



1st Asian Nuclear Safety Network Plenary

Vienna, Austria, 19 September 2012

The objective of the 1st ANSN Plenary meeting was to discuss the perspectives and expectations of ANSN future as seen by the ANSN Member States, supporting countries and organizations as well as regional networks and associations.

The meeting was attended by senior officials responsible for nuclear safety from Australia, Bangladesh, China, France, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Germany and the USA, regional networks and associations as well as the IAEA Action Plan team.

At the meeting Mr Denis Flory, DDG-NS of the IAEA, stressed the importance of implementing ANSN activities in line with the IAEA Action Plan to address lessons learned from the Fukushima accident. Mr Flory also emphasized that capacity building is pivotal for Member States embarking on nuclear power and further cooperation among global and regional networks to provide an integrated approach to capacity building is necessary.

The IAEA staff briefed officials from the Member States on the progress and current status of the IAEA Action Plan, as well as on the definition, approach and methodology for capacity building. During the briefing, it was also emphasized that in addition to regional cooperation, good interaction between regional networks is needed in the framework of the GNSSN. In this regard, ANSN can effectively cooperate and coordinate with other networks through information, knowledge and experience sharing.

FORO and ANNuR briefed participants on the history of their establishment, participating countries and relevant thematic areas. Both networks mentioned their collaboration with the ANSN and expressed interest in exchanging information as well as outlining their expectations

for support and assistance from other networks and relevant international organizations.

Participants strongly acknowledged ANSN efforts and expressed their full support and commitment to future ANSN activities. Member States made several important recommendations towards the future progress of the ANSN.

It was recommended that ANSN should expand the scope of its activities to include activities outlined in the IAEA Action Plan as well as incorporate advisory services and peer review services into the ANSN work plan.

Participants expressed support of the Technical Support Organization Forum (TSOF) to enhance cooperation among regional networks. It was recommended that Asian countries should develop and maintain nuclear regulatory profiles in line with the framework of RegNet.

Several Member States encouraged ANSN to develop and strengthen capacity building especially in countries embarking on nuclear power. Specifically, regulatory bodies involving safety, security and safeguards was mentioned as one area that needs further development.

Participants recommended that ANSN ensures quality over speed while planning and implementation and suggested that ANSN focus on nuclear safety fundamentals.

During discussions it was suggested that ASEAN and ANSN activities should be analysed in order to complement each other and avoid overlaps. It was proposed to delegate the mandate to review ANSN Vision 2020 to the CBMG in cooperation with all ANSN topical groups and the IAEA.

As a result of the meeting, the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the ANSN Plenary were reviewed and endorsed. The Plenary decided that the next Plenary meeting would focus on more specific elements like CBMG activities and ANSN Vision 2020.



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Expert mission to assist Bangladesh on the development of National ANSN Platform

Bangladesh, 9-10 July 2012

Regional Workshop on Systematic Approach to Training (SAT) in Nuclear Safety for the Trainer

Republic of Korea, 9-13 July 2012

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National Workshop on preparation and assessment of the EIA for the NPP site

Malaysia, 3-7 September 2012

Workshop on Nuclear Safety Tailored for Regulators Republic of Korea

3-14 September 2012

Consultancy Meeting on Development of Standards Exercise Cases for off-line Workshops Republic of Korea

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Regional Workshop on Implementation of Capacity Building IT Modules Republic of Korea

26-27 September 2012

Regional Workshop on Occupational Health and Psychological Test and Evaluation of NPPs Staff and Annual Meeting of OSTG

China, 3-6 October 2012

4th Annual Meeting ANSN Topical Group on Government and Regulatory Infrastructure

Philippines, 18-19 October 2012

Regional Workshop on Practical NPP Construction Experience

Philippines, 18-19 October 2012

4th Annual Meeting ANSN Topical Group on Government and Regulatory Infrastructure

China, 17-23 October 2012

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