# IAEA'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME TO STRENGTHEN RADIATION PROTECTION IN MEMBER STATES

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### **IAEA Statutory Safety Functions**

IAEA Functions in Radiation & Waste Safety (Article III)

To facilitate and service international conventions and other undertakings

To establish standards of safety

To provide for the application of international standards



### **Assisting Member States to Apply IAEA Safety Standards**





IAEA Strategy for Education and Training in Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety 2011–2020

(Continuation of the 2001-2010 Strategy)



Strategy prepared by experts from Member States and endorsed by the IAEA General Conference



A steering committee of international experts in education and training advises the IAEA secretariat on implementation of the plan





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### IAEA MECHANISMS AND ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT STRENGTHENING RADIATION PROTECTION IN MEMBER STATES

# Strengthened Radiation Protection

On the Job training:

Fellowships & Scientific Visits Postgraduate
Education Course in
Radiation Protection
and the Safety of
Radiation Sources
(PGEC)

Specialized Training Courses

**RPO Training** 

&

Train the Trainers Workshops

IAEA + National/Regional Training Centres



### IAEA POST-GRADUATE EDUCATIONAL COURSES IN RADIATION PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF RADIATION SOURCES

Target audience:

Young science/engineering graduates whose work involves radiation protection

Course duration: 5 1/2 months





#### IAEA PGEC run on a regional basis in:

Africa: Ghana (English), Morocco (French)

Asia: Malaysia (English), Syria (Arabic)

Latin America: Argentina (Spanish)

Europe: Belarus (Russian), Greece (English)

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### ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING IN RADIATION PROTECTION

- Current and foreseeable facilities & activities
- No. of people to be trained
- Existing regulatory/professional E&T requirements

Assess **Needs National Define E&T** Have identified Strategy events & needs been **Design National Evaluate** for E&T in infrastructure to **Programme** met? effectiveness Radiation meet identified Are there new **Protection** needs needs? **Develop** and **Implement Programme** 



- Consider outsourcing (international/regional/bi-lateral resources)
- Strengthen regulatory basis /professional requirements



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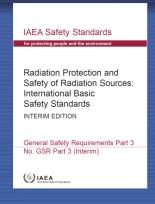
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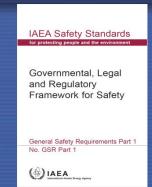
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#### **ENSURING E&T PROGRAMMES ARE BASED ON IAEA SAFETY STANDARDS**

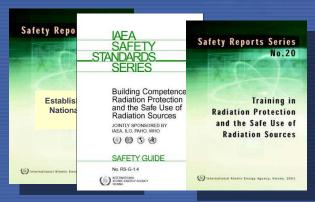
### IAEA Requirements for education & training





#### IAEA guidance on:

- Building Competence in Radiation Protection
- Training on Radiation Protection
- Establishing a national strategy for education and training in radiation, transport and waste safety (draft)



### Standard syllabi based on IAEA Safety Standards

- Post Graduate Educational Course
- Radiation Protection Officers (draft)





### IAEA'S EDUCATION & TRAINING APPRAISAL SERVICE (EduTA)

- Peer review of national provisions for E&T in radiation protection
- Based on self-assessment against IAEA Safety Standards
- Report suggests opportunities for improvement

Countries hosting EduTA include:
Algeria, Argentina, Belarus, Brazil,
Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Korea,
Malaysia, Morocco, Singapore,
South Africa.





EduTA mission to Malaysia 2011

### CONCLUSION

Achievements: sustainability of E&T at regional level; comprehensive training material based on IAEA Safety Standards in multiple languages; large range of training events

Future focus: assisting Member States to develop and implement national strategy for E&T based on identified needs



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### Education and Training in Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety



Building competence through education and training in radiation safety is fundamental to the establishment of a comprehensive and sustainable national infrastructure for radiation safety, which in turn is essential for protecting people from the harmful effects of radiation. In order to establish a sustainable education and training infrastructure in radiation, transport and waste safety, Member States should develop a national strategy for building competence through education and training, based on

#### Resources

Educational and training material

Education and Training Appraisals (EduTA)