

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

Event: Regional Workshop on Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plans (INSSPs) for Members of the Forum of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa.

Organizers: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) / Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission (TAEC) / Forum of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa (FNRBA)

Date and venue: 26-27 March 2015, Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania

Participants: More than 30 experts from 25 countries, including Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia

### International Organizations:

1540 Committee Experts  
IAEA  
FNRBA

## 1. Objectives

Make a presentation as requested by the IAEA on the importance and significance of 1540 national implementation action plans towards the full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

Highlight the complementary nature of resolution 1540 (2004) and INSSPs in order to help achieve the objective of nuclear security in the most cost effective manner.

Explore synergies and facilitate coordination and cooperation with IAEA and FNRBA.

Engage the representatives of the participant States in bilateral discussions to inquire about the updates on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), emphasizing the submission of 1540 reports for non-reporting States.

## 2. Background

Operative paragraph 10 of resolution 1977 (2011) requires the Committee to "engage actively with States and relevant international organisations.....to promote the sharing of experience lessons learned and effective practices in the areas covered by the resolution...". Also in its 14th Programme of Work the Committee set the task " ...to enhance its cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations and other relevant United Nations bodies... ." (Paragraph 11(a)).

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Also, Operative Paragraph 8 of resolution 1977 (2011) “encourages all States to prepare on a voluntary basis national implementation action plans... for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), and to submit those plans to the 1540 Committee”.

On 25 February 2015, Mr. Khammar Mrabit, Director of the Division of the Nuclear Security into the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) sent an invitation to the 1540 Committee Chair, requesting that a 1540 Committee expert be nominated to participate in, and provide a presentation at the workshop on Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plans (INSSPs) and 1540 National Implementation Action Plans (NAP).

One purpose of this event was to discuss nuclear security cooperation and assistance in Africa with partner organizations and related initiatives. The main aim of the session on 27 March was to share non-confidential information on the common nuclear security needs identified in the INSSPs of those African Member States participating in the workshop and willing to share such information; as well as to discuss ways to meet the needs, including through international cooperation.

### 3. Overview

The meeting brought together the members of a various nuclear regulatory bodies in Africa in charge of the implementation of different aspects of resolution 1540 (2004) related to nuclear security issues.

The main goal of this event was a collegial drafting of a regional strategy to implement INSSPs. During a one day session, the attendees identified the major nuclear security issues in Africa. Then, they developed a Regional Strategic Plan based on five main objectives and a list of priorities to meet them. After this meeting, each national authority will have a document of reference to realize its own national strategic plan.

The 1540 expert made a presentation on the background as well as the continuing relevance of resolution 1540 (2004), its obligations and on the follow-up resolutions. He presented the state of implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004) in Africa. He also described the assistance matchmaking role of the Committee, as well as elements that governments might consider for the development of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (NAP), especially in relation to nuclear security.

On the last day, the director of FNRBA briefed participants about the activities that will be carried out by the organisation in 2015. He referred to the association regional priorities (especially X Ray Generators, the problem of sealed radioactive sources or the Nuclear Power Plant projects). He also stressed the need for effective African regulatory bodies. The FNRBA main target would be the development and the implementation of a regional Nuclear Security Plan with the support of provider of assistance on a long term basis.

### 4. Additional comments

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