

"The practical, day-to-day implementation of safeguards works best when it is conducted as a common effort between the IAEA and Member States. We are working to foster cooperative partnerships with States, regional safeguards authorities and industry. Such cooperation is essential for effective and efficient safeguards implementation."

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IAEA Safeguards assistance to States

The cooperation between States and the IAEA is a critical factor in determining the successful implementation of IAEA safeguards. Effective cooperation not only demonstrates a State's commitment to the peaceful use of nuclear energy, it is also essential for the efficient and effective implementation of IAEA safeguards. Such cooperation can also make safeguards implementation more cost effective and, without compromising safeguards objectives, minimize its impact on a State's nuclear activities.

The IAEA places great value on effective cooperation with States. It devotes substantial resources to assist them in developing the relevant capabilities in response to their needs. It also gives guidance and assistance to States to enhance the understanding of their safeguards obligations and to improve their cooperation with the IAEA in safeguards implementation.

This assistance is provided by the IAEA to Member States through advisory service missions for State systems of accounting for and control of nuclear material (SSACs), training courses, and the issuance of guidance documents and reference materials.



IAEA SSACs Advisory Service (ISSAS) missions

Intended to increase effectiveness and improve cooperation with the IAEA in safeguards implementation, on request and free of charge, provide:

- Comprehensive review of all elements of the SSAC
- Preparatory mission followed by a one-week IAEA mission in the State
- Agreed action plan to address recommendations after thorough evaluation of mission findings
- Follow-up activities, including assistance
- IAEA training courses for SSACs

General and targeted learning through interaction, experience sharing and practical training. Three types of course offerings:

- International: Building basic safeguards capabilities worldwide
- Regional: Encouraging regional collaboration and partnerships
- National: Addressing specific national needs



Traineeship Programme

- Applicants selected from developing countries
- Ten-month Vienna-based curriculum
- Practical field experience in nearby nuclear installations and facilities
- Broadens participants' knowledge of safeguards and the peaceful uses of nuclear techniques
- Enhances participants' technical skills and builds their professional network



Guidance for States

Publications, templates, forms and instructions are available under 'Assistance for States' at www.iaea.org/topics/safeguardsand-verification.

IAEA Services Series documents offer guidance and share safeguards implementation practices and lessons learned.