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The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Framework for Emergency Preparedness and Response: From a legal and operational perspective

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The webinar will focus on the emergency preparedness and response framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), bringing both an intergovernmental as well as nuclear perspective to disaster risk management.

Due to the potentially devastating effects that any nuclear contamination incident may have, whether accidentally or maliciously caused, unsurprisingly legal frameworks on nuclear safety and security are among the most advanced and well developed, including on matters of emergency preparedness and response. This webinar will examine these issues through a disaster law lens in terms of exploring the nature, content and application of related IAEA frameworks. In particular, the webinar will consider key IAEA conventions that provide the basis for emergency preparedness and response, as well as relevant decisions of the IAEA's policy making organs. Many of these issues will be illustrated from the perspective of the IAEA's operational experience in this area, including key lessons learnt after the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster in 2011. Not only are these issues important in their own right, but as a developed framework many of its underpinning principles, developed good practices and lessons learnt may be relevant and transferable to other emergency planning and disaster management contexts, including from the perspective of the further development of international disaster law.

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