



**IAEA**

International Atomic Energy Agency

**52<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL CONFERENCE**

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## **GENERAL CONFERENCE**

### **PLENARY AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, 30 September 2008**

**10.00 a.m. Plenary Hall**    **PLENARY:**    3<sup>rd</sup> meeting  
General debate and Annual Report for 2007 (item 7 continued) — document GC(52)/21

**10.30 a.m. Meeting Room B**    **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**    1<sup>st</sup> meeting

**3.00 p.m.\* Plenary Hall**    **PLENARY:**    4<sup>th</sup> meeting  
General debate and Annual Report for 2007 (continued)

**3.00 p.m. Meeting Room B**    **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**    2<sup>nd</sup> meeting

\* Extended session, if necessary

**The Secretariat appeals to delegates who wish to table draft resolutions to do so as soon as possible, as this will greatly expedite the conduct of business, especially in the Committee of the Whole.**

**GENERAL CONFERENCE**

**OTHER MEETINGS and PROGRAMMES**

**Tuesday, 30 September 2008**

- 10.00 a.m.** Scientific Forum — Room C at the ACV
- 11.00 a.m.** Information session on the “Current Status of Proposals on Nuclear Fuel Assurances” — Meeting Room L/M, ACV 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- 1.00 p.m.** Round-Table Discussion on “Upsurge in the Uranium Mining and Production Industry” — Meeting Room O, ACV 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- 1.30 p.m.** Briefing on Staffing the Agency — Meeting Room N, ACV 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- 1.50 p.m.** Visit to the Isotope Hydrology Laboratory — VIC Rotunda, Ground Floor of Building C
- 2.00 p.m.** Signing Ceremony IRD–IAEA — Foyer B at the ACV
- 3.00 p.m.** Briefing on Innovation — Meeting Room L/M, ACV 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- 3.30 p.m.** Release of Report on “Internationalization of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle”, a Joint Study by the US and Russian Academies of Sciences — Meeting Room N, ACV 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- 3.30 p.m.** Ceremony by China “Nuclear Safeguards and Security in China” — In front of the Exhibition

Additional detailed information on each programme is contained in this document.



## OTHER MEETINGS

The following additional meetings have been scheduled:

### **TECHNICAL COOPERATION MEETINGS**

There will be meetings of representatives of AFRA and ARASIA.

The timetable and locations of the meetings are as follows:

**AFRA:** When: Today, 30 September, 10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.  
Where: VIC, Building C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room I

**ARASIA  
Group Meeting:** When: Today, 30 September, 9.30 a.m.–12.00 p.m.  
Where: VIC, Building C, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room V

### **Consultations with Member States**

Consultations with the representatives of some Member States engaged in technical cooperation with the Agency are being held prior to the Conference. For delegations present in Vienna only during the week of the Conference, meetings will be arranged during that week. In such cases, the Department of Technical Cooperation has provided advance notice of the meeting times and venues to individual delegations. Delegations that have not received such advance notice but wish to discuss technical cooperation related issues with members of the Secretariat are requested to contact the corresponding TC Regional Director at the ACV, i.e.:

Africa — Mr. A. Boussaha;

Asia and the Pacific — Mr. M.P. Salema;

Europe — Mr. O. Acuña;

Latin America — Mr. J.A. Casas-Zamora

## **SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

**Plenary  
1<sup>st</sup> meeting**

The Conference, under item 1 of the provisional agenda, “Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee”, elected by acclamation His Excellency Mr. Gianni Ghisi, Governor and Resident Representative of Italy, as President of the General Conference at its fifty-second regular session.

In line with a proposal by the President, the Conference elected the delegates of Brazil, Canada, Iceland, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Mongolia and Russian Federation as Vice-Presidents of the Conference. Also, in line with a proposal by the President, the Conference elected Prof. Dr. Jerzy Niewodniczanski from Poland as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and the delegates of Croatia, Morocco, Syrian Arab Republic, United States of America and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela as additional members of the General Committee.

Under item 2, “Applications for membership of the Agency”, the Conference approved by acclamation the applications for membership of the Agency submitted by the Sultanate of Oman, Kingdom of Lesotho and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

Under item 3 of the provisional agenda, Mr Sergio de Queiroz Duarte, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament, delivered a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Under item 4 of the provisional agenda, Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the Agency, paid tribute to the work of IAEA staff in the past year. But he warned that the Agency was now at a turning point. Unless it was given adequate legal authority, resources, personnel and technology, the Agency’s ability to do its job properly would be gradually eroded. The Director General urged Member States to give serious consideration to the proposal of the Commission of Eminent Persons on the future of the Agency.

Under item 6 of the provisional agenda, the President made a statement regarding the early pledging and payment of contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2009, which greatly helps the Secretariat in planning the Agency’s technical cooperation programme.

The Conference took up item 7 of the provisional agenda, “General debate and Annual Report for 2007”, and statements were made by the delegates of the United States of America, China, European Union (France), Russian Federation, Ukraine and Tunisia.



**General Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> meeting**      The General Committee recommended the adoption of the agenda as contained in documents GC(52)/1 and GC(52)/1/Add.1.

**Plenary  
2<sup>nd</sup> meeting**      The Conference resumed consideration of item 7 of the agenda, “General debate and Annual Report for 2007”. Statements were made by Holy See, Japan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Algeria, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Mozambique, Chad and the Islamic Republic of Iran.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Seminar Hosted by  
UK Mission on  
“Nuclear Power:  
The UK  
Experience”**

The United Kingdom has recently announced the go-ahead for new nuclear build. This marks a new era, since the decision to build the UK’s newest nuclear power station — at Sizewell — was taken over 20 years ago, and the industry now faces an unprecedented challenge, along with many other countries, to satisfy the pent-up demand for more nuclear energy.

To share its very recent experience and to stimulate debate among leading international policy makers, the UK is hosting a seminar during the 2008 General Conference, in Vienna.

The seminar will be opened by the UK’s Minister for Energy, Mr. Malcolm Wicks MP, and will be chaired by the Chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, Lady Barbara Judge. There will be short talks from the very highest levels of the nuclear industry — by the head of the Nuclear Industry Association, Mr. Keith Parker, and the heads of the National Skills Academy for Nuclear and UK nuclear inspectorate. Dr Tim Stone, who leads consultation on the UK nuclear programme, will also speak.

Also in attendance will be representatives of all key UK nuclear organizations, including the legal, construction, and finance sectors, and there will be ample opportunity for informal discussion.

**When:** Today, 30 September, 2.00 p.m.–5.00 p.m. (registration begins at 1.30 p.m.)

**Where:** Residence of the UK Resident Representative, Ambassador Simon Smith, Metternichgasse 6, 1030 Vienna

If you would like to attend please email or call Joanna Clifton at the UK Mission ([joanna.clifton@fco.gov.uk](mailto:joanna.clifton@fco.gov.uk); Tel: 00 43 1 71613 2202)



## EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

As in previous years, a number of exhibits and displays have been arranged by the Secretariat. They are located on the 3 floors at the ACV — see location plan attached for your convenience.

### Ground Floor — Special Exhibit and Display

***20/20: Vision for the Future***

The Secretariat has arranged an exhibition, and short film illustrating the themes from its report entitled *20/20: Vision for the Future* and the report of the Commission of Eminent Persons (*Reinforcing the Global Nuclear Order for Peace and Prosperity: The Role of the IAEA to 2020 and Beyond*) in the ACV Entrance Hall.

### First Floor Exhibit and Display — Member States

***Exhibition by the Republic of Korea “Promise for Tomorrow — Together in Safety”***

The Republic of Korea is holding an exhibition showing its willingness to share its accumulated competence and experience in nuclear safety regulation with other Member States. The Republic of Korea established the International Nuclear Safety School (INSS) in January 2008 and continues its efforts to develop the INSS as the world-best education and training organization for nuclear safety experts. The exhibition introduces the international programme of the INSS.

Traditional crafts from the Republic of Korea describing the details of INSS education, as well as the history of education in the Republic of Korea which is the basis of safety regulation education, will also be exhibited.

The official opening will take place:

When: Today, 30 September, at 1:00 p.m.

***US Technology Exhibit***

At the invitation of the US Government the US civil nuclear industry is presenting a technology showcase with the theme “Vision for the Future” featuring contributions from 15 US technology providers. The showcase is located on the first floor of the ACV.

***Exhibition by China “Nuclear Safeguards and Security in China”***

China’s exhibition will display the international efforts of the China Atomic Energy Authority with the IAEA and other countries in strengthening nuclear security and safeguards in recent years.



***Exhibition by India  
"Extending the  
Global Reach of  
Nuclear Energy  
through Thorium"***

The exhibition by the Department of Atomic Energy of India will focus on the potential of thorium for addressing the challenge of fulfilling the energy needs of the world cleanly, safely, securely, economically, sustainably and expeditiously.

Exhibitions and displays on various themes by Argentina, Indonesia, Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (JAIF), Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA), Kazakhstan, Romania, Rosatom (Russian Federation), South Africa, Ukraine and United Kingdom can also be found on the first floor of the ACV.

**Second Floor Exhibits and Displays — Secretariat**

Exhibits and displays of the IAEA Secretariat can be found on the second floor of the ACV.

## **OTHER EVENTS ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

***Information session  
on the "Current  
Status of Proposals  
on Nuclear Fuel  
Assurances"***

At the request of the Permanent Missions to the IAEA of Germany, the Russian Federation and the United States of America, an information session will be held. It is expected that updates will be provided by the representatives of the Governments of Germany, the Russian Federation and the United States of America, as well as by the representatives of the Governments of France (EU Presidency), Norway, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom, and by the Council of the European Union and the Nuclear Threat Initiative. A discussion session will follow. Open to all participants.

When: Today, 30 September, 11.00 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Where: Meeting Room L/M at the ACV



***Round-Table  
Discussion on  
“Upsurge in the  
Uranium Mining and  
Production Industry”***

A reception and a round-table discussion on the safety implications of the recent global dramatic increase in uranium exploration and development, sponsored by the Australian Permanent Mission in cooperation with the Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety (NSRW) and the Division of Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology (NEFW) of the Agency, will take place:

When: Today, 30 September, 1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m.

Where: Meeting Room O on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at the ACV

***Briefing on Staffing  
the Agency***

The Division of Human Resources will conduct an information session on the current status of Professional staffing in the Agency’s Secretariat and on the representation of women. An open discussion will follow on how to further enhance cooperation between Member States and the Secretariat to identify and attract suitable candidates for IAEA assignments.

When: Today, 30 September, 1.30 p.m.–2.30 p.m.

Where: Meeting Room N on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at the ACV

***Visit to the Isotope  
Hydrology  
Laboratory***

Today, 30 September and tomorrow, 1 October from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., delegates (or persons designated by them) will have an opportunity to visit the Agency’s Isotope Hydrology Laboratory.

The Laboratory, situated in the VIC, provides analytical support to the water resources programme, training for scientists from Member States and quality assurance services to isotope hydrology laboratories worldwide.

Places are limited so please register for this event at the Information Desk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the ACV. Meeting point is **VIC Rotunda, ground floor of Building C at 1.50 p.m. today and tomorrow.**

***Signing Ceremony  
IRD–IAEA***

A ceremony will be held to commemorate the signing of the practical arrangement between the IAEA and the Institute of Research for Development (IRD) of France. Speakers include the Ambassador of France to the IAEA, Mr F.X. Deniau; IRD President, Mr J.F. Girard; IAEA Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, Mr W. Burkart; and Director of the IAEA’s Division for Africa (TCAF), Mr A. Boussaha. Coffee will be served immediately following the ceremony; the press is welcome.

When: Today, 30 September at 2.00 p.m.

Where: Foyer B at the ACV

**Briefing on  
Innovation**

A briefing will provide information on activities of the International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO). It highlights progress made by INPRO since the last regular session of the General Conference and ongoing activities within the current Phase 2 of INPRO, in particular the use and development of the INPRO methodology, infrastructure and institutional innovations, common user considerations by prospective newcomer countries and INPRO Collaborative Projects. In its second part, the briefing will provide information on the development and deployment status of small and medium sized reactors (SMRs). IAEA activities to facilitate the development of enabling technologies for such reactors and on infrastructure issues that would support their further deployment and application will be presented.

When: Today, 30 September at 3.00 p.m.

Where: Meeting Room L/M on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, at the ACV

**Release of Report on  
"Internationalization  
of the Nuclear Fuel  
Cycle", a Joint Study  
by the US and  
Russian Academies  
of Sciences**

A delegate and press event will be held by the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) for the first public release of the joint consensus report entitled *Internationalization of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle: Goals, Strategies, and Challenges*. The report is the product of a two year study that examined technical, economic, legal/regulatory, and non-proliferation aspects of the implementation of an international civilian nuclear fuel cycle, and provides criteria for evaluating proposals and recommendations for next steps. Academician Nikolay P. Laverov and Professor John F. Ahearne, the co-chairs of the report's authoring committees, will present the findings and recommendations from the study and take questions from the audience.

When: Today, 30 September, 3.30 p.m.

Where: Meeting Room N on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, at the ACV

**Ceremony by China  
"Nuclear Safeguards  
and Security in  
China"**

To celebrate the successful cooperation between China, the IAEA and other Member States on nuclear security for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, a ceremony hosted by China in connection with the exhibition will take place today, 30 September at 3.30 p.m.

***Visit to the IAEA  
Laboratories in  
Seibersdorf***

Tomorrow, 1 October, delegates (or persons designated by them) will have an opportunity to visit the Agency's Laboratories in Seibersdorf.

The Laboratories, situated about 35 km south-east of Vienna, contribute to the Agency's programmes through experimental activities relating to nuclear verification, applications of radiation and isotopes in food and agriculture, the sterile insect technique, nuclear instrumentation, radiation dosimetry, and nuclear techniques for monitoring radioactive and other contaminants in the environment. The laboratories also serve as a training centre for scientists from developing countries. In addition, quality control services for analytical and radiometric measurements and radiation applications are provided at Seibersdorf for the benefit of Member States' laboratories and institutes. Places are limited so please register for this event by 12.00 p.m. today, 30 September at the Information Desk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the ACV. Meeting point is **VIC Rotunda, ground floor of Building C at 8.50 a.m. tomorrow, 1 October.**