

# Cameroon's Experience in Regulatory Oversight for Adoption and Implementation of Nuclear Security Regime

Radiation Protection Regulatory Bodies often have the responsibility of overseeing nuclear security activities, especially in developing countries like in the African Continent. Knowing that nuclear security, which is part of the national security system, combines the participation of several competent authorities, information management and the distribution of roles in general are stumbling points. The experience of Cameroon through the National Radiation Protection Agency (NRPA) is shared in this article.

NRPA took an active part in the expression of Cameroon's commitment, in 2006, to implement the IAEA Code of conduct and its Guidance of import and export of radioactive sources. Similarly, NRPA was involved in the conduct of the process of ratification, in 2015, of the Amendment to the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials and Associated facilities. Cameroon's first Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) that was implemented from 2013 to 2015 was overseen by NRPA. NRPA also plays an important role in sensitizing stakeholders to the importance of nuclear security and their respective responsibilities. The source recovery or emergency exercises involving several competent authorities are often organized under NRPA's leadership.

The limitation of access to, or confidentiality of some information is often not accepted by all administrative representatives. Those whose traditional duties are not linked to, hesitate to cooperate for nuclear security. Clear and precise regulation which sets out the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders is seen as the solution to this type of conflict for a harmonious coordination and arrangements of the national nuclear security regime.

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