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Advance Information on:

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCING
THE GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION OF
DECOMMISSIONING AND ENVIRONMENTAL
REMIEDIATION PROGRAMMES**



Background

During recent years, some countries have moved forward with their Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation (D&ER) programmes, involving—where necessary—the deployment of new technologies, methods and approaches as well as the adoption of modern regulatory frameworks. However, some still face very significant challenges in advancing their programmes.

The last major conferences organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency on Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation took place in Athens (2006) and in Astana (2009) respectively. Therefore, it is timely to review the global status of D&ER projects, analyze barriers impeding the implementation of these programmes in some countries and exchange recent experiences on these activities.

Scope

The Conference will share and review challenges, achievements and lessons learned from D&ER programmes implemented during the past decade. An important goal will be to raise awareness amongst national authorities and in the international community in general, including funding organisations, of remaining and anticipated future existing liabilities and to provide recommendations on the strategies and approaches that can enable and enhance safe, secure and cost effective implementation of national and international programmes to address these liabilities during the next two decades.

Audience

The intended audience for the Conference includes policy makers and technical specialists from regulatory, research and implementing organizations in the field of Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation (D&ER).

Organization and Topics

Conference sessions will be organized according to the following major themes:

- Establishing national policies and strategies to enable and enhance decommissioning and environmental remediation.
- Regulatory frameworks for decommissioning and environmental remediation.
- Decision-making process: social and stakeholder involvement during the lifecycle of decommissioning and environmental remediation projects.
- Technical and technological aspects of decommissioning and environmental remediation.
- Project management and supply chain considerations.
- Optimizing waste and materials management in decommissioning and environmental remediation
- International Cooperation.

Parallel sessions may be organized on specific topics related to the remediation of uranium legacy and other Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials sites and areas affected by major nuclear or radiological accidents.