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Breakout Session – Group 5 Public and Stakeholder Engagement

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GROUP 5

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Topic 1: How can public resistance to nuclear power be effectively addressed in newcomer countries?

- Allocate sufficient budget for public awareness campaigns,
- Enhance national position through engagement with policy makers, Parliamentarians, local leaders
- Formulation of appropriate policies and strategies for NPP deployment
- Public information and public awareness program and budget
- Develop an effective communication strategy tailored to for different stakeholders
 - Ø Nuclear Rangers
 - Ø Establish NE advocacy groups, NGOs, Youth

Topic 2: How can transparency and trust be strengthened in communication with stakeholders?

- Engage all stakeholders from Planning Phase, Implementation of NPP development
- Use credible opinion leaders to make a case for nuclear, e.g. Scientists, religious leaders, influencers, traditional leaders
- Regular updates across all credible communication channels: precise reports on websites, media
- Timely feedback and appropriate responses

Topic 3: What innovative tools or platforms have proven effective for stakeholder engagement?

- o Traditional media: TV, Radio, Newspapers**
- o Use of digital media and social media**
- o Use of creative arts-paintings, posters, video clips, competitions,**
- o Nuclear bootcamps for young generation, AI influencers, Bloggers**
- o Open nuclear energy classes,**
- o Establish public information centers**
- o Organize social events: Nuclear Science Day**

Recommendations for the IAEA

- o Build alliance with regional blocks: African Union, European Union SAPP, ECOWAS, WAPP
- o Conduct awareness of nuclear energy for regional blocks
- o Enhance knowledge sharing platform: workshops for high level officials
- o Establish a platform for nuclear energy advocates similar AFRA-NEST structure
- o Popularize Communicators Toolbox
- o Build member states capacity on monitoring public acceptance.