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IAEA arrangements for international assistance in the framework of the Assistance Convention

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- Expertise, resources available through IAEA
- IAEA Response and Assistance Network (RANET)
- RANET JAT Exercise



Assistance Convention

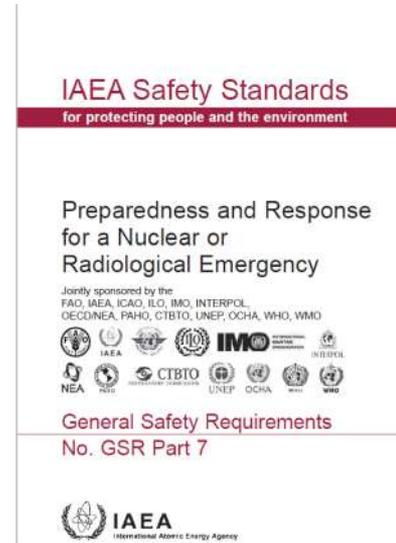
“Parties to Assistance Convention have undertaken to cooperate among them and with IAEA to facilitate prompt provision of assistance in case of a nuclear accident or radiological emergency, in order to mitigate its consequences.”

Convention
on Early Notification
of a Nuclear Accident
and
Convention on Assistance
in the Case
of a Nuclear Accident
or Radiological Emergency



Requesting Assistance

- States must be prepared to request and receive assistance
- GSR-Part 7, para 5.29:
“... *arrangements shall be made to determine whether and when additional assistance is necessary and to determine how to obtain such assistance.*”

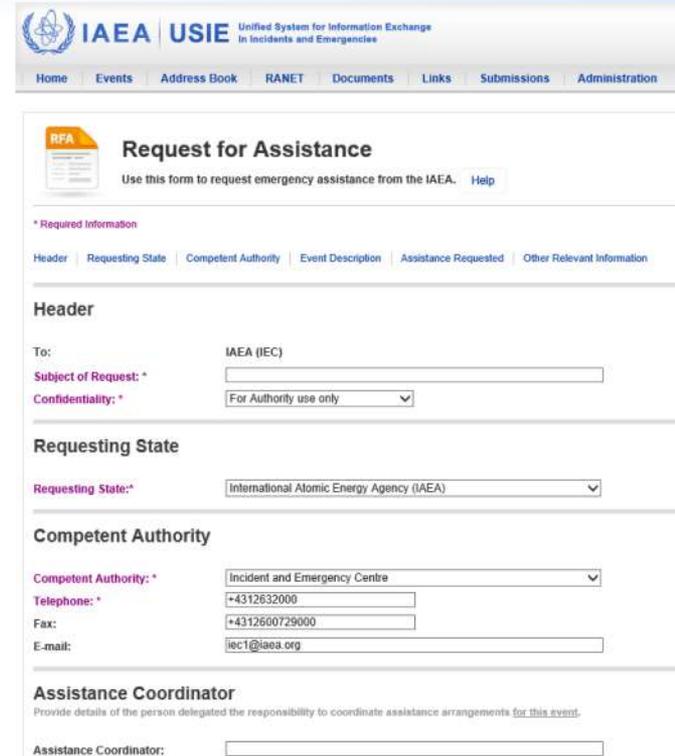


Requesting Assistance

- Whether an event originates on a State's territory or under its jurisdiction or control, a State may request assistance from or through the IAEA
 - State Parties may request assistance in accordance with the Assistance Convention
 - Member States and non-Member States may also request assistance
 - Limitations apply to provision of assistance outside the Convention

Requesting Assistance

- In the event of nuclear or radiological incident or emergency:
 - Competent Authority or Permanent Mission can request assistance (24/7)
 1. Submit a RFA form on USIE;
 2. Fax to the IEC; or
 3. Telephone the IEC.
- RFA include scope and type of assistance:
 - Information on event
 - Type(s) of assistance required



The screenshot shows the IAEA USIE (Unified System for Information Exchange in Incidents and Emergencies) website. The main heading is "Request for Assistance" with a sub-heading "Use this form to request emergency assistance from the IAEA." Below this is a navigation bar with tabs for "Header", "Requesting State", "Competent Authority", "Event Description", "Assistance Requested", and "Other Relevant Information". The "Header" tab is selected. The form fields are as follows:

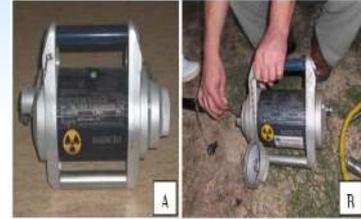
- To:** IAEA (IEC)
- Subject of Request: *** [Text input field]
- Confidentiality: *** [Dropdown menu with "For Authority use only" selected]
- Requesting State:** [Dropdown menu with "International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)" selected]
- Competent Authority:** [Dropdown menu with "Incident and Emergency Centre" selected]
- Telephone: *** [+4312632000]
- Fax:** [+4312600729000]
- E-mail:** [ieect@iaea.org]
- Assistance Coordinator:** [Text input field]

Below the "Assistance Coordinator" field, there is a note: "Provide details of the person delegated the responsibility to coordinate assistance arrangements for this event."

- On-call staff authenticate and verify the request
- Initial assessment to determine urgency
 - E.g. immediately, next day, next work day
- Internal assessment to scope and identify objectives a possible assistance mission
- Identification of possible resources
 - Internal and External (i.e. RANET)

Response and Assistance Network (RANET)

- RANET was established in 2000
 - Operational tool to implement the Assistance Convention
 - Provision of international assistance upon request
- RANET is network of States
 - Capable and willing to provide assistance upon request
 - Appropriately trained, equipped and qualified personnel
 - Respond quickly and effectively to emergencies



Scope of RANET

- Nuclear accidents or radiological emergencies in context of Emergency Conventions
- Other nuclear or radiological accidents
- Radiological consequences that exceed State's response capabilities

EPR-RANET

- Effective 1 Sept 2013
- 8 Functional Areas
 - Defines 41 National Assistance Capabilities (NAC)
 - Covers wide range of response and assistance capabilities
- EPR-RANET 2018



- 2018 edition of **EPR-RANET** to be published soon:
 - New NAC on geographic mapping capabilities
 - Updated capabilities for assistance
 - Description of RANET database in USIE
 - Updated Assistance Action Plan Template
 - New appendences:
 - International ATA Carnet document for customs equipment documentation
 - Example request for and offer of assistance

National Assistance Capabilities

- State Parties register National Assistance Capabilities (NAC) in RANET
- Field Assistance Teams (FAT)
 - Deployable assets consisting of qualified and equipped experts
- External Based Support (EBS)
 - Reach-back or off-scene capabilities
 - Assessment, analysis and advice

RS - Radiation Survey		
FAT	RS-1	Foot/manual/ground based survey
EBS		
FAT	RS-2	In-situ gamma spectrometry
EBS		
FAT	RS-3	Vehicle based survey
EBS		
FAT	RS-4	Aerial based survey
EBS		
SSR Source Search and Recovery		
FAT	SSR-1	Foot/manual/ground based search
EBS		
FAT	SSR-2	Vehicle based search
EBS		
FAT	SSR-3	Aerial search
EBS		
FAT	SSR-4	Maritime search
EBS		
FAT	SSR-5	Source recovery
EBS		
RAA Radiological Assessment and Advice		
FAT	RAA-1	Atmospheric dispersion
EBS		
FAT	RAA-2	Hydrospheric dispersion
EBS		
FAT	RAA-3	Radioecological models
EBS		
FAT	RAA-4	Dose predictions
EBS		
FAT	RAA-5	Public health protection
EBS		
FAT	RAA-6	Remediation and recovery
EBS		

RANET Functional Areas

- Source Search and Recovery (SSR)
- Radiation Survey (RS)
- Environmental Sampling and Analysis (ESA)
- Radiological Assessment and Advice (RAA)
- Decontamination (DE)
- Medical Support (MS)
- Dose Assessment (DA)
- Nuclear Installation Assessment and Advice (NAA)

Registering Resources

- Following lessons identified by Japan:
 - States may identify and register the resources that they may be able to provide to a requesting State

Examples of resources:

- Radiation survey instruments;
- Personal dosimetry;
- Medical equipment and supplies;
- Measurement systems;
- Personal protective equipment;
- Electrical generators and supplies;
- Cooling and purification systems;
- Criticality control materials;
- Ventilation systems;
- Specialized resources (e.g. robotics, aircraft, shielding); and
- General supplies to support field activities.

Registration in RANET

- Prerequisites
 - Competent Authority must complete and submit registration
- Information needed
 - Statement of endorsement by Competent Authority
 - Information on resources and areas of expertise of NAC
 - May include nominal list of generalized experience and equipment lists, statement of ability, quality and timeline for deployment of FAT and activation of EBS

REGISTRATION OF NAC RESOURCES

IN THE RESPONSE AND ASSISTANCE NETWORK – RANET

PART A: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applying State/International Organization

Name: _____

2. Competent Authority

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web site: _____

(optional)

3. NAC coordinator

Name: _____

Org: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

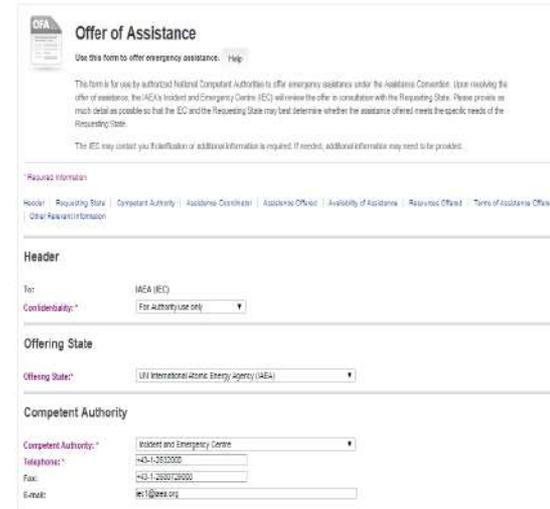
State Parties Registered in RANET

**Current Status:
32 State Parties**

Country	Radiation Survey	Environmental Sampling and Analysis	Source Search and Recovery	Radiological Assessment and Advice	Medical Support	Dose Assessment	Decontamination	Nuclear Installation Assessment and Advice
Argentina						FAT EBS		
Australia	FAT EBS	FAT	FAT				FAT	
Austria	FAT EBS		FAT EBS					
Belgium	FAT	FAT	FAT					
Bulgaria	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS
Canada						EBS		EBS
China	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	
Czech Republic		EBS	EBS	EBS		EBS		
Denmark	FAT EBS		FAT EBS	EBS				
Egypt	FAT EBS	FAT EBS						
Finland	FAT	EBS		EBS		EBS	EBS	
France	FAT	FAT EBS	FAT	EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS		
Germany	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT	
Hungary	FAT	FAT EBS	FAT	FAT EBS	FAT	EBS	EBS	
Israel	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT	EBS		EBS		
Japan		EBS	EBS	EBS	EBS	EBS		FAT EBS
Korea, Republic of	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	EBS
Mexico	FAT	FAT	FAT			FAT		
Nigeria	FAT	FAT	FAT	FAT		FAT		
Norway	FAT	FAT EBS	FAT					
Pakistan	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	EBS	EBS	EBS		FAT EBS
Romania	FAT EBS	FAT	FAT	FAT EBS		EBS	FAT	
Russian Federation		EBS	EBS	EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS		
Slovenia	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	EBS
Spain				EBS				FAT EBS
Sri Lanka	FAT	FAT	FAT					
Sweden	FAT	FAT EBS	FAT	FAT EBS		EBS		
Switzerland	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS			EBS		
Turkey	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	EBS		EBS		
Ukraine	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	EBS			FAT EBS	FAT EBS
United Kingdom		EBS		EBS		EBS		
United States of America	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS	FAT EBS		EBS

Offering Assistance

- RANET States offering assistance need to:
 - Coordinate with their NAC assets
 - Assess their current capacity to provide the requested assistance
 - Submit ‘offer of assistance’ on USIE including details of:
 - Experts
 - Equipment
 - Time until and duration of deployment
 - Any resources offered
 - Terms of assistance (e.g. financial)
 - Any requirements (e.g. technical)



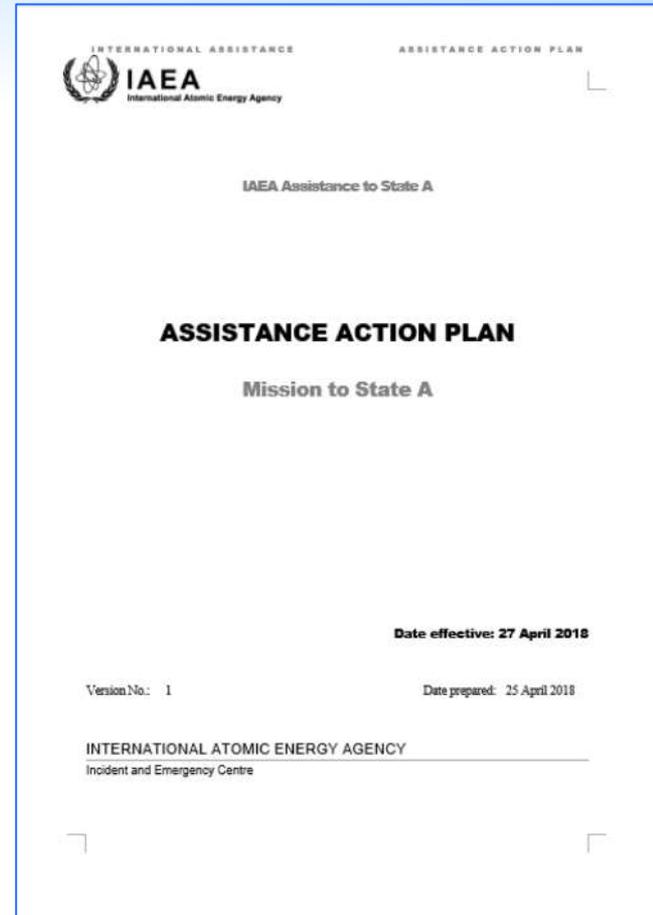
The screenshot shows the 'Offer of Assistance' form on the USIE website. The form is titled 'Offer of Assistance' and includes a 'Help' link. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text explaining the form's purpose and a note about the IEC's role. The form is divided into several sections: 'Resource Information', 'Header', 'Offering State', and 'Competent Authority'. The 'Header' section includes fields for 'To:' (IAEA (IEC)) and 'Confidentiality:' (For authority use only). The 'Offering State' section has a dropdown menu for 'Offering State:' with 'IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)' selected. The 'Competent Authority' section includes a dropdown menu for 'Competent Authority:' (Incident and Emergency Centre), and fields for 'Telephone:', 'Fax:', and 'E-mail:'.

Assistance Missions

- An Assistance Mission is performed by a group of qualified experts and can be:
 - A deployed **Field Assistance Team (FAT)**;
 - an **External Based Support (EBS)**;
or
 - a **Joint Assistance Team (JAT)**
comprising of a combination of FAT
and/or EBS.

Assistance Action Plan

- Objective and Scope
- Responsibilities
- Confidentiality
- Public Information
- Field Safety/Security
- Termination
- Financial Arrangements
- Workplan
- Team Composition
- Relevant Contact Details



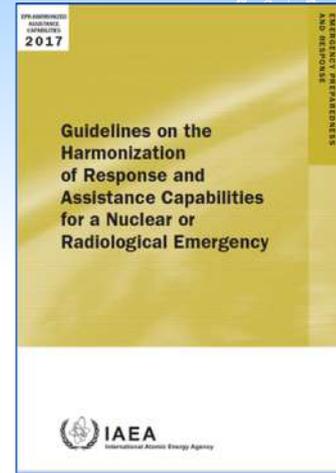
RANET JAT Exercise

- The first RANET JAT Exercise took place in the Fukushima Capacity Building Center in October 2017
- Simulated accident in a fictional state and using simulated measurement data
- IAEA Assistance Mission with a JAT comprising FATs and EBS experts from 7 Member States registered in RANET, as well as the IAEA Secretariat.

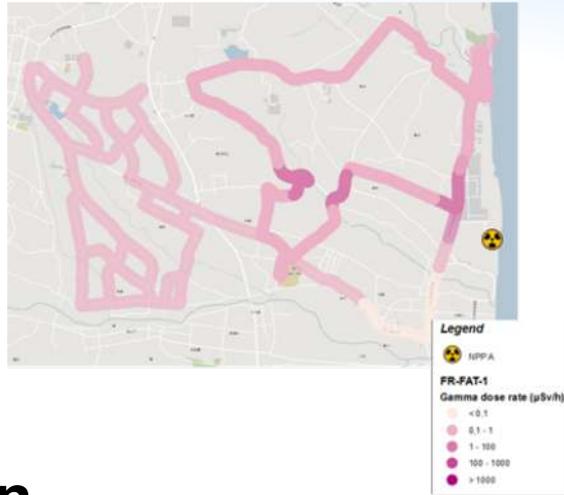


RANET JAT Exercise

- Tested management and resolution of administrative, logistical, technical, safety and security of personnel issues that may arise during an Assistance Mission
- Coordination of JAT assistance operations with the Accident State and delivered data reports and briefing products requested by the Accident State.
- Tested the Guidelines on the Harmonization of Response and Assistance Capabilities for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency

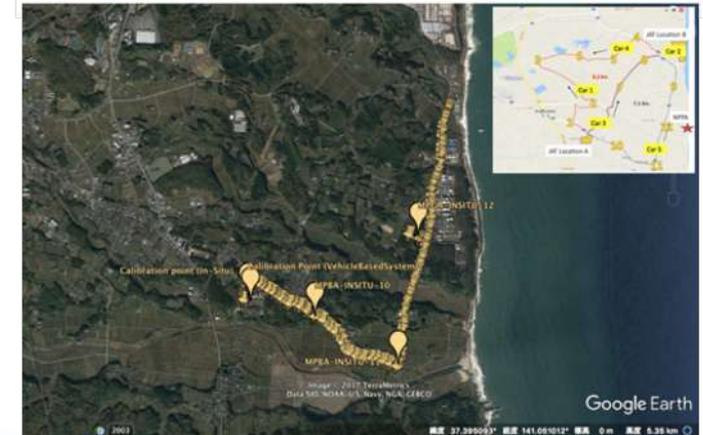


RANET JAT Exercise



Harmonization

- Measurement units
- Map products (colors)
- Naming conventions
- Data formats



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