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The *International Conference on Effective Nuclear Regulatory Systems*, is the second in a series of meetings that began in 2006 and brings together senior nuclear safety, radiation safety and security experts from around the world to discuss how to improve regulatory effectiveness to assure protection of the public and the environment. The meeting will help participants to review and assess the effectiveness of the global nuclear safety and security regime and to propose future actions to further enhance it. Participants from approximately 71 countries will be represented at this conference.

South Africa and the NNR's initiative in convening this conference is not limited to the event alone. The NNR's interaction with international organizations associated with nuclear regulations and related matters is essential in order to:

- Fulfill its national obligations in respect of international instruments concerning nuclear safety.
- Comply with NNR requirements with respect to bilateral agreements with other international organization and regulators.
- Keep abreast of international trends with regard to the development of surrounding nuclear regulations.



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The NNR will utilize the margins of the conference to participate in strategic bilateral meetings with the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) and the UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE). The NNR will also meet with the Korean Institute for Nuclear Safety (KINS) to discuss possibilities of entering into a new agreement between the two organizations.

In terms of multilaterals, the NNR is represented as the incoming chair of the international network of nuclear regulators (NERS) which is an international network of nuclear regulators represented by countries with small nuclear programmes, (NERS). During the conference the NNR will convene a NERS meeting to provide a summary of the key outcomes of the conference as observed by the group.

Additionally the NNR will participate in a round table meeting with the Forum for Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa (FNRBA). The objectives of this Round Table Discussion are to formally present to the international community the Strategic Plan of the FNRBA and to seek international partnerships.(see attached for more information)

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