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## **1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Capacity Building Coordination Group (CBCG)** Tokyo, Japan, 29 -31 March 2010

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Capacity Building Coordination Group (CBCG) was hosted by the Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization (JNES), and attended by the coordinators from eight ANSN Topical Groups (TGs) and two Project Management Officers (PMOs) from the IAEA. The chairperson of the ANSN Steering Committee (SC) and two ITSG members of Japan were also invited to attend the meeting.

The establishment of CBCG was approved at the tenth meeting of SC, Singapore, 20-22 October 2009, as a group of coordinating and monitoring TGs' activities for implementing and achieving the 'Vision for the ANSN by the year 2020' (Vision 2020). The CBCG was established in November 2009, and started the initial work of developing the group's Terms of Reference (ToR). The members of CBCG comprise the coordinators of TGs, the ANSN Programme Manager (PM) and the Project Management Officers (PMOs) from IAEA. Important CBCG roles include: developing a guidance document on Topical Groups regional capacity building activities; developing an action plan to implement and achieve the Vision 2020; and coordinating and facilitating the implementation of the guidance document and the action plan. Other important CBCG roles include: developing outcome-based performance indicators of ANSN activities, annually reviewing the activities based on the performance indicators and reporting back to the SC for their evaluation.

Mr. K. Nakamura, Deputy Director-General for Safety Examination, Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), opened the first meeting of CBCG by highlighting two important points: the need to strengthen the cooperation and coordination internationally and regionally, and also the need to build capacity for nuclear safety. In addition, Mr. T. Inagaki, Vice-President, JNES, on behalf of the hosting organization, warmly welcomed the

participants and highly appreciated the recent changes and improvements in the ANSN.



The draft ToR of the CBCG was reviewed and agreed, acknowledging that the coordination and facilitation of TGs activities is a challenge that must be pursued by the CBCG. The coordinators of the existing eight TGs presented the progress and future plans of their TGs' activities. The CBCG identified the value of regularly sharing the status of work among the TG coordinators for benchmarking and improved coordination.

The CBCG discussed the draft guidance document for regional capacity building. The CBCG members recognized the importance of this document for providing the guidance on implementation of regional capacity building activities. The draft guidance document will be further elaborated and will be available by the next meeting of CBCG on 25 May 2010 in Vienna at IAEA..

The CBCG thoroughly reviewed and discussed the draft of the 'Generic Action Plan for establishing the Regional Capacity Building System in Asia'. The CBCG agreed to submit a draft of the plan to the third meeting of Nuclear Safety Strategy Dialogue (NSSD), 22-23 April 2010, Indonesia for endorsement, acknowledging that commitment from the ANSN Member States was vital for the implementation of a work plan and the successful achievement of Vision 2020.

The CBCG also reviewed and discussed the draft outcome-based performance indicators of ANSN



activities. It was agreed that to properly evaluate the outcome of Vision 2020, further elaboration on outcome-based performance indicators would be needed. The CBCG also agreed to develop outcome-based performance indicators for TGs' activities in specific fields.

In addition, the CBCG received a report of the result of the sixth meeting of the IT Support Group (ITSG), 3-5 March 2010, Vienna, Austria, including a demonstration of the recent development of the ANSN website. Acknowledging the important role of the ITSG to support implementation of the Vision 2020 by state-of-the-art IT technology, the CBCG encouraged the ITSG to further pursue their work in close collaboration with the CBCG.

### Video conference

On the second day of the meeting, a video conference with Mr. T. Taniguchi, Deputy Director General, Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, IAEA, was arranged. DDG Taniguchi urged the CBCG members to pay particular attention to four elements important for the future success of ANSN, as follows: 1) establishing the 'Network of Regional Capacity Building Centres in Asia'; 2) providing a 'Solution Support Service' by fully utilizing state-of-the-art IT technology; 3) promoting more active and interactive IT and

human networks; and 4) showcasing the ANSN as a best-practice model for Regional Capacity Building.



During the conference, the CBCG members exchanged views with DDG Taniguchi on a range of issues affecting ANSN. He welcomed the work undertaken by the CBCG, while appreciating the effective communication afforded by the video conferencing technology. He encouraged further use of this powerful tool for cost effective and timely communication.

### Recent and forthcoming ANSN activities and other IAEA activities in Asia:

#### **1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Capacity Building Coordination Group (CBCG)**

Tokyo, Japan, 29-31 March 2010

#### **Expert mission to review Regulatory Document entitles "Regulatory Guidelines for Site Selection and Evaluation of Nuclear Power Plant"**

Malaysia, 12-16 April 2010

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Nuclear Safety Strategy Dialogue**

Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 22-23 April 2010

#### **Consultancy Meeting to prepare the Terms of Reference and Mid-Term Strategy and Plan for Topical Group on Education and Training**

Vienna, IAEA, 5-19 May 2010

#### **Workshop on National Intervention Levels for taking Urgent Protective Actions and Protection of Workers and the annual meeting of Topical Group on Emergency Preparedness and Response**

Indonesia, 10-14 May 2010

#### **Training Course on Evaluation of Decommissioning Waste including Waste Inventory and Characterization**

Indonesia, 17-21 May 2010

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the CBCG and 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Steering Committee (SC)**

Vienna, IAEA, 25-28 March 2010

The knowledge gained through the implementation of the ANSN activities is being progressively uploaded in the Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN) knowledge base and can be accessed at <http://www.ansn.org>

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