

FNRBA Chairman

Observer Status Statement

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Excellencies,

Honorable Ministers,

Distinguished Delegates,

Honorable Guests,

Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a special privilege and a great pleasure for me address you in my capacity as the chairman of the Forum of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa (FNRBA). I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the IAEA for giving us the opportunity to be an observer at this 65th Regular Session of the General Conference.

Established in 2009 and formally- recognized as a regional inter-governmental organization in September 2019, FNRBA gathers 34 IAEA African Member States and aims to enhance, strengthen, and harmonize radiation protection, nuclear safety and security regulatory infrastructure, as well as safety and security culture among its Member States.

FNRBA operating under six main thematic areas:

1. Legislative and regulatory infrastructure;
2. Radiation and waste safety;
3. Nuclear safety infrastructure;
4. Emergency Preparedness and Response;
5. Transport safety and security infrastructure; and
6. Nuclear security infrastructure.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Aware of the importance of developing and sustaining capacities in the IAEA African Member States, FNRBA has been working tirelessly to further promote a sustainable regional nuclear safety and security framework and has been achieving tangible results despite the great and well-known challenges that African Member States encounter in the field of nuclear safety and security.

FNRBA also places great emphasis on integrating youth and women into the field and believes that we, African IAEA Member States, can achieve great and tangible results by coming together with the same level of commitment, dedication, and devotion. The transformation of our continent is in our hands. We all should be aware of the importance, the urgency, and the determination of having a safe and secure nuclear applications in Africa. This can be achieved in close cooperation with the IAEA, The African Commission on Nuclear Energy (AFCONE), and the African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA), and many other partners, regionally and globally.

Thank you very much for your attention and I wish you a fruitful General Conference.