

**Regional Workshop to Share Experiences on the Implementation of the
IAEA Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources**

Khartoum, Sudan

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Report of the Chairman

INTRODUCTION

1. A regional workshop to share experiences on the implementation of the IAEA Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources (hereinafter – the Guidance) was held from 30th November to 2nd December 2015 in Khartoum, Sudan under the chairmanship of Prof. Shamsideen Elegba (Nigeria).
2. Thirty three experts attended the workshop from 21 Member States of the IAEA. Participants from Angola, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Malawi, Mauritius, Niger, Senegal, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe made presentations and actively participated in the workshop. The Scientific Secretary of the workshop was Mr. Ibrahim Shadad (IAEA Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety). The workshop was hosted by the Sudanese Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Authority and took place in Coral Hotel, Khartoum.

OPENING CEREMONY

3. Participants were welcomed to the workshop by the Director General of the Sudanese Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Authority, Professor Mohammed A. H. Eltayeb. The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of both the former and incumbent Director General of the Sudan Atomic Energy Commission, Professor Omer Elamin and Dr. Mohammed A. E. Ashaiekh, respectively.
4. Mr. Ibrahim Shadad welcomed participants on behalf of the IAEA and stressed the importance to the IAEA that each Member State should make political commitment to the Guidance. In that regard, he also urged each Member State to designate a Point of Contact to facilitate the import and export of radioactive sources and to complete and share with the IAEA their responses to the Importing and Exporting Questionnaire that forms the annex of the Guidance.
5. The workshop was declared open by the Honourable Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Dr. Somia Abu Kashawa. In her opening address, the Hon. Minister revealed that the Government of Sudan is about to promulgate a new legislation on nuclear and radiation safety, consistent with the international standards which will provide for the establishment of the regulatory authority. In addition, the Hon. Minister enjoined participants to focus on competence building of the regulatory staff and propagation of public awareness on the safety and security of radioactive sources.

