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**STATUS AND CHALLENGES OF THE
NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM IN TUNISIA**

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1. National vision and strategy for Nuclear Power in the 21st century in **TUNISIA**



- **Long-term policy for nuclear energy :**
 - There is a consensus in Tunisia that the nuclear energy should be included in the energy mix in the next few decades because of lack of oil and gas
- **Nuclear power programme :**
 - The Nuclear power program in Tunisia is in the very first step (phase 1). The feasibility study should be achieved by end 2013 and submitted to the government for political decision.
 - The political situation is not stable enough to make strategic decisions easy to take for the transition government.

2. Main lessons learned after Fukushima in TUNISIA



- **First lesson** : an accident somewhere is an accident everywhere. Indeed, despite the huge distance from Japan to Tunisia (10000 kms), people were afraid and very excited about the possible or even “imaginary” consequences of Fukushima accident on their own life.
- **Next** : Enhancing safety infrastructure and safety culture is prerequisite to any Nuclear power program in the country.
- **Special case** : Because of the transition period the country is living after the revolution, any strategic decision is effectively postponed at least to 2014.

3. **TUNISIA's** expectations for global Nuclear Power development in the 21st century



- **National anticipation in the next 100 years :**
 - **First** : implement the basic legal infrastructure and set up a regulatory body with the international standards
 - **Next** : enhance capacity building to be ready when the decision will be made.
- **Major policy implications and challenges :**
 - The program might be postponed by a decade in favour of coal and others “classical resources”.
 - The political decision will certainly take into account the behaviour of other countries (wait and see what other countries are doing).