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STRATEGIC PLAN



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ICRP develops the System of Radiological Protection for the public benefit. The System takes account of the latest scientific knowledge, ethical values, and practical experience. It is the basis of standards, legislation, guidance, programmes, and practice worldwide.

The **objective** of the System is to contribute to an appropriate level of protection for people and the environment against the harmful effects of radiation exposure without unduly limiting the individual or societal benefits of activities involving radiation.

Members come from over 30 countries and all disciplines relevant to radiological protection. They are invited to join ICRP as independent experts on a volunteer basis for four-year terms.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Maintain and
Continue to Improve
the System of
Radiological
Protection

Promote Awareness of
Radiological Protection
and Broaden
Access to ICRP
Recommendations

Increase
Engagement with
Professionals,
Policy-Makers, and
the Public

ETHICAL CONDUCT

In carrying out its work, ICRP is:

- **Committed to public benefit**
- **Independent** of governments and organisations, including industry and other users of radiation
- **Impartial** in its development of recommendations
- **Transparent** in its actions and judgements
- **Accountable** to the framework that governs the activities of a charity

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Maintain and Continue to Improve the System of Radiological Protection

The System is the basis of radiological protection worldwide. To maintain and continue to improve the quality, relevance, and timeliness of its recommendations, ICRP will:

- Review and assess science, values, and experience when producing recommendations
- Evaluate radiological protection needs related to emerging technologies that use ionising radiation
- Identify and encourage research needed to support radiological protection
- Strengthen logistical and financial support for its expert groups who examine emerging issues and develop recommendations and reference data, such as dose coefficients

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Promote Awareness of Radiological Protection and Broaden Access to ICRP Recommendations

ICRP recommendations are widely recognised. To further promote awareness of the System of Radiological Protection and broaden access to its recommendations, ICRP will:

- Provide publications at low or no cost
- Improve user-friendliness of publications, e.g. through plain-language summaries
- Promote education and training in radiological protection and related fields
- Increase outreach worldwide, with special attention to:
 - The medical sector and health care professionals
 - Affected populations
 - Under-served regions of the world

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Increase Engagement with Professionals, Policy-Makers, and the Public

Independence does not mean isolation. To increase engagement within and beyond the radiological protection community, ICRP will:

- Expand relations with other organisations while improving the effectiveness and efficiency of collaboration
- Engage more actively through ICRP symposia and other events
- Increase direct interactions with user groups
- Use social media to share the System of Radiological Protection and the activities of ICRP

ORGANISATION & OPERATION

Main Commission

Scientific Secretariat

Committee 1
Effects

Committee 2
Doses

Committee 3
Medicine

Committee 4
Application

Committee 5
Environment

TASK GROUPS

- The **Main Commission** sets the overall policy and programme of work
- The **Scientific Secretariat** manages the daily business of ICRP
- **Committee 1, Radiation Effects** assesses scientific knowledge on radiation risk, examining implications for the System of Radiological Protection
- **Committee 2, Doses from Radiation Exposure** develops reference models and data, including dose coefficients, for the assessment of exposure to radiation
- **Committee 3, Protection in Medicine** develops recommendations on the protection of patients, staff, and the public against radiation exposure in medicine
- **Committee 4, Application of the Commission's Recommendations** develops recommendations on radiological protection of people in all exposure situations
- **Committee 5, Protection of the Environment** develops reference models and data, and recommendations on radiological protection of the environment
- **Task Groups** are formed under Committees to develop reports

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