

**Celebrating 20 Years of the International Project on Innovative Nuclear  
Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO)**

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**Remarks**

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Thank you, Brian.

And thank you Director General Grossi for your inspiring remarks.

Dear colleagues, distinguished speakers,

We are here today to look back but also, perhaps more importantly, to look ahead.

After all, INPRO is all about the future.

INPRO is focused on the sustainability and sustainable development of nuclear energy systems. It works cooperatively and innovatively in a crosscutting and forward-looking approach, integrating into other Agency departments and programmes to achieve success.

Over 20 years, INPRO has built strong relationships with IAEA Member States, bringing together countries with established nuclear power programmes and industries as well as those embarking on the use of nuclear power.

We thank the Member States for all their support. This includes funding, providing venues for events such as our Dialogue Forums, and for sharing their expertise in the many fine Cost Free Experts who have worked in INPRO over the last two decades.

INPRO's task is to identify opportunities for improvement in advanced nuclear concepts and to provide pathways to Member States for addressing future challenges in the broad areas of technology, infrastructure, policy or institutional approaches.

Since 2010, INPRO has sponsored 17 Dialogue Forums to build partnerships, raise key issues and create an environment where creative and fruitful solutions can be achieved. The various dialogue topics have included, among others: the deployment of SMRs, Generation IV reactor concepts, nuclear supply chains, and the non-electric applications of nuclear energy.

All of them support the UN Sustainable Development and climate change goals as well as the future sustainability of nuclear power.

And what about INPRO's future?

From my seat, I see Member States using INPRO's many tools and services for nuclear energy scenario modelling and sustainability assessments in broader and ever more productive ways. This includes e-Learning, INPRO schools and interactions with universities around the world, as well as new collaborative projects.

Along with other areas of the Department of Nuclear Energy, INPRO will examine the integration of nuclear power, including SMRs, with renewable energy sources. It is my sincere hope that you take advantage of 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 their countries' participation in INPRO activities.

I wish you all an interesting and stimulating event.

Thank you.