

Women in Fusion
Virtual Side Event
Wednesday, 12 May 2021, 12:45-13:45 CEST

Women account for less than 30% of the world's scientists and researchers and this percentage is even lower in fields such as nuclear physics and nuclear engineering, including fusion science and technology development. The IAEA is committed to achieving gender equity in nuclear sciences and applications and this side event is part of the ongoing efforts of the Agency to increase the representation of women in this field.

The virtual event will feature four female fusion experts, who will highlight their own career paths and discuss the institutional and personal support needed to help women excel in fusion research and development and ultimately close the persistent gender gap in this field. The panel discussion will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.

Speakers at the event include:

Ms Gabriella Saibene, Head of Unit of Antennas and Plasma Engineering, Fusion for Energy

Ms Liao Min, Section Leader in Magnets, ITER Organization

Ms Simona Breidokaitė, PhD Student in Fusion, Lithuanian Energy Institute

Ms Zabrina Johal, Strategic Development Executive, General Atomics, USA

Ms Najat Mokhtar, IAEA Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, will give opening remarks.

Ms Sehila Gonzalez De Vicente, Nuclear Physicist at the IAEA, will moderate the event.