

STRENGTHENING THE GLOBAL SECURITY: THE ROLE OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Nuclear and radiological techniques and applications are used in our daily life, including medicine, industry, agriculture, energy, research and others. However, they cannot be sustained if not safe and secure. It is widely recognized, that nuclear and radiological threat is real, global and is increasing.

The IAEA and other regional and international partners have been, for many years, promoting, at the request of Member States, nuclear security nationally, regionally and globally. To strengthen these efforts, the U.S. President Obama, during his speech in Prague, 2009, described nuclear terrorism as “the most immediate and extreme threat to global security” that should be prevented. In this respect, he invited the international community to secure vulnerable nuclear and other radioactive material against the evolving threat towards them and announced the launching of the nuclear security summit with three main goals: reducing the amount of dangerous nuclear material in the world; improving the security of all nuclear material and other radioactive sources; and improving international cooperation. To sustain and continuously improve nuclear security, the IAEA organized for the first time an International Conference on Nuclear Security with a ministerial segment and a technical programme that has been repeated in 2016 and will be held for the third time in 2020, making the IAEA playing the central and essential role in coordinating global efforts in nuclear security globally.

The Kingdom of Morocco, enacted in 2014 the law no. 142-12 that covers Safety, Security and Safeguards, and created an independent Regulatory Authority named the Moroccan Agency for Nuclear and Radiological Safety and Security (AMSSNuR) which became operational in October 2016.

Since its creation, AMSSNuR has been very active in developing mechanisms of cooperation at different level, through the establishment of many Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with international and regional players and with sister regulatory authorities and different organizations working in the same field. These MoUs aim at strengthening the cooperation between the Kingdom of Morocco and other countries and Organizations in terms of exchanging information, experiences and lessons learned in the fields of nuclear and radiological security.

AMSSNuR, assigns high priority to cooperation at regional and international levels. In this paper we will share the approach adopted by AMSSNuR in the development and implementation of mechanisms of cooperation at regional and international levels.

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