



NUCLEAR POWER AND ENERGY AGENCY

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- Principal Secretary – Mr. Alex Wachira, CBS
- NuPEA Board Chairperson _ Eng. Prof. Lawrence Gumbe,
- IAEA Experts,
- Management of Nuclear Power and Energy Agency,
- INPRO Dialogue Chairperson,
- Representatives from the Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority (KNRA)
- Distinguished Delegates,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning

It is a distinct honor to welcome you all to Nairobi for the 25th INPRO Dialogue Forum on Nuclear Energy Development. This is not just another conference; it is a defining chapter in our collective journey towards a cleaner, more resilient, and more secure energy future.

We gather at a time when the world faces a pressing dual challenge: ensuring access to affordable energy while safeguarding our planet from the impacts of climate change. Across Africa, millions still lack reliable electricity. Yet, within this challenge lies an immense opportunity to harness science, innovation, and partnerships to power a new era of sustainable development.

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is in this spirit that Kenya steps forward, with clarity of purpose and an unwavering commitment to secure a cleaner, more reliable, and future-ready energy system. Through the Nuclear Power and Energy Agency, we are deliberately laying the foundation for a credible and modern nuclear power programme that aligns with our national development agenda and responds to the evolving needs of our economy.

As the institution entrusted with this mandate, we continue to strengthen our technical capabilities, expand strategic partnerships, and uphold the highest standards of safety, transparency, and good governance as we advance.

We are proud of the progress we have made so far: from establishing institutional framework, to nurturing a new generation of nuclear professionals, and advancing national infrastructure that aligns with international safety standards. At the same time, we remain fully aware that this is a long-term journey that demands collaboration, and shared commitment. It is precisely this collective expertise, represented here in this Forum, that will shape the path forward for Kenya and for all newcomer countries embarking on this journey.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Therefore, hosting this Forum demonstrates our strong commitment to sustainable energy development and highlights our valued partnership with the International Atomic Energy Agency. We sincerely appreciate the IAEA, especially the INPRO secretariat, for granting Kenya the privilege of convening this significant global dialogue. Your trust in us underscores the importance of collaboration, and we renew our dedication to working closely with the Agency and all Member States to promote safe, secure, and sustainable nuclear development.

This Forum also marks our resolve to establish a solid foundation for nuclear science and technology, one that supports industrial growth, boosts technical expertise, and secures reliable energy for future generations.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The outcomes of this Forum will go beyond the discussions in this room. The discussion in this forum will inform future frameworks of cooperation, guide policy directions, and strengthen the capacity of newcomer countries to harness nuclear power safely and sustainably.

As we begin this important dialogue, let us embrace a spirit of partnership, curiosity, and shared purpose. Let us ensure that what we discuss here translates into practical action so that, together, we light up not just our nations, but our continent, with clean, reliable, and modern energy.

In conclusion, Kenya is willing and ready to spearhead this discussion for the entire continent and we are ready to partner with the IAEA and other development partners to ensure that this dialogue on the place of nuclear technology is sustained in the Africa continent.

I wish you all fruitful deliberations and a successful Forum.

Thank you.