation among networks.

Structure of the round table:

The seminar is tentatively planned as follows:

- Welcome session (buffet-lunch offered by JNES), welcome address by the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) and JNES, Japan and Opening address by Deputy Director General of NS, IAEA
- Session1; presentations and round-table discussion on the experience and good practice on the development and future of global and regional knowledge networks (IAEA for GNSSN, ANSN member countries, representatives of FORO, FNRBA and ANNuR)
- Session 2; presentations and round-table discussion on Strengthening the collaboration and coordination among global/regional networks, Capacity Building Centres and TSO (JNES, ANAN member countries and EC)
- Chairperson's summary

DDG-NS, the section head of SSCS and the speakers will participate in the panel discussions.