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Third annual meeting of the Nuclear Safety Strategy Dialogue
Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 22 -23 April 2010

The third meeting of Nuclear Safety Strategy Dialogue (NSSD) of the Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN) took place during 22 to 23 April in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. It was hosted by the National Energy Agency (BATAN) and the Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency (BAPETEN). The meeting was attended by: ANSN Minister; Senior Officials responsible for nuclear safety; participants from the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN); and, the Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR) as observers. The meeting objectives generally focused on discussing Asia’s broader nuclear safety strategy and policy issues for facilitating and continuously improving effective and sustainable Capacity Building and Infrastructural Development. Also discussed were mechanisms for implementing the “Vision for the ANSN by the year 2020” (Vision 2020), endorsed at the second meeting of NSSD on 10 April 2009 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

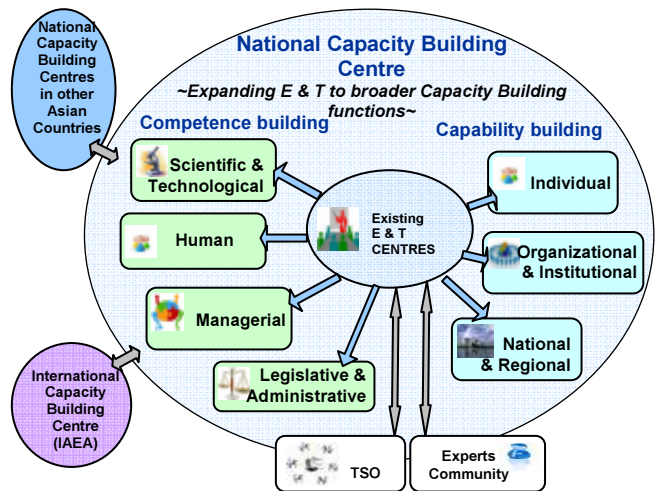


Minister for Research and Technology, Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Suharna Surapranata warmly welcomed the participants and highlighted the utmost importance of the ANSN for ASEAN Countries interested in launching nuclear power development programmes, in particular for enhancing the public acceptance of nuclear power programmes and supporting human resource development.

The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Hudi Hastowo, Chairman of National Energy Agency (BATAN), and Dr. As Natio Lasman, Chairman of Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency (BAPETEN).

National Capacity Building Centres

Mr. T. Taniguchi, IAEA Deputy Director General for Nuclear Safety and Security, provided opening remarks, presenting a vision and oversight of the global and regional Capacity Building and Infrastructure Development. He emphasized the need for developing and establishing the National and Regional Capacity Building System in Asia to keep pace with nuclear power programme expansion throughout the region. Mr. Taniguchi also stressed the need for maintaining and strengthening the interaction among the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network (GNSSN) and regional networks, including the ANSN.



National Capacity Building Centre—developing and continuously enhancing competences and capabilities.

Mr. Taniguchi further stated that IAEA attached strategic importance to supporting nuclear Safety Infrastructure and Capacity Building in its Member States, but their capacity and infrastructure should be built primarily by their own efforts and for their own interests. He also stated that commitments from ANSN Member States were crucial to: 1) achieving the Vision 2020 through establishing National Capacity Building Centres that function beyond conventional Education & Training



Centres; and 2) developing the Regional Capacity Building Systems in Asia.

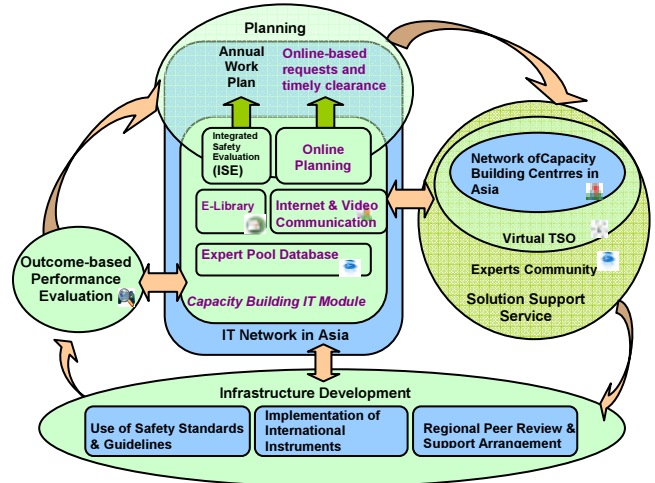
ANSN Member States confirmed the necessity of preparing National Action Plans for implementing the Generic Action Plan. In particular, they discussed expanding National Education and Training Centres to National Capacity Building Centres and implementing the plans for establishing a Network of National Capacity Building Centres.

Regional Capacity Building System

Mr. K. Tomita, Coordinator of the Capacity Building Coordination Group (CBCG), presented the “Generic Action Plan for establishing Regional Capacity Building System in Asia”. Meeting participants appreciated and actively discussed the work done by the CBCG. As a result, they recognized the importance of the Generic Action Plan and renewed their strong commitment to implementing and tasking the Steering Committee (SC) with providing further technical details and practical implementation actions.

The NSSD acknowledged that the conventional ‘vertical transfer’ of capacity and infrastructure knowledge—based on the supplier-recipient relationship is currently insufficient, and that the dynamic ‘horizontal sharing’ of experience through mutual learning and active, in-depth and intensive interaction are necessary.

They also acknowledged that Education and Training for transferring ‘Established Common Knowledge’ is a basis for capacity building at individual, scientific, and technical levels. However, in addition, knowledge necessary for Problem Solving and Solution Support requires broader capacity building at the organizational and institutional levels, including: ‘Customised Specific Knowledge’ and ‘New and Creative Knowledge’.



Capacity Building System in Asia—Planning, Implementation and Feedback for Vision 2020.

ANSN Member States agreed to support the idea of developing a dynamic and interactive system for enhancing capacity for Capacity Building in Asia (i.e., Regional Capacity Building System in Asia, including the Capacity Building IT Module development).

Collaboration among networks

ANSN Member States confirmed the importance of regional and international cooperation through effective coordination and collaboration among the GNSSN and regional networks (e.g. ANSN, Ibero-American Network (FORO), the newly created Forum of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa (FNRBA), and the Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR), while respecting specificities and conditions of each network.

Mutual and interactive learning among the GNSSN and regional networks would result in an added benefit of establishing a global platform for sharing knowledge and experience.

Forthcoming ANSN activities and other IAEA activities in Asia:

Consultancy Meeting to prepare the Terms of Reference and Mid-Term Strategy, Plan for Topical Group on Education and Training and the Draft Guidance for Education and Training Peer Review Service
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

2nd meeting of the CBCG and 11th meeting of Steering Committee (SC)
Vienna, IAEA, 25-28 May 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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