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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the IAEA's Member States and has the honour to draw their attention to the **Workshop on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage** for selected countries in Africa to be held in Accra, Ghana, from **28 to 30 November 2017**.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide information on the existing international nuclear liability regime, in particular concerning the international instruments adopted under the auspices of the IAEA, including the Protocol to Amend the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage and the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage. An additional purpose of the workshop is to advise on the development of national nuclear liability legislation so that it reflects the principles and norms of the international regime, and to provide a forum at which participants can exchange information on possible difficulties, concerns and issues that their respective countries may have with the existing regime.

The attached Prospectus provides further details of the workshop. An advance copy of the draft programme is also enclosed for participants' information.

The workshop will be held in English.

The workshop is intended for legal experts and senior governmental officials from selected IAEA Member States. Member States are invited to nominate up to two participants for this workshop and are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the workshop. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Such assistance may be offered upon specific request to up to two participants per country provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant(s) on whose behalf assistance is requested will make an important contribution to the workshop. The application for financial support should be made at the time of nominating the participant(s) using the enclosed Grant Application Form.

It should be noted that compensation is not payable by the IAEA for any damage to or loss of personal property. The IAEA also does not provide health insurance coverage for participants in meetings, workshops or training courses or for consultants. Arrangements for private insurance coverage on an individual basis should therefore be made. The IAEA will, however, provide insurance coverage for accidents and illnesses that clearly result from any work performed for the IAEA.

Nominations should be submitted through the established official channels not later than **7 October 2017** for the attention of the responsible officer for the workshop, Mr Andrea Gioia, Senior Legal Officer, Nuclear and Treaty Law Section, Office of Legal Affairs, IAEA, Vienna International Centre, PO Box 100, 1400 Vienna, Austria (Tel.: +43 1 2600 21503; Fax: +43 1 26007; Email: [A.Gioia@iaea.org](mailto:A.Gioia@iaea.org)). Nominations should also be copied to the Administrative Secretary for the workshop, Ms Christine Weis (Email: [C.Weis@iaea.org](mailto:C.Weis@iaea.org)). The full names and complete contact details (including postal address, telephone/fax numbers and email address) of nominated participants should be provided.

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to assure the IAEA's Member States of its highest consideration.



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Enclosures: Prospectus

Draft Programme

Participation Form (Form A)

Grant Application Form (Form C)



# **Workshop on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage**

**Hosted by the  
Government of Ghana**

**through the  
Ghana Atomic Energy Commission**

**Accra, Ghana**

**28–30 November 2017**

**Ref. No.: IAEA-N5.55.51**

## **Prospectus**

### **A. Introduction**

This workshop is being organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) with the support of experts from the International Expert Group on Nuclear Liability (INLEX).

INLEX, which consists of expert members from IAEA Member States with and without nuclear power plants, as well as from those that ship nuclear and other radioactive material and those that do not, serves three major functions, namely to: (a) create a forum of expertise to explore and advise on issues related to nuclear liability; (b) enhance global adherence by nuclear and non-nuclear States to an effective nuclear liability regime; and (c) assist in the development and strengthening of the national nuclear liability legal frameworks in IAEA Member States to protect the public and the environment, as well as to enhance nuclear safety.

In the context of enhancing global adherence to the international nuclear liability instruments and the strengthening of national nuclear liability legal frameworks, the IAEA Secretariat carries out on a regular basis, with the support of INLEX members, certain outreach activities, which include, inter alia, workshops for interested Member States. The continuation of INLEX and its support for IAEA's outreach activities to facilitate the achievement of a global nuclear liability regime have been repeatedly encouraged by the IAEA General Conference.

## **B. Objectives**

The main purpose of this workshop is to provide information on the existing international nuclear liability regime, in particular the instruments adopted under the auspices of the IAEA, including the Protocol to Amend the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage and the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage.

An additional purpose of the workshop is to advise on the development of national implementing legislation to reflect the principles and norms of the international nuclear liability regime. Also, it will enable a comparison of international civil liability regimes for activities causing environmental damage, as well as providing an opportunity to advise on the principles of nuclear liability during transport.

Finally, the workshop will provide a forum in which participants can exchange information on possible difficulties, concerns or legal and policy issues that their respective countries may have with the existing international nuclear liability regime.

## **C. Target Countries**

The workshop is being organized for selected IAEA Member States in the Africa region.

## **D. Participation**

The workshop is open to up to **two** participants per invited country. Participants should be senior governmental officials, preferably with a specialization in the field of nuclear law and dealing with the international legal regime of civil liability for nuclear damage.

## **E. Language of Instruction**

The workshop will be conducted in English.

## **F. Structure**

The workshop will encompass presentations from experts on the selected topics, case studies and an open discussion on the international nuclear liability regime.

## **G. Nomination Procedure**

The IAEA responsible officer for the workshop is Mr Andrea Gioia, Senior Legal Officer, Nuclear and Treaty Law Section, Office of Legal Affairs (Tel.: +43 1 2600 21503; Fax: +43 1 26007; Email: [A.Gioia@iaea.org](mailto:A.Gioia@iaea.org)).

Each invited Government may nominate up to two participants for the workshop.

Nominations to attend the workshop should be submitted to the IAEA (for the attention of Mr Andrea Gioia, Senior Legal Officer, Nuclear and Treaty Law Section, Office of Legal Affairs, IAEA, Vienna International Centre, PO Box 100, 1400 Vienna, Austria) using the enclosed Participation Form. Nominations should also be copied to the Administrative Secretary for the workshop, Ms Christine Weis (Email: [C.Weis@iaea.org](mailto:C.Weis@iaea.org)). Completed forms should be endorsed by the competent national authority (i.e. the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Atomic Energy Authority or the Office of the United Nations Development Programme) and returned through the established official channels.

To enable the workshop to be organized in a timely manner, the Secretariat would appreciate receiving nominations no later than **7 October 2017**.

Advance copies of submitted nominations by fax (+43 1 26007) or email ([Official.Mail@iaea.org](mailto:Official.Mail@iaea.org)) are welcome. The attached form should contain the following basic information about the candidate: title, name, age, academic qualifications, present position (including exact nature of duties carried out), name of employer, postal address, email address, telephone and fax numbers, etc. Nominations received after the deadline and nominations which have not been routed through one of the aforementioned channels will not be considered.

Subsequent correspondence will be exchanged directly between the Office of Legal Affairs of the IAEA and the nominated participants.

## **H. Administrative and Financial Arrangements**

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Participants are reminded that visa arrangements, including transit visas, are to be arranged under their own responsibility. The shipment of accumulated workshop materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the workshop do not accept liability for the payment of any costs or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the workshop, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants takes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.



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## **Workshop on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage**

**Accra, Ghana**

**28–30 November 2017**

**Draft Programme**

**Tuesday, 28 November 2017**

8:30–09:00 Registration

9:00–10:00 **Opening Remarks**

**Session 1  
Nuclear Law**

10:00–10:30 International Legal Instruments Governing the Safe and Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: An Overview  
A. Gioia, *Senior Legal Officer, IAEA*

Discussion

*10:30–11:00 Coffee Break*

**Session 2  
Introduction to the International Nuclear Liability Regime**

11:00–12:00 A Special Regime for Nuclear Liability — Why and How?  
D. Davies, *Member of the International Expert Group on Nuclear Liability (INLEX)*

Discussion

*12:30–14:00 Lunch*

**Session 3  
Main Features of the International Nuclear Liability Regime**

14:00–15:00 Overview of the International Instruments on Liability for Nuclear Damage  
A. Gioia, *Senior Legal Officer, Office of Legal Affairs, IAEA*

Discussion

*15:00–15:30 Coffee Break*

15:30–16:30 The Basic Principles of the International Nuclear Liability Regime  
D. Davies, *Member of INLEX*

Discussion

**Wednesday, 29 November 2017**

**Session 4  
Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage**

9:30–10:30 The Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage  
B. McRae, *Member of INLEX*

Discussion

10:30–11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00–12:00 **Case Study 1  
Nuclear Incident at a Nuclear Installation**

12:30–14:00 *Lunch*

**Session 5  
Liability during Transport**

14:00–15:00 Liability during Transport: Principles of International Liability Law  
B. McRae, *Member of INLEX*

15:00–15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30–16:30 **Case Study 2  
Nuclear Incident in the Course of Transport of Nuclear Material**

18:00 *IAEA Reception/Dinner*

**Thursday, 30 November 2017**

**Session 6  
Implementing National Nuclear Liability Legislation**

09:30–10:30      Development of Implementing National Legislation for Civil Liability for  
Nuclear Damage  
A. Gioia, *Senior Legal Officer, IAEA*  
  
Discussion

*10:30–11:00      Coffee Break*

**Session 7  
Nuclear Liability Insurance**

11:00–12:00      Insurance of Nuclear Risks  
S. Reitsma, *Member of INLEX*

*12:30–14:00      Lunch*

14:00–15:00      **Open Discussion on the Liability Regime**

15:00              **Closing**

# Participation Form

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Participants of organizations invited to participate can submit this form to their organization for subsequent transmission to the IAEA.

**Deadline for receipt by IAEA through official channels: 7 October 2017**

Family name:	Given name(s):	Mr/Ms
Institution:		
Full address:		
	For urgent communications please indicate: Tel.:	
	Fax:	
	Email:	
Nationality:	Nominating Government or organization:	
Mailing address (if different from address indicated above):		



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	Email:	
Date of birth (yy/mm/dd):	Nationality:	

#### 1. EDUCATION (post-secondary)

Name and place of institution	Field of study	Diploma or Degree	Years attended from	to

#### 2. RECENT EMPLOYMENT RECORD (starting with your present post)

Name and place of employer/ organization	Title of your position	Type of work	Years worked from	to

#### 3. DESCRIPTION OF WORK performed over the last three years:

#### 4. INSTITUTE'S/MEMBER STATE'S PROGRAMME IN FIELD OF WORKSHOP:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name, signature and stamp of responsible Government official: \_\_\_\_\_