

National Statement
International Ministerial Conference
- Nuclear Power in the 21st Century

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(Presented by Hon. Deputy Minister of Energy – Power)

Mr. Chairman

Ghana wish to congratulate the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the UAE for successfully hosting this all important meeting.

Ghana has taken the decision to consider Nuclear Power in our medium to long term electricity generation mix to ensure Adequate, Reliable and Affordable energy to meet the growing national electricity needs and for export in the West African sub region.

Consequently Ghana Nuclear Power Programme Organisation (GNPPO) was inaugurated, in September 2012, to develop the roadmap for the successful take-off of the country's Nuclear Power Programme.

Permit me Mr. Chairman to acknowledge, in particular, the support and encouragement we have since received and continue to receive from the International Atomic Energy Agency to adhere to the road map.

A Nuclear Regulatory Authority was established in January 2016. Ghana has completed Phase 1 of nuclear program roadmap and have received the Intergrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review (INIR) Mission report oin May this year from the IAEA

Ghana wish to commence phase 2 of the road map In first quarter of 2018. Steps are being taken to identify candidate sites for Ghana's first Nuclear power plant and also to establish the Owner/Operator.

The Ghana delegation to this conference hope to learn from the experiences of advance, embarking countries and experts gathered at this conference.

It is my hope to identify suitable partners in the development of Ghana's Nuclear Power program.

Thank you.