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The Regulatory Cooperation Forum, an Opportunity to Strengthen International Cooperation			

The Regulatory Cooperation Forum (RCF) is a member-driven forum of nuclear power regulators created in 2010 that promotes the sharing of regulatory knowledge and experience through international cooperation and collaboration using the IAEA Safety Standards as its basis.

The RCF involves countries with advanced nuclear power programmes, countries embarking on nuclear power for the first time and countries with smaller programmes considering expansion. The primary objectives of the RCF are:

- To promote collaboration and cooperation among RCF members to improve coordination of support for regulatory infrastructure development;
- To contribute to achieving and sustaining a high level of nuclear safety, consistent with the IAEA Safety Standards and Guidance;
- To optimize resources among RCF members and avoid unnecessary support duplication through improved coordination.

Membership of the RCF is open to all Member States of the IAEA. Participants in RCF activities will normally be senior representatives from regulatory bodies in Member States and from other providers, including the IAEA, European Commission (EC) and the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). So far, more than 30 countries are members of the RCF.

The RCF has developed Action Plans to support Jordan, Vietnam, Belarus and Poland. The IAEA's Nuclear Safety Action Plan urges Member States to strengthen the effectiveness of national regulatory bodies as well as base the development of their nuclear infrastructures on IAEA Safety Standards. The RCF assists Member States in implementing both of these actions for embarking, existing and expanding nuclear programmes.