



VIRTUAL Regional Training Course on SIT components: “Mosquito monitoring and data collection and data management” (Module II)

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to: i) provide technical support for the participating Member States on mosquito surveillance and population monitoring, field baseline data collection and data management in SIT pilot trials; ii) explore a practical experience and skills using standardized field data spreadsheet, data management, and offer the participant the chance to analyse their own data with immediate support; iii) review current monitoring protocols and discuss relevant information in the form of presentations and learning materials provided by participants, the IAEA, and the experts and iv) strengthen and harmonize regional procedures and mechanisms for baseline data collection and data management in SIT pilot trials, including networking, and information exchange.

Working Language(s)

The working language(s) of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 21 May 2021 will not be considered.

Project Background

The IAEA Technical Cooperation project RLA5083 “Enhancing Capacity for the Use of the Sterile Insect Technique as a component of Mosquito Control Programs” aims to build capacity in the Latin America and Caribbean region for the use of the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) to suppress *Aedes aegypti* mosquito vector populations. In this context, the project’s target is to provide technical support for participating Member States to develop capacities in mosquito monitoring; field entomological baseline data collection; mass-rearing and quality control, irradiation, handling, transporting, and releasing methods of sterile male *Aedes* spp, as components of the SIT package to control mosquito vectors of diseases such as dengue, chikungunya and Zika in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

Scope and Nature

The expected outcomes of the training are to enhance and develop knowledge, skills and capability in mosquito surveillance, baseline data collection and data management in SIT pilot trails, targeting *Aedes* species.

Participation

The course will be offered for all RLA5083 participating Member States willing to carry out a SIT pilot trial and validate the SIT’s package feasibility for *Aedes* mosquitoes’ control in their local conditions.

Participants’ Qualifications and Experience

The course is open to:

- Entomologists directly involved in the practical aspects of SIT projects (e.g. mosquito biology; GIS; entomological baseline data collection and data management).
- Technical staff involved in field activities such as trapping and monitoring, and data management.

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVT2101461) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the training course from the [IAEA website](#).

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency American Express, or a travel grant, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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