

Advance Information for Delegations

A. Opening of the 66th Regular Session

1. The 66th regular session of the General Conference¹ will open on **Monday, 26 September 2022, at 10.00 a.m.** It will be held in the M and C Buildings of the Vienna International Centre (VIC).²
2. Plenary meetings will be held in the Plenary Hall in the M Building (first floor), while meetings of the Committee of the Whole will be held in Board Room C in the C Building (fourth floor).
3. In the Plenary Hall, six seats will be allocated to each Member State.
4. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings will begin at 10.00 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3.00 p.m. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually. Evening meetings, as and when they become necessary, will be announced accordingly during the session.

B. Pre-Session Consultations

5. During the weekend preceding the opening of the General Conference (**Saturday, 24 September and Sunday, 25 September**), facilities for group meetings can be made available on request. Member States are urged to avail themselves of these facilities with a view to achieving agreement on organizational matters (e.g. regarding the composition of the General Committee) before the General Conference opens on **Monday, 26 September**. This will contribute to the smooth running of the General Conference. Accordingly, Member States should ensure — where necessary — that their representatives

¹ The provisional agenda for the 66th regular session is contained in document GC(66)/1 and Add.1.

² See plan in Annex II.

arrive in Vienna in time to participate in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting facilities should be reserved, by **Wednesday, 21 September** at the latest, through the Agency's Conference Services Section. Requests should be submitted by email to GC-Room-Reservations.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

C. Registration Process

6. Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference³ provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented at the General Conference by one delegate, who may be accompanied by as many alternates, advisers, technical advisers, experts and persons of similar status as may be required by the delegation.

7. Registration procedures were transmitted in the enclosure to the invitations sent to all Member States and invited organizations on 9 June 2022. Designated focal points for online registration shall register their delegation through the InTouch+ online portal, accessible through the following link <https://intouchplus.iaea.org/> under the General Conference tab. Registration will be open as of 22 August and should be **completed by 21 September**⁴.

8. Each participant attending the General Conference will require a badge with a photograph in order to enter the VIC. Heads of Permanent Missions and diplomatic staff accredited to the IAEA will not need to be issued an additional badge but must ensure that their current ground passes are valid by the time of the General Conference. All other participants from each delegation need to collect a VIC badge valid for the duration of the General Conference.

9. Once meeting participants are registered online, the VIC Security Pass Office will send an email notification to the email address provided by the participant, containing a link to upload a photograph or to confirm/exchange an existing photograph in the United Nations Pass Office database. Participants who have not uploaded their photographs successfully will need to allow for additional time to have their pictures taken and their access badges issued on site.

10. To avoid long queues during the morning of Monday, 26 September, registered participants are strongly encouraged to collect their badges in advance upon presentation of a valid photo ID at the IAEA Registration Desk at Gate 1 on the following days:

Thursday, 22 September	12.00 noon–4.00 p.m.
Friday, 23 September	9.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Sunday, 25 September	10.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.

11. Badges should generally be collected in person, but an authorized person can pick up pre-printed badges in advance by presenting a note verbale or an official letter specifying the name of the collector and listing the names of participants whose badges are to be collected. Please note that, once collected, badges cannot be returned to the IAEA Registration Desk nor re-issued. Should advance collection of badges not be possible, badges can be collected at the IAEA Registration Desk at Gate 1, as of **7.30 a.m. on Monday, 26 September**.

12. Participants are reminded that badges must be worn visibly at all times on the premises of the VIC.

³ Document GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

⁴ United Nations and Specialized Agencies and non-Member States shall contact GC-Registration.Contact-Point@iaea.org for registration.

13. On-site registration will be possible at the IAEA Registration Desk at Gate 1 (upon presentation of an official letter of nomination, together with a photo ID) on the following days:

Thursday, 22 September	12.00 noon–4.00 p.m.
Friday, 23 September	9.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Sunday, 25 September	10.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Monday, 26 September	7.30 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 27 September	8.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 28 September	9.00 a.m.–12.00 noon

Please allow ample time for security screening and registration.

14. Questions regarding the registration process should be addressed by email to GC-Registration.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

15. Conference participants who require a visa to enter Austria are urged to contact the nearest consular representative of Austria and apply for a valid entry visa well in advance. Visa related enquiries should be addressed to GC-Registration.Contact-Point@iaea.org. The Secretariat's support of visa applications by registered participants is subject to the host country's policy on visas and entry requirements. The outcome of the visa application is the decision of the Austrian authorities.

16. Member States are also reminded that, in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the cost of attendance at the General Conference of the delegation of each Member State shall be borne by the Member State concerned.

17. A provisional list of participants (document GC(66)/INF/9 Provisional List) will be issued online on Friday, 23 September containing information that has been received by the Secretariat by Wednesday, 21 September and will be made available on the General Conference website and the IAEA Conference and Meetings App. A final list of participants (document GC(66)/INF/9) — containing information that has been communicated to the Secretariat by 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 September — will be available online on Friday, 30 September. Printed copies will be available upon request in the Protocol Office (M0E 75).

18. Should changes be required after issuance of the provisional list of participants, delegations are requested to inform Protocol in writing to GC-Registration.Contact-Point@iaea.org, **by 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 September**, so that the final list of participants may be brought up to date.

D. Credentials of Delegates

19. Heads of Delegation (but not other members of delegations) will require credentials specifically for the session, **even if they are already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity** (for example, as Resident Representative). In accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, original credentials must be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned and must be submitted to the Director General, if possible not later than seven days before the start of the Conference, i.e. **Monday, 19 September**, in order to facilitate the smooth proceeding of the Conference, in particular the work of the General Committee.

20. **As of 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, 25 September**, original credentials that have not been previously submitted to the Director General should be hand delivered to the Credentials Officer (M Building, ground floor, room M0E 69). It should be noted that credentials cannot be accepted during registration at Gate 1 of the VIC.

21. For any assistance regarding credentials, please contact the Credentials Officer at Credentials@iaea.org.

E. Documents

22. In line with the Agency's environmentally friendly and paper-smart concept for the distribution of documents, General Conference documentation will be available electronically at [66th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#). Draft resolutions will be available on GovAtom. Delegates are urged to bring a tablet computing device and make full use of this service so as to reduce the costs to the Agency of printing and distributing hard copies of documents. Should the use of electronic versions not be practical or possible, hard copies can be obtained, upon request, at the Documents Counter near the Plenary Hall (M Building, first floor).

23. Daily summaries of meetings will be made available online. All events will also be displayed on the monitors throughout the M and C Buildings.

24. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the text **as early as possible** to the Conference Secretary or the Secretary of the Committee of the Whole (Mr Austin McGill, email: A.McGill@iaea.org or SEC-PMO.Contact-Point@iaea.org). This will greatly facilitate the conduct of business, particularly in the Committee of the Whole, which normally has to consider and make recommendations on a large number of draft resolutions.

F. Speakers in the General Debate

25. Until the beginning of the General Conference's session on Monday, 26 September, requests for inscription in the list of speakers in the general debate should be made directly, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-Making Organs (Ms Crosby Plaza Hernández, room A2869, ext. 22339, email: C.Plaza@iaea.org or GC-Speakers-List@iaea.org). As Member States were informed through document GC(66)/INF/1, issued on 30 May, inscription in the list of speakers took place between 20-22 June; a ballot was held at 11.00 a.m. on 23 June in order to determine the order of speakers among the Member States which made a request for inscription in the list.⁵ Member States requesting, after that time, inscription in the list, are being added in the order in which they make their requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

26. As of Monday, 26 September, delegates who have not yet inscribed their names on the list but wish to deliver a statement in the general debate are requested to contact the Speakers' List Assistants, who will have a desk in the Plenary Hall (M Building, first floor).

⁵ This procedure was approved by the General Conference in 1989.

G. Statements in the General Debate

27. In line with the decision adopted by the Conference in 2016 on streamlining the work of the General Conference⁶, delegates are requested to limit their statements to **seven minutes**.
28. The general debate usually extends over four days. With a view to making the best use of the time available, Member States may wish to consider the desirability of making group statements.
29. As an alternative option for delegations, Member States and observers may wish to use the option of sending pre-recorded videos (also limited to seven minutes) of their statements to the general debate. These video statements will need to be submitted to the IAEA Secretariat (GC Statements@iaea.org) by 14 September at the latest. The Member State representative or Head of Delegation delivering the pre-recorded video statement will be included in the list of participants under the delegation list of that Member State indicating that he/she delivered a video statement in the general debate.
30. Detailed procedures and information for the submission of pre-recorded video statements during the general debate will be made available to Member States.
31. Delegates are encouraged to be mindful that many participants rely on interpretation. Speaking at a measured pace will make it possible for interpreters to render the message smoothly and accurately.
32. To facilitate interpretation and public distribution of statements in the general debate, texts of statements to be delivered should be sent electronically to GC-Statements@iaea.org. The name/rank of the person delivering the statement should be clearly marked on the cover/first page of the statement.
33. All statements will be made available on the Agency's website [Speakers and Statements: 66th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#) in PDF and audio-video format, as soon as possible after delivery, unless the distribution of a statement is restricted by the Member State concerned. In such cases, this should be clearly marked on the statement. For uploading purposes, statements should be clean versions, free of any handwriting or crossed-out text. It should be noted that only the orally delivered statements will be included in the official records of the General Conference.

H. Working Languages and Interpretation

34. The working languages of the General Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and statements made in any one of these languages during the formal meetings of the General Conference will be interpreted simultaneously into the other working languages. Delegates are asked to send to GC-Statements@iaea.org a written text of their statement in advance, in both PDF and Word formats, in one of the working languages.
35. If delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, in accordance with Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, themselves arrange for interpretation into one of the working languages and inform the Secretariat as soon as possible, and provide an advance copy of their statement in English for the benefit of the interpreters.

⁶ Decision GC(60)/DEC/8.

I. Pledges of Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2023, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Contributions Related Issues

36. Following the recommendation by the Board of Governors on 7 June 2022 to the General Conference for approval of a target figure of €92 600 000 for Member States' contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) for 2023, a circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 2023) was issued to Member States. It is hoped that this information will facilitate the usual practice of pledging by Member States to the TCF before or during the General Conference.

37. Member States will appreciate that the pledging process contributes significantly to the effective planning and organization of the technical cooperation cycle and activities for the year ahead. During the upcoming regular session of the Conference, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Member States have pledged.⁷ As this document will be updated during the Conference, it would be greatly appreciated if Member States would facilitate the timely preparation of this document by communicating their Governments' pledges as soon as they are in a position to do so. During the session, it will be possible to communicate pledges to the Contributions Unit staff, who will have a desk in the Plenary Hall (M Building, first floor), and who will arrange for the updated status of pledges to the TCF for 2023.

38. The Contributions Unit staff will also be available in room MOE 67 (M Building, ground floor), ext. 21350, to discuss Regular Budget contributions, contributions to the TCF and extrabudgetary contributions, as well as to respond to any questions Member States may have in respect of arrears, payment plans and voting rights. The opening hours of the Contributions Unit office will be from Monday, 26 September until Thursday, 29 September, from 9.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m., and on Friday, 30 September, from 9.00 a.m. **until close of the Plenary.**

J. Scientific Forum Organized in Conjunction with the Conference

39. The objective of the Scientific Forum is to stimulate discussion of scientific and technical issues related to the Agency's activities and of interest to Member States. This year the Scientific Forum, which takes place from **Tuesday, 27 September to Wednesday, 28 September**, will be on the theme **Rays of Hope: Cancer care for all**. The tentative programme is provided in Annex I to this document. All sessions will take place in Board Room D, C Building, fourth floor. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

40. Registration should be made via the Agency's registration portal InTouch+. A registration link for virtual participation will be made available on the website.

41. The Scientific Forum will also be streamed live, offering viewers a chance to interact with panellists via the IAEA Conferences and Meetings App.

⁷ The corresponding documents in 2021 were GC(65)/21, GC(65)/21/Rev.1 and GC(65)/21/Rev.2.

K. Treaty Event

42. The Treaty Event aims to promote universal adherence to the most important multilateral treaties of which the Director General of the IAEA is depositary. In this respect, as was the case in previous years, this event provides an additional opportunity for Member States to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

43. This event will be held on **Monday, 26 September 2022**, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room M0E 68.

44. For further information concerning the Treaty Event, please contact the Office of Legal Affairs at Depositary@iaea.org.

L. Technical Cooperation Meetings

45. Meetings of the representatives of the AFRA, ARASIA, ARCAL and RCA cooperative agreements, as well as of Member States from the Europe region, are indicated at <https://www.iaea.org/about/governance/general-conference/gc66/events/technical-cooperation-meetings>.

46. Consultations with the representatives of Member States engaged in technical cooperation activities with the Agency will be held prior to the General Conference session. For delegations present in Vienna only during the week of the General Conference, and for specific issues or special problems, meetings will be arranged during that week.

M. Other Meetings

47. Detailed information on the following events is available on the 66th General Conference website <https://www.iaea.org/about/governance/general-conference/gc66/events/other-meetings>:

- International Nuclear Safety Group Forum on the Safety Aspects of Nuclear Facilities in Armed Conflict Situations
- Nuclear Operators' Forum: Benefits of Harmonization for the Operating NPP Fleet
- Senior Safety and Security Regulators Meeting

N. Visits Organized in conjunction with the General Conference

48. A list of organized visits and detailed information is available on the 66th General Conference website <https://www.iaea.org/about/governance/general-conference/gc66/events/organized-visits>.

O. Side-events organized in conjunction with the General Conference

49. A list of side-events is available on the 66th General Conference website <https://www.iaea.org/about/governance/general-conference/gc66/events>.

P. Exhibits and Displays

50. Information on exhibits and displays is available on the Agency's website [Exhibitions: 66th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#)

Q. Information Technology Services

IT Service Desk

51. For the duration of the General Conference, the Agency's Division of Information Technology will provide IT Service Desk services in room M0E 26, M Building, ground floor, ext. 27152.

External Email and Internet Services

52. Internet is available in the delegations' assistance office, M0E 23, M Building, ground floor, for delegates wishing to access the Internet and email.

53. Delegates wishing to use their private notebooks, smartphones or tablets with wireless capability will be able to access high speed wireless Internet throughout the M and C Buildings by connecting to the free Wi-Fi network "WLAN-GUEST". Use of the IAEA Guest Wireless Network is subject to the IAEA Guest Wireless Acceptable Use Policy, [wifi-policy-disclaimer.pdf \(iaea.org\)](#).

Delegation Assistance Office

54. A secretarial service will be provided to assist Member State delegations with formatting and editing, photocopying, scanning and obtaining hardcopies of online documents and Plenary statements. The service is located in room M0E 23, M Building, ground floor.

Live Video Streaming

55. Plenary sessions and the Scientific Forum will be streamed live over the Internet. The streaming can be accessed on the Agency's website [Live Streaming: 66th IAEA General Conference | IAEA](#).

R. General Information

VIC Entry for Official Cars

56. During the 66th regular session of the General Conference, the cars of Permanent Missions and of Permanent Mission staff registered with the VIC Garage Administration can be parked in the parking areas in the VIC, as usual. Permanent Missions are encouraged to use vehicles registered with the VIC for drop-off and pick-up purpose, to the extent possible. Apart from drivers and cars of Permanent Missions, additional chauffeured cars may be allowed entry to the VIC for drop-off/pick-up for the duration of the Conference. Due to space limitations, access permits for temporary vehicles will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Requests for temporary VIC access permits shall be submitted by Note Verbale via email to Garage Administration (vicgarageadministration@un.org) copying IAEA Protocol (protocol.contact-point@iaea.org), as soon as possible, and **not later than Wednesday, 21 September 4.00 p.m.** Digital VIC access permits will be sent by the VIC Garage Administration via email to the requestors to be printed and displayed when entering the VIC.

57. Drivers who are not in possession of a valid VIC driver badge shall be registered through the General Conference online registration system as Support Staff, with the remark Driver. Drivers' badges shall be collected in advance as they will be required, along with the VIC access permits, when accessing the VIC.

58. Vehicles accessing the VIC via Gate 2 should not be higher than 2.10 metres.

VIC Commissary

59. Access to the Commissary is limited to holders of an access card validated for Commissary access. In accordance with the relevant agreement between the Agency and the Republic of Austria, the **Heads of Delegation** of Member States participating in the General Conference — Austrian nationals and stateless persons resident in Austria excluded — are entitled to Commissary access for the duration of the Conference's session. Such Commissary access is embedded in the conference badge and will need to be activated at the Commissary Information Desk/Service Point. If the Head of Delegation departs before the end of the Conference, Commissary access will be deactivated upon departure and subsequently activated for the duly designated new Head of Delegation upon notification to Protocol in Room M0E75, M Building, or by email (GC-Registration.Contact-Point@iaea.org). A badge will be issued to the duly designated new Head of Delegation by United Nations Security and Safety Service staff at Gate 1 (Pass Office). Any additional questions in this connection should be directed to Protocol.

Access between the VIC and the Austria Center Vienna (ACV)

60. The VIC/ACV entrance on the ground floor in the M Building will be open to facilitate access to members of delegations from Member States that have rented offices at the ACV. The opening hours for the VIC/ACV entrance on the ground floor, M building, are as follows: **Monday, 26 September, to Friday, 30 September 8.00 a.m. until one hour after the end of meetings.**

IAEA Conferences and Meetings App

61. The IAEA Conferences and Meetings app is available for download through Google Play and the App Store. The app will provide information on the Plenary, Committee of the Whole (CoW) meetings, exhibitions, side events and organized visits, and the Scientific Forum.

The app allows participants to:

- put together a personalized schedule and view up to date programme information on all Conference related events;
- receive updates on the Plenary speakers' list and the starting times of Plenary and CoW sessions; and
- view PowerPoint presentations of those speakers who have permitted their release after the presentation.

For assistance on the app, please contact GC.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Non-Smoking Policy at the VIC

62. Smoking in the VIC is restricted to designated smoking shelters at the following P-3 level locations:
- i. The designated smoking shelter between Towers A and B;
 - ii. The designated smoking shelter in front of Tower D; and
 - iii. The designated smoking shelter between Towers D and E.
63. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is not permitted in any other area of the VIC, including terraces, the Memorial Plaza and all other open spaces,

S. Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment, at UN System Events

64. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) adheres to the Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment, at UN System Events (the Code of Conduct), endorsed by the High-level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the UN system in July 2019.
65. All UN system events are guided by the highest ethical and professional standards and the Agency commits to engaging in events at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment.
66. All participants of the 66th regular session of the General Conference are expected to uphold the standards set out in the [Code of Conduct](https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/19/08/code-of-conduct-un-events.pdf), available at: <https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/19/08/code-of-conduct-un-events.pdf>.
67. To report a matter on harassment, contact the UNSSS Security Operations Centre at +43 1 26060 3903/4.

IAEA SCIENTIFIC FORUM 2022

Rays of Hope: Cancer care for all

27–28 September 2022

IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria

Tentative Programme

Tuesday, 27 September 2022

- 9:30–11:00 **Opening Session**
- The Scientific Forum will begin with remarks by IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi followed by statements of several other high-level speakers.
- 11:00–13:00 **Lunch Break**
- 13:00–14:45 **Session 1: The role of radiation technologies in the medical management of cancer patients**
- The **first session** will focus on the medical uses of radiation for the diagnosis of cancer and the treatment of patients. The fundamental role of radiotherapy in addressing the global burden of this disease will be discussed, taking into consideration the fact that many countries do not have a single radiotherapy machine. The role of radiology and nuclear medicine in providing diagnostic information to inform the treatment of patients will be explored, while cost models will also be discussed.
- 14:45–15:15 **Coffee Break**
- 15:15–16:00 **Session 2: Enhancing quality, safety, and sustainability**
- Bolstering regional cancer institutions and establishing collaborative networks in all aspects of radiation medicine will help ensure quality, safety and sustainability in the delivery of cancer care for all. The **second session** will explore the development of regional ‘anchor centres’ — cancer centres which have a long-standing collaboration with the IAEA and whose valuable services are essential for providing high-quality care and training at the regional level. IAEA support to countries through training, provision of experts and quality improvement will be discussed.
- 16:00–17:00 **Session 3: Expand Innovations**
- The **third session** will showcase the vital role of innovation in meeting the growing global need for cancer care, considering its role in education and research. Speakers will discuss the importance of access to modern technology in enabling the expansion of cancer care services, as well as the Secretariat’s cooperation with Member States in fostering this development.

Wednesday, 28 September 2022

9:30–11:15

Session 4: Radiation in medicine within the context of the cancer continuum – Enhancing access to medical uses of radiation globally safely and securely

Tackling the burden of cancer requires a multi-sectoral, multidisciplinary and evidence-based approach founded on universal health coverage for effective cancer prevention. The **fourth session** will look at incorporating uses of radiation in medicine within the wider cancer control continuum through country examples, while also considering the role of safety and security in radiation medicine as well as the role of global cancer initiatives.

11:15–11:45

Coffee Break

11:45–12:45

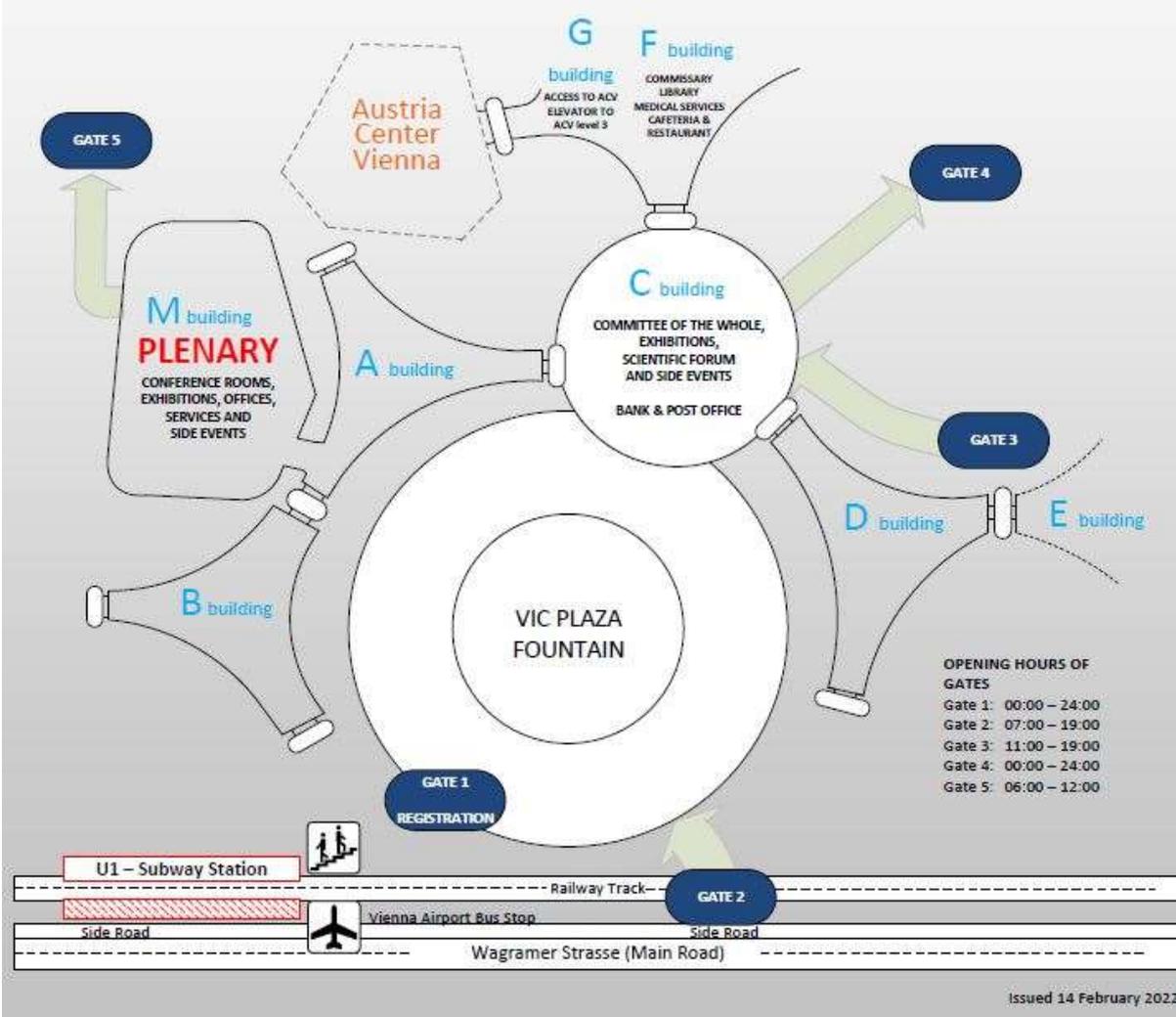
Session 5: The way forward

The **fifth session** will be a high-level panel session highlighting the importance of partnerships and collaborations in promoting access to cancer care through the IAEA's Rays of Hope initiative. From countries seeking to establish their first radiotherapy centre to those wishing to expand existing national cancer programmes, this session will focus on resource mobilization and outreach to international financing institutions, development agencies and the private sector, coupled with renewed Member State support to complement existing funding sources.

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DELEGATIONS ENTRY AND DROP OFF POINTS

