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Announcement

A. Background

For more than six decades, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has provided support to Member States in planning for and using of nuclear science and technology for various peaceful purposes, responding to evolving needs and priorities through capacity building, facilitating the transfer of technology and knowledge in a sustainable manner, in support of Member States efforts in addressing their developmental priorities to attain their Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Since the last Ministerial Conference in 2018, some global issues have emerged which require attention such as the COVID-19 pandemic, food security, and climate change. The COVID-19 pandemic, with its dramatic human and economic consequences, has demonstrated that human health is more than ever dependent on animal health and a healthy environment. The concept of One Health needs to be fully integrated. In addition to climate change, the crises and conflicts around the world, affecting international trade and the food supply chain, have exacerbated food insecurity in the poorest parts of the world. The current global economic situation and the complexity of the major challenges faced lead to the need for a multisectoral approach, integrating partnership and resource mobilization across research and development, academia, education, international organizations and private sector.

Nuclear techniques are an integral part of the technological solution to address the main development challenges the world is facing today including, inter alia, climate change, health and food safety and security, water resource management and application of radiation technology to industry particularly in the areas of health and food security. In order to generate a bigger impact on some of the developmental areas, the IAEA has already launched cross cutting initiatives such as Zoonotic Disease Integrated Action (ZODIAC), NUclear TEChnology for Controlling Plastic Pollution (NUTEC Plastics), Rays of Hope and more recently, together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Atoms4Food initiative.

The Ministerial Conference will provide another opportunity to Member States and other partners to address topics¹ of interest and explore the breadth of nuclear science, technology and its applications applied to socio-economic development, with special emphasis on inter alia, climate change, health, and food safety and security as well as water resource management and radiation technology supporting these areas, highlighting when and where possible, the recent major IAEA initiatives. It will further serve as an important platform to highlight the latest research and development as well as achievements of the Technical Cooperation Programme at country level, discuss innovative ways to bridge the gaps in the field of nuclear science and technology and applications among Member States, and address the needs for partnership, resource mobilization and education programmes to ensure sustainability and socio-economic impact in Member States.

B. Purpose and Objectives

The objective of the Ministerial Conference is to enable the participants to engage in high-level dialogue to facilitate the development and deployment of nuclear techniques for climate change, health and food safety and security as well as water resource management and radiation technology supporting these areas; strengthen and address the sustainability and growth of the Agency's support to Member States in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including through partnerships with the private sector, development agencies, and regional and international development and financial institutions; raise awareness amongst strategic decision makers, private sector, the youth and other relevant stakeholders of the role of the Agency's research and development capabilities and its technical cooperation programme in the development and transfer of nuclear science, technology and applications to address developmental challenges; and encourage Member States to enhance nuclear science education.

¹ It should be noted that during the initial consultations some Member States brought up the need to address energy policy aspects of nuclear in the Conference. Without prejudice to the final outcome of the upcoming discussions on the Conference programme, for instance a technical panel session on nuclear energy in the context of climate change could be envisaged to accommodate this request. It may be recalled that nuclear energy, radiation and nuclear safety and nuclear security have their own dedicated international and ministerial conferences.

C. Target Audience

The Ministerial Conference foresees the participation of ministers, high-level representatives, high-level decision makers and policy formulators from Member States, international organizations, industry, youth, technical experts, academia, the private sector, international development banking and non-governmental organizations.

D. Conference Structure and Major Topics

The Ministerial Conference will include a **Ministerial Segment**, which will provide an opportunity for ministers to deliver national statements as well as the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration (*Note: The adoption of the Ministerial Declaration can take place at the beginning of the Conference to take stock of the presence of high-level representatives in the room), or at the last day), a **Scientific and Technical Programme**, that will comprise panel discussions among scientists and experts on the *latest developments on Nuclear Science, Technology and Applications, and among Member State's* representatives that will highlight the role of the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme in contributing to their national development and global partnership for sustainable development and bigger impact, and **Partnership and Engagement** of relevant stakeholders such as private sector, development agencies, regional and international development and financial institutions as well as the youth. The conference will also highlight the need for gender equality, youth involvement and education in the fields related to nuclear science, technology and applications.*

E. Pre-Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

E.1 Individual Registration through InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ web page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):

- Participants with an existing NUCLEUS account can [sign in here](#) with their username and password;
- Participants without an existing NUCLEUS account can [register here](#).

2. Once signed in, participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:

- Complete or update their personal details under 'Basic Profile' (if no financial support is requested) or under 'Complete Profile' (if financial support is requested) and upload the relevant supporting documents;
- Search for the relevant event (**EVT2300045**) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab;
- Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled 'Designating authority' (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact Ministerial-Conference-2024@iaea.org);
- If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information;
- Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application together with the auto-generated form(s) will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application together with the form(s) will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform. Applications submitted and approved via InTouch+ should not additionally be sent via email to the IAEA.

NOTE: Should participants wish to request financial support, the application needs to be submitted by the specified deadline (see section F).

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

If it is not possible to submit your application through the InTouch+ platform, participants are requested to contact the IAEA's Conference Services Section via e-mail: Ministerial-Conference-2024@iaea.org.

E.2 Registration of Delegations

Designated focal points for online registration shall register their delegation through the InTouch+ online portal, accessible through the following link <https://intouchplus.iaea.org/>

Registration will be open as of **28 June 2024** and should be completed by **18 November 2024** under **EVT2401236**.

Delegates who require financial support are in addition required to submit their individual registration under the Individual Registration as outlined in para. E.1.

Visa related enquiries should be addressed to Conference.Contact-Point@iaea.org. The IAEA's support of visa applications to registered delegates is subject to the host country's policy on visas and entry requirements. The outcome of visa applications is at the discretion of the Austrian authorities.

A list of participants will be issued containing information that has been received by the Secretariat through the Registration of Delegations and will be made available on the IAEA Conference and Meetings App.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

F. Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not able to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the conference. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the conference.

If participants wish to apply for a grant, they should submit applications to the IAEA using the InTouch+ platform through their competent national authority (see Section E). Participants should ensure that applications for grants are:

Submitted by **28 June 2024**

Accompanied by a Grant Application Form (Form C);

Accompanied by a completed Participation Form (Form A).

Applications that do not comply with the above conditions cannot be considered.

Approved grants will be issued in the form of a lump sum payment that usually covers only part of the cost of attendance.

G. Special Information for Permanent Missions

Registration of Delegations: Finalizing the above-described registration process for participants, registration via InTouch+ will open on 28 June 2024 and shall be completed by 18 November 2024. Delegations are requested to submit the delegation list via InTouch+.

Ministerial Segment: A Ballot to determine the Speaking Order in the Ministerial Segment will be held at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna, Austria and announced through a Note by the Secretariat. Following the Ballot, further details related to the Ministerial Statements will be made available.

H. Distribution of Documents

A preliminary programme of the conference will be made available on the conference web page (see Section N) and the final programme will be distributed at the conference during on-site registration. National statements in the original languages, PowerPoint presentations as available, and other relevant documents will be posted on the conference web page and the IAEA Conferences and Meetings App during the conference.

I. Exhibitions

A limited amount of space will be available for displays and exhibits during the conference. Details will be provided on the conference web page in the near future (see Section N).

J. Working Languages

The working languages of the conference will be all the official IAEA languages: **Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.**

K. Venue and Accommodation

The conference will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Hotels offering a reduced rate for participants are listed on <https://www.iaea.org/events>. Please note that the IAEA is not in a position to assist participants with hotel bookings, nor can the IAEA assume responsibility for paying fees for cancellations, re-bookings and no-shows.

L. Visas

Designated participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least eight weeks before they travel to Austria. Designated participants will be required to submit a letter of invitation in support of their visa application.

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N. Conference Web Page

The IAEA web page for the conference is as follows:

<https://www.iaea.org/events/ministerial-conference-2024>

It will be updated regularly with new information, and participants are encouraged to check it on a regular basis.