

IFNEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

1-3 November 2023
Labadi Beach Hotel, Accra, Ghana

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2023

IFNEC GALA DINNER

Welcome remarks by **H.E. Nana Akufo-Addo**, President of Ghana
Location and time: Garden Glass Tent, Labadi Beach Hotel, 18:30

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2023

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

FACILITATING THE DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY IN EMERGING ECONOMIES

9:00-9:15 **Opening and welcome remarks**

- **Matthew Opoku Prempeh**, Minister of Energy of Ghana

9:15-9:30 **Opening remarks**

- **Aleshia Duncan**, Chair of IFNEC

9:30-10:30 **Morning roundtable discussion**

National statements by ministers on current state of nuclear energy policies and plans

10:30-10:45 **Group photo**

10:45-12:45 **Session 1: Cooperation with newcomers: What is needed? What is possible?**

- Moderated by **Aleshia Duncan**, Chair of IFNEC

Framing remarks

- **Davis Chirchir**, Cabinet Secretary, Energy and Petroleum of Kenya
- **Ebba Busch**, Minister for Energy, Business and Industry of Sweden

Viewpoint from the African Commission on Nuclear Energy (AFCONE)

- **Enobot Agboraw**, Executive Secretary, AFCONE

Viewpoint from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

- **Shaukat Abdulrazak**, Director for the Division for Africa, Department of Technical Cooperation, IAEA

Perspective from Ghana

- **Samuel Boakye Dampare**, Director General of Ghana Atomic Energy Commission

Perspective from Finland

- **Kai Mykkänen**, Minister for the Environment and Climate Change of Finland

Perspective from Japan

- **Shinji Tokumasu**, Deputy Director General for Science Technology and Innovation Policy, Cabinet Office of Japan

Discussion

12:45-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-14:30 **Afternoon roundtable discussion**

Continuation of the discussion from the morning session on the current state of nuclear energy policies and plans

14:30-15:00 **Presentation: NEA initiative on Improving Gender Balance in the Nuclear Sector**

- **Fiona Rayment**, Chief Science and Technology Officer of the United Kingdom National Nuclear Laboratory and Chair of the NEA Gender Balance Task Group

15:00-16:30 **Session 2: Harmonising requirements: Is it in reach?**

- Moderated by **William D. Magwood, IV**, NEA Director-General

Framing remarks

- **Rob Jetten**, Minister for Climate and Energy Policy of the Netherlands

Viewpoint from Romania

- **Sebastian-Ioan Burduja**, Minister of Energy of Romania

Viewpoint from South Africa

- **Gwede Mantashe**, Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy of South Africa

Regulatory viewpoints

- **Rumina Velshi**, former President and CEO of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

Industry perspective

- **Mohamed Al Hammadi**, Chief Executive Officer, Emirates Nuclear Energy Cooperation (ENEC)

Discussion

16:30-18:00 **Session 3: Building effective policies for radioactive waste management**

- Moderated by **Rebecca Tadesse**, NEA Head of Division of Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning

Legal and regulatory framework to support effective radioactive waste management

- **Toshio Sano**, Commissioner, Japan Atomic Energy Commission

IFNEC's perspective on multinational radioactive disposal facilities

Operator's perspective on radioactive waste management strategies that involve stakeholders

- **Cosmin Ghita**, Chief Executive Officer, Nuclearelectrica, Romania

Needs of embarking countries in the area of radioactive waste management

- **Enobot Agboraw**, Executive Secretary, AFCONE

Discussion

18:00-18:15 **Closing session and next steps**

Comments and observations from Session 1

- **Aleshia Duncan**, IFNEC Chair

Comments and observations from Session 2

- **William D. Magwood, IV**, NEA Director-General

Comments and observations from Session 3

- **Rebecca Tadesse**, NEA Head of Division of Radioactive Waste Management

18:15-18:30 **Concluding remarks**

- **Kwaku Afriyie**, Minister of Environment, Science, Technology, and Innovation of Ghana

FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2023

IFNEC STEERING GROUP MEETING

9:00-9:15 **Opening remarks**

- **Aleshia Duncan**, Chair of IFNEC

9:15-10:00 **Election of IFNEC Vice-Chairs**

10:00-10:30 **Summary and observations from the Ministerial Conference**

1. Presentation by IFNEC Technical Secretariat

- **Daniela Lulache**, IFNEC Secretary

2. Open discussion on next steps

10:30-12:30 **Special session: IFNEC priorities and processes in 2024 and beyond**

1. Introduction and observations by the IFNEC Chair

2. Statements by each Vice-Chair

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:00 **International financing of nuclear projects**

Remarks:

- **Paul Murphy**, Managing Director, Murphy Energy & Infrastructure Consulting, LLC
- **Hazeen Ashby**, Acting Senior Vice President & Chief of Staff, White House Liaison, Export-Import Bank of the United States
- Representative from the National Energy Administration of China

Discussion

15:00-15:30 **Brief national updates and reports from observer organisations**

15:30-16:00 **Secretariat report**

16:00-17:00 **Final observations from the Chair and Vice-Chairs**

17:00-17:15 **Discussion about the next IFNEC Steering Group Meeting**

17:15-17:45 **Meeting summary and closing by the Chair**