



Fourth Regional Exercise on Forensic Examination of Evidence and Trace Amounts of Nuclear Material from Radiological Crime Scenes

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Information Sheet

Introduction

This exercise is designed to further enhance knowledge, skills, and abilities of national specialists participating in the response to nuclear security events involving nuclear and radioactive material, potentially used for malicious acts, to categorize and characterize these materials as part of a nuclear security investigation and a nuclear forensics examination.

Objectives

This exercise will enhance participants' skills and provide them with experience in: i) working with a national system of detection of nuclear and radioactive material and responding to a radiological event, as part of a nuclear security investigation and a nuclear forensics examination; ii) practicing cooperation and coordination between representatives of various agencies and structures involved in the investigation of such crimes; iii) executing work at the scene of a radiological event within investigative operational groups; iv) identifying seized nuclear and radioactive materials; and v) determining and carrying out different types of examination needed in order to investigate the event, including implementation of respective laboratory measurements.

Target Audience

The exercise is targeted at law enforcement officials, first responders, forensic examiners, nuclear security officers, regulators, nuclear and radiation scientists, prosecutors, as well as foreign affairs specialists. Participants should ideally have some experience in working at international nuclear forensics fora such as ITWG, GICNT, etc. Attendance in the earlier regional Seminars on Introduction to Nuclear Forensics (Moscow, September 2017 and May 2019; Almaty, Kazakhstan, December 2019), and/or in the First, Second and Third Regional Exercises on Forensic Examination of Evidence and Trace Amounts of Nuclear Material from Radiological Crime Scenes (Moscow, 21-25 June, 2021, Moscow, 19-28 September, 2022 and 15-24 May, 2023, respectively), is an advantage but not a requirement.

Working Language(s)

English and Russian

Participation and 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.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **17 July 2026**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).
2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event 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 InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
 - If applicable, indicate whether a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
 - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
 - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
 - 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 applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the

application, by **17 July 2026**.

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.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

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. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning the IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. 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 event.

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Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Uzbekistan should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Uzbekistan.

Additional Information

Six or more months after completion of training events, participants will be required to complete a short survey on the use of acquired knowledge and skills or a change in attitudes. This will assist the Division of Nuclear Security in understanding the impact of its work and will guide future assistance.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.