



Webinar on the Convention on Nuclear Safety: Celebrating 30 Years

23 October 2026

13:00 – 15:00 Central European Summer Time (UTC+02:00)

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Information Sheet

Background

The Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS) is the cornerstone of the international legal framework for nuclear safety and the first international treaty to address the safety of nuclear installations. The CNS represents a legal commitment by the Contracting Parties 'to achieve and maintain a high level of nuclear safety worldwide' (general safety objective), 'to establish and maintain effective defences in nuclear installations against potential radiological hazards' (radiation protection objective) and 'to prevent accidents with radiological consequences and to mitigate such consequences should they occur' (technical safety objective). The CNS is relevant not only for countries operating nuclear power plants (NPPs), but also for those planning, constructing or commissioning such facilities, or embarking on a nuclear power programme.

Adopted in 1994, the CNS entered into force on 24 October 1996. As of September 2026, there were 99 Contracting Parties to the CNS, including one regional organization, the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM), and six Signatory States: Algeria, Israel, Monaco, Nicaragua, the Philippines and Sudan.

The CNS is an 'incentive' convention, prioritizing consensus and participation. As such, it combines general nuclear safety obligations with a non-coercive peer review mechanism, which is its main dynamic element that ultimately informs its effectiveness.

Marking the 30th anniversary of the CNS and following the successful 10th Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the CNS held in April 2026, this webinar will provide an opportunity to explore the Convention's indispensable contribution to ensuring a high level of nuclear safety worldwide. It will also offer a platform to reflect on its continued relevance and on the past and current challenges shaping its implementation in an ever-changing global landscape.

Objectives

The webinar's objective is to provide an appropriate forum to discuss the achievements and the overall impact of the CNS over 30 years and to enhance participants' knowledge of the CNS, its review process and the role of the Contracting Parties in its effective implementation.

Scope

The webinar will:

- Reflect on the key achievements of the CNS over the 30 years it has been in force, including the ways in which important challenges have been addressed over the years to ensure its continued relevance, such as the Extraordinary Meetings, specific Working Groups and the Open-Ended Working Group;
- Highlight the benefits of becoming a Contracting Party, the role of the CNS Officers and provide useful insights into the CNS processes and lessons learned from its Review Meetings; and
- Highlight the work of the CNS Secretariat in support of the Contracting Parties, including delivery of CNS-related educational and promotional activities and outputs.

Speakers

- Ms Karine Herviou– Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, IAEA
- Mr Faizan Mansoor (Pakistan) – President of the 10th Review Meeting
- Mr Ramzi Jammal (Canada) – President of the 7th Review Meeting
- Mr Naoto Ichii (Japan) – Vice-President of the 10th Review Meeting
- Mr Per Strand (Norway) – Vice-President of the 10th Review Meeting
- Mr Carl-Magnus Larsson (Sweden/Australia) – Vice-President of the Joint 8th and 9th Review Meeting
- Mr David Skeen (USA) – Director of the Office of International Programs
- Ms Rosa Sardella (Switzerland) – Country Group Chair, 10th Review Meeting
- Mr Emmanuel Ampomah Amoako (Ghana) - Secretary of the Forum of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa

Moderator

- Ms Sonal Gandhi – CNS Coordinator, RAS/NSNI/IAEA

Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes of the webinar include:

- increased awareness among attendees of the significant achievements and overall impact of the CNS over the 30 years it has been in force;
- enhanced understanding among attendees of the key challenges faced by the CNS over the years and the ways in which these have been addressed;
- enhanced appreciation among attendees of the benefits of becoming a Contracting Party; and
- improved overall knowledge of the attendees about the CNS, its review process and the role of the Contracting Parties in its effective implementation.

Target audiences

This webinar is open to a broad range of participants from the CNS Contracting Parties and from the IAEA Member States that are yet to become the CNS Contracting Parties, including the Signatory States; and members of the general public interested in the nuclear safety matters.

Working Language

English.

Participation and Registration

Participation will be approved through online registration.

Organization

The event will be held virtually via WebEx on 23 October 2026 from 13:00 to 15:00 Central European Summer Time (UTC+02:00):

<https://iaea.webex.com/weblink/register/rc4daae606fc47906908e154268f602d0>

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Annexes

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	Topic	Presenter
13:00 – 13:03	Welcome and Introduction	Ms Karine Herviou
13:05 – 13:10	Opening Remarks	Mr Faizan Mansoor
13:10 – 13:20	30 years of CNS: Introduction	Ms Sonal Gandhi
13:20 – 13:50	Strengthening Nuclear Safety through Peer Review: Benefits and Experiences from the CNS Process	Mr Ramzi Jammal Ms Rosa Sardella Mr David Skeen Mr Emmanuel Ampomah Amoako
13:50 – 14:20	CNS as a Living Instrument: Learning, Adapting and Evolving	Mr Naoto Ichii Mr Carl-Magnus Larsson Mr Per Strand
14:20 – 14:30	CNS-related Educational and Promotional Activities	Ms Volha Piotukh
14:30 – 14:50	Q & A	Moderator: Ms Sonal Gandhi
14:50 – 15:00	Closing Remarks	Ms Sonal Gandhi