

Information Note¹

Event	3rd Meeting of the Programme Committee of the 2016 International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitments and Actions
Organiser	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
Date and Venue	27-28 June 2016, Vienna, Austria
Participants	<p>States: Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Russia, Spain, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States</p> <p>International Organisations: 1540 Committee group of experts, EU External Action Service, European Police Office (EUROPOL), Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICINT), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), I Nuclear Forensics International Technical Working Group (ITWG), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</p> <p>NGOs: Institute for Nuclear Material Management (INMM), Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI),</p>

1. Background

The IAEA is convening in December 2016 an “International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitment and Actions” (the Conference). The Conference is being organized by the IAEA in cooperation with:

- European Police Office (EUROPOL)
- European Union (EU)
- Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICINT)
- Institute for Nuclear Material Management (INMM)
- International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- Nuclear Forensics International Technical Working Group (ITWG)
- Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI)
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- Police Community of the Americas (AMERIPOL)
- United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- UNSCR1540 Committee
- World Customs Organization (WCO)
- World Nuclear Transport Institute (WNTI)

Preparations for the Conference are being managed by the IAEA and a Programme Committee consisting of Member States and cooperating partners.

¹ For information - not an official report. The views expressed here do not necessarily represent those of the 1540 Committee or of the organisers or participants in the event.

This event was the Third Programme Committee Meeting.

2. Overview

The 3rd Meeting of the Programme Committee opened with welcoming remarks by the Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, Mr Juan Carlos Lentijo. Ambassador Song of the Republic of Korea was invited to brief the Meeting on the current status of preparations for the Ministerial Segment of the Conference, including the drafting of the Ministerial Declaration.

Ambassador Song and Ambassador Ayoko of Nigeria are Co-Chairs of the open ended consultations for the preparation of the ministerial declaration. Ambassador Song noted the progress that had been made in drafting the ministerial declaration and the fact that the next open ended consultation on the ministerial declaration will be held in August 2016.

The Secretariat gave a number of presentations on the structure and content of the Scientific and Technical Programme of the Conference, including the distribution of high level sessions and technical sessions; the associated activities, including the exhibition and side events; and the essay competition for early career professionals and students under the age of 35. The Secretariat also gave a briefing on the abstract evaluation process and distributed a draft programme for the Scientific and Technical segment of the Conference.

The first substantive discussions at the Programme Committee concerned the draft programme for the High Level Sessions, including the proposed distribution of Co-Chairs and invited speakers. A key factor was to have appropriate distributions on the basis of gender and geography, and the view was repeatedly expressed that an inclusive Conference, representative of the 169 Member States of the IAEA is a key objective.

Following this discussion, the Secretariat distributed a revised draft programme for the High Level Sessions. Individual technical session proposals were then the subject of discussion by the Members, including the view that the overall technical session programme should be balanced with all areas of nuclear security appropriately reflected. Recommendations were made, for example, to add sessions on international collaboration and Combatting Illicit Trafficking and have a better balance between the sessions devoted to Computer Security, Nuclear Forensics, Radioactive Material, and National Nuclear Security Regimes.

As outcomes, it was agreed that the Secretariat will continue to undertake bilateral consultations with Member States to finalise the High Level Sessions and send out as soon as possible, but no later than the end of August 2016, a revised Scientific and Technical Programme based on the 3rd Meeting.

Dependent on progress made in finalizing the Scientific and Technical Programme, if a 4th Meeting of the Programme Committee is necessary, it was agreed that a date early in October is preferred.

3. Additional Comments:

For further information, please contact the 1540 Committee experts by e-mail at 1540experts@un.org.