



## Programme

**Monday, 15 October, 2007      Ensuring political and institutional legitimacy**

**09:30      Welcome address and introductory remarks**

Moritz Leuenberger, Federal Minister, Head of the Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (DETEC), Switzerland

**10:00      Statement on behalf of the co-sponsors**

Luis Echávarri, Director-General, Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

**10:15      Session 1: Keynote addresses on strategic and policy developments**

Introduction: Walter Steinmann, Director, Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE)

Claude Birraux, Member of the French National Assembly, First Deputy-Chairman of the Parliamentary Office for Scientific and Technological Assessment, France

Greg Schulte, U.S. Ambassador and Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna

Luis Echávarri, Director-General, Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Tomihiko Taniguchi, Deputy Director-General, Nuclear Safety and Security, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

12:00      Lunch

**14:00      Session 1 (continued): Keynote addresses on strategic and policy developments**

Zoran Stančič, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Research, European Commission

Torsten Carlsson, Chairman, Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste (KASAM)

Kenji Ogiwara, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan

Message from the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

15:45      Coffee break



**16:15 Session 2: Panel-led discussion on strategic and policy experience**

Chair: Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Special Advisor to the Board, Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), Canada

Panellists:

Volker Giraud, Head of the Section «Disposal and Decommissioning», Ministry of the Environment of Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Ute Blohm-Hieber, Head of the Unit for Nuclear Energy, Waste Management and Transport, Directorate-General for Energy and Transport (DG TREN), European Commission

Hannes Germann, Member of the Council of States, Switzerland

Kris Van Dijck, Member of the Flemish Parliament and Mayor of Dessel, Belgium

Cyrille Vincent, Directorate-General for Energy and Raw Materials, Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning, France

**17:30 Closing remarks**

Walter Steinmann, Director, Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE)



**Tuesday, 16 October, 2007**      **Ensuring protection, creating trust  
and bringing national projects forward**

**09:00**      **Session 3: Societal aspects**

Chair: Claude Birraux, Member of Parliament, First Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Office for Scientific and Technological Assessment, France

*Societal aspects and ethical issues*

Carl-Reinhold Bråkenhielm, Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste (KASAM)

*The experience of the NWMO in Canada*

Kathryn Shaver, Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), Canada

*Searching for a suitable site in Switzerland – The Deep Geological Repository Sectoral Plan*

Michael Aebersold, Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE)

*Societal aspects in siting a radioactive waste disposal facility*

Jacob Spangenberg, Mayor of Östhammar, Sweden

Kaj Nilsson, Project Manager LKO (Competence building on nuclear waste issues in Oskarshamn municipality), Sweden

10:15      Coffee break

**10:45**      **Session 4: Implementation aspects**

Chair: Luis Echávarri, Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

*Overview of EDRAM and of the Canadian Nuclear Fuel Waste Management Program*

Kenneth E. Nash, International Association for Environmentally Safe Disposal of Radioactive Materials (EDRAM) and Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), Canada

*The implementation process for a deep geological repository for radioactive waste in France*

Marie-Claude Dupuis, National Radioactive Waste Management Agency (ANDRA), France

*Implementation of the Swedish concept of deep geological disposal*

Claes Thegerström, Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Company (SKB)

*The management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste in the United States*

Edward F. Sproat, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), USA

12:00      Lunch



**13:30 Session 5: Regulatory aspects**

Chair: Ulrich Schmocker, Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate (HSK)

*The perspective of U.S. NRC*

Dale Klein, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (U.S. NRC)

*Regulatory aspects: The Finnish approach*

Jukka Laaksonen, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (STUK), Finland

*Radioactive waste disposal in Hungary from the regulator's viewpoint:  
Ensuring protection and creating trust*

József Rónaky, Hungarian Atomic Energy Authority (HAEA), Hungary

*The international approach to harmonise the requirements and the process for  
a geological repository*

André-Claude Lacoste, Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN), France

14:45 Coffee break

**15:15 Session 6: Panel-led discussion**

**Way forward - How can the political, societal, regulatory and implementation aspects be reconciled to a successful result**

Chair: Hans Forsström, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Panellists:

Carl-Reinhold Bråkenhielm, Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste (KASAM)

Hans Issler, National Cooperative for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste (NAGRA), Switzerland

Jukka Laaksonen, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (STUK), Finland

Jean-Paul Minon, Agency for Radioactive Waste and Enriched Fissile Materials (ONDRAF/NIRAS), Belgium

Kathy Riklin, Member of the National Council, Switzerland

Manfred Thumann, Axpo Holding AG, Switzerland

Bruce McKirdy, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), United Kingdom

**16:30 Summary of the conference**

Werner Bühlmann, Swiss Federal Office of Energy

Claes Thegerström, Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Company (SKB)

**16:50 Closing address**

Hans Issler, National Cooperative for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste (NAGRA), Switzerland