



## 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR)

30 March - 01 April 2020

Hammamet, Tunisia

*Organized by the  
Arab Atomic Energy Agency  
In cooperation with the  
International Atomic Energy Agency*

### BACKGROUND

The 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR) comes within the framework of implementing “The Arab Strategy for Peaceful use of Atomic Energy” under the action plan of the project ‘Strengthening the regulatory and legislative frameworks for nuclear and radiation activities in Arab countries’ which has been approved by Arab senior officials and experts. The AAEA and IAEA recognize the importance of existence of an independent, effective and well equipped regulatory body in order to guarantee a high level of safety and security of all nuclear and radioactive facilities and activities under their national responsibility. They approved the establishment of the ‘Arab Network for Nuclear Regulators ANNuR’ and confirmed that its main objective is the exchange of experiences, lessons learned and good practices between regulators in Arab countries in order to develop the infrastructures and capabilities needed for the legislative and regulatory framework, nuclear safety, nuclear security, emergency preparedness and response and radioactive waste management activities through a regulatory perspective.

The Arab Atomic Energy Agency (AAEA) in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency organized the previous ten meetings of ANNuR as well as five meetings during IAEA General Conference in Vienna. This meeting is a follow-up of the past meetings and will address the importance and urgency of capacity building at an institutional, organizational and technical levels and is

intended to strengthen relations among the Arab Nuclear Regulators and to identify concrete actions reflecting current and future needs, which will assist States to establish and/or improve their regulatory infrastructure through effective and efficient capacity building, including education and training.

ANNuR, like other regional networks, fosters enhancement, strengthening and harmonization of the radiation protection, nuclear safety and security regulatory infrastructure and framework among its members; and provides mechanisms for the ANNuR to be an effective and efficient internationally recognized physical and virtual forum for the exchange of regulatory experiences and practices among the nuclear regulatory bodies in Arab countries. The IAEA and the relevant regional and international safety networks supported and maintained ANNuR and considered this network as a major part of the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Regime.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To share existing and new knowledge and practical experience among the Arab regulators, to address the importance and urgency of capacity building at an institutional, organizational and technical levels and to facilitate sustainable regional and International cooperation and for creating human and cyber communities among the specialists of those countries.
- To follow up and review the progress in ANNuR and to assess the current and future needs of each Arab regulatory authority.
- To create and approve an Arab programme for training Radiation Protection Officers.
- To offer the opportunity for the people responsible for Environmental Radiation Monitoring and nuclear emergencies to meet in order to exchange their experience as well as to assist in putting regional Arab EPR plan.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

The target audiences are senior professional staff of regulatory bodies and other relevant governmental organizations as well as people responsible of Environmental Radiation Monitoring and EPR. Every delegation has to make 2 presentations; one about the updates of the development and establishment of national regulatory body and the other presentation about the national programme for radiation monitoring and emergencies preparedness.

## **PROPOSED TOPICS FOR THE MEETING**

- Topic A:** Status updates of the development and establishment of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in the Arab Countries and evaluation of ANNuR and discuss ways of improving its performance as well as regional and international cooperation.
- Topic B:** Assessment of current and future needs of each Arab regulatory authority.

**Topic C:** Creation and approval of an Arab programme for training Radiation Protection Officers.

**Topic D:** Meeting of responsible people for Environmental Radiation Monitoring and nuclear emergencies in order to exchange their experience as well as to assist in putting regional Arab EPR plan.

## **WORKING LANGUAGE**

The working language of the meeting will be Arabic and English.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

A number of hotel rooms will be blocked by the organizers. The information and the deadline for obtaining negotiated hotel rates will be made available in due time.

## **VISA**

Participants who require a visa to enter Tunisia should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Tunisia as soon as possible. Please note that this process could take up two weeks.

## **Date AND PLACE**

Date: 30 March - 01 April 2020

Location: Hammamet, Tunisia