



14th Meeting of the Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR)

06-08 February 2023. In person and virtually.

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

BACKGROUND

The 14th Meeting of the Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR) comes within the framework of AAEA strategy of strengthening the regulatory and legislative frameworks for nuclear and radiation activities in Arab countries. 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.

The Arab Atomic Energy Agency (AAEA) in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency organized the previous 13 meetings of ANNuR as well as 5 meetings during IAEA General Conference in Vienna.

This meeting is a follow-up of the past meetings, will address the importance and urgency of capacity building at institutional, organizational and technical levels, and intended to strengthen relations among the Arab Nuclear Regulators. This meeting will identify concrete actions reflecting current and future needs that 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.

ANNuR has proven to be effective, efficient, internationally recognized 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.

PROPOSED TOPICS

- Follow up and review the progress of ANNuR and the TWGs and discuss the activity plan of 2023-2024.
- Review the Terms of References of ANNuR as well as the strategic plan for the next 5 years.
- Promote effective coordination and cooperation between ANNuR, IAEA and relevant regional and international organizations and propose new joint activities and projects.
- Follow up the project of Arab Network for Environmental Radiation Monitoring and Early Warning.
- Update of legislative and regulatory infrastructure information for each Member State.

Thematic Working Groups

1. Legislative and Regulatory infrastructure,
2. Integrated Management System,
3. Emergency preparedness and response,
4. Radiation and Waste Safety
5. Nuclear Security,
6. Nuclear Safeguards,
7. Transport of Nuclear & Radioactive Materials,
8. Safety Management of Nuclear Installations.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audiences are senior professional staff of regulatory bodies and other relevant governmental organizations.

WORKING LANGUAGE: Language of the meeting will be Arabic and English.

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