

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Technical Meeting: Learning from the Experiences of Local Communities on Stakeholder Involvement in Radioactive Waste Management Programmes

12 – 16 November 2018
Room M3, Vienna International Centre
(MOE10 will also be available for a small group discussion)

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As Member States develop their radioactive waste management (RWM) programmes, engagement at the local level is a key component to enable sustainable progress of RWM programmes. There is growing recognition that local communities have an essential role to play in both decision-making process related to RWM programmes and its implementation. Whilst various benefits and the necessity of stakeholder involvement at the local level are widely recognized, implementation can still be enhanced and expanded.

Effective strategy of local stakeholder involvement encompasses more than applying rules and guidelines. Each group of local stakeholder has its own interests and influential power, and there is diversity of national circumstance across Member States and even across local communities in the same Member State; thus a tailor-made approach may well be justified and required. But there are some general lessons learned which can be useful for the design and implementation of RWM programmes. Accordingly, listening to the perceptions, needs, expectations and experience of a variety of local stakeholders can aid in understanding how implementation works in practice, and serve as resources in designing the strategy/plan of local stakeholder involvement. From this perspective, the IAEA is working on developing a new document (TECDOC) which will share insights on the experience of local stakeholders involved in RWM programmes. All attendees at the Technical Meeting are encouraged to contribute their experiences and insights through participating actively in discussions. Such contributions will enrich the development of the TECDOC.

This Technical Meeting is to gather further input on experiences of local stakeholders and this input will be added to the TECDOC.

Day 1: Monday, 12 November 2018

11:00 – 12:30 Introduction

- Welcome and Opening remarks (IAEA)
- Participants introduction (name, organisation and country)
- Presentation on project overview (IAEA)
- Review and adoption of the agenda (IAEA)

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

Start of topical sessions

Topical sessions comprise invited speakers – representatives from different countries.

Time will be provided for round table discussion, in which speakers will be asked to answer specific questions to be gathered from the participants and shared with them beforehand. All the Technical Meeting attendees will be encouraged to share their own experiences on relevant topics during round table discussion.

A rapporteur will be assigned to each topical session and be responsible for summarising key points in slides for Day 5.

14:00-17:00 Topical session 1: Evolution of important issues (maximum 3) from the local point of view

Speakers are invited to identify and discuss the different issues (maximum 3 per country) which have been key to its local community involvement since they started in the RWM process and how key issues may have evolved or changed over time as the project advances.

Proposed speakers: US, UK, Australia, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Mexico

Facilitator: Ms Martell or Ms Shaver

Rapporteur: tbd

Day 2: Tuesday, 13 November 2018

9:00 – 10:30 *GMF General Assembly (restricted to GMF members)*

**Interpretation services will be provided from 9:30.*

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

GMF: Group of European Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities

GMF-ENWD: European Local Network of Radioactive Waste Dialogue under GMF umbrella

11:00 – 12:30

- Welcoming GMF members (IAEA)
- Brief review of the previous day (rapporteur)

- **GMF/ENWD presentation on the association and the key issues of relevance regarding local stakeholder involvement in radioactive waste management** [2 speakers to provide an overview from the point of view of Eastern and Western European countries respectively.]

- **IAEA presentation on useful available tools for local communities involved in RWM programmes** – e.g. missions, capacity building tools, publication of interest (tbd)

- **Presentation by guest speaker on public perception on radioactive waste issues** (tbd) [could be moved to Day 3 morning session]

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:30 Topical session 2: Managing local dialogues over long time frames

This session focuses on the challenges of participating in radioactive waste management projects which typically span over years. Speakers are invited to share their experiences and effective practices for local stakeholder involvement, including consideration of the following three issues:

- Sustaining local interest and dialogue in the RWM project
- Maintaining local involvement and acceptance to enable the RWM project and decision-making to continue to advance over time.
- Maintaining knowledge, capacity and workforce

Proposed speakers: US, Sweden, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Canada, Spain

Facilitator: Ms Martell or Ms Shaver

Rapporteur: tbd

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00- 17:00 (cont. Topical session 2: Managing local dialogues over long time frames)

17:00 **Networking Hospitality event**
[details to be announced]

Day 3: Wednesday 14 November 2018

9:00 – 9:45

Brief review of previous day (rapporteur)

NEA Forum for Stakeholder Confidence (FSC) presentation on issues associated with local level involvement, drawing from national workshops led by the FSC (proposed speaker: Ms P. Künzi)

9:45 – 10:00 **Review of topics covered in the draft TECDOC to date**
Presentation of overview of draft document (Ms Martell and Ms Shaver)

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:00 **Topical session 3: Additional topics of interest from the local communities** (e.g. interaction with national government, key local issues in a siting process, effective communication and dialogues approaches for engaging broad cross-section of the community, learning opportunities and capacity building, etc)

This session provides an opportunity for all Technical Meeting participants to explore with local representatives other relevant issues regarding stakeholder involvement in the interested / hosting community. For this discussion, the group will break out into smaller groups.

Break out groups

- Group 1 Facilitator: Ms Martell; Rapporteur: tbd
- Group 2 Facilitator: Ms Shaver; Rapporteur: tbd

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Report out from break out groups and discussion in plenary
Facilitator: Ms Martell or Ms Shaver
Rapporteurs: tbd

15:00 – 16:30 Coffee networking session
* Interpretation service will be provided for a small group discussion which will take place in parallel with this session.

Day 4: Thursday 15 November 2018

9:00 – 10:30

Brief review of previous day (rapporteur)

Topical session 4: Broadening dialogue

The implementation of RWM projects typically involves a gradual broadening of the discussion of the project beyond the immediate host or interested/potential host community area, to communities in the broader geographical area. This topical session focuses on the different communication, involvement and capacity building activities which take place beyond the host or interested/potential host community, such as:

- Experience with expanding the discussion beyond the host or interested / potential host community, such as when and how this discussion gets expanded to other communities.
- Examples of learning and capacity building in the broader area regarding the RWM project

Proposed speakers: Germany, Hungary, Slovenia, Romania

Facilitator: Ms Martell or Ms Shaver

Rapporteur: tbd

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 (cont. topical session 4: Broadening the dialogue)

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 17:00 Topical session 5: Local stakeholder involvement in other parts of the nuclear life cycle

For those involved in planning and delivering effective local stakeholder involvement in radioactive waste management projects, it is instructive to consider the experiences and insights on local stakeholder involvement gained in other parts of the nuclear fuel cycle. For example, there may be good examples of local stakeholder involvement gained in the planning of new nuclear power plants, the operation of nuclear power plants or decommissioning. Participants are invited to share their insights that may be helpful to those engaging at the community level in RWM.

Proposed speakers: US, Japan, Finland, UK, Spain, Poland

Facilitator: Ms Martell or Ms Shaver

Rapporteur: tbd

Day 5: Friday 16 November 2018

9:00 – 9:45 Rapporteurs feedback on topical sessions

Rapporteurs: tbd

9:45 – 10:30 Discussion on rapporteurs' report / refinements

Facilitators: Ms Martell and Ms Shaver

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:45 General discussion on inputs for preparing the TECDOC

Facilitators: Ms Martell and Ms Shaver

11:45 – 12:00 Closing

- Next steps and other business (IAEA)
- Closing remarks (IAEA)