

Legislative assistance

- AC&D Programme: Additional Protocol – Pilot and Full-phase project (2011-2012, 2012-2013)
- NIM Programme: CBRN/1540 implementation (2008-2012, 2012-2015)

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Our approach and track record

- VERTIC has had a National Implementation Measures Programme since 2008 (pilot project: 2006-2008).
- States that recently acknowledged our work (BWC 7th Review Conference) include: Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Philippines, Qatar, Serbia and Switzerland. We are grateful for their support.
- From 2008 through now, we have worked directly with over 30 governments on both ratification and implementing legislation for the BWC and CWC, and reviewed BWC-implementing legislation in 136 countries.

Our RN expansion: 1) NIM Programme CBRN/1540 legislative assistance (2012-2015)

- In late 2010, the UK FCO asked VERTIC to prepare a report on illicit trafficking of nuclear and other radioactive material (SPF56).
- VERTIC's AC&D and NIM Programmes, together with the UNODC, have finalized a report on the international framework on nuclear and other radioactive material. This analysis will be **published this week**.
- Roll-out of an expanded National Implementation Measures Programme (1540/CBRN) informed by the results of the IT report – is underway and will be operational by late June. We look forward to working with all relevant stakeholders on this.

Our RN expansion: 2a) AC&D Programme's Additional Protocol Project - Pilot Phase (SPF142, 2011-12)

Key outcomes:

- Surveyed demand in three regions (Europe, North and Central Africa and South Asia). Approached 11 states.
- Conducted initial assessment of all states as basis for discussion, then engaged in discussion at 2011 IAEA General Conference.
- Positive initial responses from the majority of States approached by us.
There is demand for legislation!

Our RN expansion: 2b) AC&D Programme's Additional Protocol Project – Full Phase (SPF, 2012-2013)

Planned activities:

- Production of ratification and implementation packs.
- Completion of 30 country assessments, which will include fuel cycle factors, status of international obligations, and survey of applicable national legislation. To be shared with the country in question for feedback and discussion.
- Budget for up to four visits in country to discuss legislative requirements or to advise on proper legislation.

Additional Protocol Project: Full Phase (SPF, 2012-13)

A few observations on the country ‘assessments’:

- Country assessments are a private communication.
- A State can use it internally without involving VERTIC further (and some do). It’s a gift with no strings attached.
- Where possible, it’s prepared in the national language.
- The purpose of the assessment and the survey is to identify gaps and get a feeling for remaining work.
- A National Action Plan may be based on survey.

Additional Protocol Project: Full Phase (SPF, 2012-13)

Assistance offered post-survey:

- Implementation in-country if possible, in London if appropriate, in a third country in exceptional circumstances.
- Level of cooperation variable. Can offer anything from facilitation of contacts with other APOs to review of existing laws, to concrete language for new ones.
- Follow-up includes remaining on-call and providing additional assistance if requested.

Additional Protocol Project: Full Phase (SPF, 2012-13)

Coordination and consultation:

- Very keen not to duplicate efforts already underway. Our project is complementary to other initiatives.
- Will want to work closely with our fellow APOs and, critically, with the IAEA.
- We are keen to use our consultative status with the IAEA to the fullest possible extent, and will report on progress to them where appropriate.

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