

18th INPRO Dialogue Forum
on Partnerships for Nuclear Development and Deployment

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Remarks

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Dear colleagues, distinguished speakers, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon from Vienna! I am very happy that the 18th INPRO Dialogue Forum is finally taking place after being unfortunately delayed due to the ongoing pandemic. Since 2010, INPRO has hosted 17 Dialogue Forums to build partnerships, raise key issues and create an environment where creative and fruitful solutions can be implemented.

INPRO has a key role in facilitating partnerships and innovating for a future focused on the sustainability of nuclear energy systems. It works cooperatively and takes a cross-cutting and forward-looking approach across Agency departments and programmes to achieve success.

The INPRO Dialogue Forum offers a platform for nuclear technology holders, nuclear technology users and other stakeholders from all interested IAEA Member States. It facilitates discussion so that technology holders can better understand the needs and concerns of technology users, and so that users can better understand the critical needs associated with the development and deployment of innovative nuclear energy systems.

Past topics of discussion have included SMR deployment, Generation IV reactor concepts, nuclear supply chains, and non-electric applications of nuclear energy.

Forums such as this one are vital for the long-term sustainability of nuclear power, particularly as its role continues to expand to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

This edition of the INPRO Dialogue Forum will focus not only on technology, but also on institutional aspects such as markets, resources, effects of regulation and public acceptance issues.

With now over a year of experience in conducting virtual events, I am confident that this year's virtual Dialogue Forum will successfully explore the nuances related to partnerships for nuclear development and deployment.

We hope that partnerships and ideas on how to best establish and nurture them will allow those attending the Dialogue Forum to be able to take advantage of INPRO's many tools and services for nuclear energy scenario modelling and sustainability assessments in ever more productive ways. These includes e-learning activities, INPRO schools, interactions with universities around the world, as well as new collaborative projects.

Together with other teams in the Department of Nuclear Energy, INPRO is examining the integration of nuclear power, including SMRs, with renewable energy

sources. It is my sincere hope that you take advantage of contacts established through this Dialogue Forum to utilize INPRO's many resources for your country's benefit, now and in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank all distinguished speakers for joining us today and sharing with us their experiences and insights about how we can build strong and fruitful partnerships.

I wish you all a productive and engaging event, and I look forward to hearing the outcomes.

Thank you.