Black Sea Women in Nuclear Network

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Monday, November 29, 2021

14:00-14:45 Opening remarks

- Dr. Elena Buglova, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Dr. Beata Mach, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority (SSM)
- Dr. Polina Sinovets, Odessa Center for Nonproliferation (OdCNP)
- Ms. Margaryta Rayets, WiN Ukraine
- Dr. Ian Stewart, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Middlebury Institute of International Studies (CNS/MIIS)

14:45–15:00 Project’s Goals and Objectives: Ms. Olga Martin, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

15:00-15:45 Participants Introductions

15:45-16:00 BREAK
16:00-17:30  **Session 1: Regional Challenges to Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation**  
*Moderator: Mr. Miles Pomper*

- *Nonproliferation – Bulgarian Perspective*, Prof. Dimitar Dimitrov, University of World Economy (UNWE)
- *Threats to Nuclear Security in the Black Sea Region: View from the South Caucasus*, Dr. Tamara Pataraiia, Civil Council on Defense and Security (CCDS)
- *Nuclear Threats and Perceptions in the Black Sea Region*, Dr. Polina Sinovets, OdCNP
- *Turkey's Perspective of Nuclear Security and Nuclear Non-Proliferation in Its Region*, Dr. Şebnem Udum, Hacettepe University

*Participants Discussion*

17:30-18:00  **Session 2: International Cooperation and Assistance in the Black Sea region**  
*Moderator: Ms. Kateryna Pavlova*

Office of Global Material Security, DOE NNSA – Ms. Kathleen Ellis  
Global Affairs Canada – Ms. Julia Gibson

18:00-18:10  DAY 1 WRAP-UP

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**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

14:00-14:30  **Session 2 (cont’d): International Cooperation and Assistance in the Black Sea region**  
*Moderator: Ms. Kateryna Pavlova*

Swedish Radiation Safety Authority – Dr. Beata Mach  
U.S. State Department – Ms. Jennie Gromoll

14:30-16:00  **Session 3: International Efforts Promoting Women**  
*Moderator: Mr. Miles Pomper*

- Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) – Ms. Mara Zarka
- International Atomic Energy Agency – Prof. Oum Keltoum Hakam
- World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) – Ms. Rhonda Evans
- Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe (OSCE) – Ms. Vera Strobachova Budway
• CRDF Global - Ms. Anna Wagner
• James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies/Middlebury Institute of International Studies – Mr. Jean duPreez

16:00-16:15 BREAK

16:15-17:15 Panel Discussion 1 “How Can Men Be Allies with Women in Nuclear Fields?” Moderator Ms. Margarita Kalinina-Pohl, CNS/MIIS, USA

Panelists: Dr. Timofii Bibik (Ukraine), Prof. Dimitar Dimitrov (Bulgaria), Dr. Jason Harris (USA), Mr. Lars van Dassen (Austria), Prof. Haluk Yücel (Turkey)

17:15-17:50 Women Leadership in Nuclear: A Pilot Project at Ukrainian NPPs, Nataliia Klos

17:50-18:00 DAY 2 WRAP-UP

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

14:00-15:00 Session 4: WiN Global Chapters’ and their Role in Supporting and Advancing Women in Nuclear Fields (Moderator: Ms. Anastasiia Nechytailo)

• WiN IAEA Chapter - Dr. Gabi Voigt
• WiN Ukraine – Ms. Margaryta Rayets
• WiN Turkey – Ms. B. Gül Göktepe
• WiN Tajikistan -Dr. Nodira Khakimova

14:45-16:00 Session 5: Women’s Roles and Representation in the Black Sea’s Nuclear Sector (Moderator: Dr. Polina Sinovets)

• Women at Nuclear Power Plants: Ms. Dariya Papezhuk, Rivne NPP (Ukraine), Ms. Mădălina Ștefanie, Cernavoda NPP (Romania)
• Women in academia: Dr. Ekaterina Bogomilova, UNWE (Bulgaria), Ms. Marina Dabetic, Vinča Institute of Nuclear Sciences, University of Belgrade
• Women in STEM: Ms. Fadime Özge Özkan, Energy Institute of Istanbul Technical University (Turkey)
• Women in Government: Ms. Angela Sidorenco, Forensic and Judicial Expertise Centre, General Police Inspectorate (Moldova)
• Women in Civil Society: Dr. Shorena Lortkipanidze, CCDS

16:00-16:15 BREAK
Panel Discussion 2 “Women in Nuclear Fields: Career Paths, Challenges, and Opportunities” Moderator: Sarah Bidgood, CNS/MIIS, USA
Panelists: Teona Akubardia (Georgia), Ms. Jennie Gromoll (USA), Ms. Kateryna Pavlova (Ukraine), Ms. Elena Sokova (Austria), Dr. Şebnem Udum (Turkey),

Overview of the Black Sea Women in Network - Ms. Margarita Kalinina-Pohl

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Survey on the perceptions of the roles of women in nuclear sectors: Survey introduction and demonstration – Ms. Margarita Kalinina-Pohl and Ms. Nataliia Klos

Participants take the survey and provide their input

Lessons from Other Professional Networks and Mentorship Programs – a conversation with Ms. Sabariah Kader Ibrahim, Malaysian Nuclear Agency and Sarah Bidgood, CNS/MIIS

Break

Discussion on sustaining the Black Sea Women in Nuclear Network - Ms. Margarita Kalinina-Pohl

Career Paths in Nuclear Security, Dr. Dmitry Nikonov, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA

Session 6: Current Regional Activities in Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation (Moderator: Dr. Iryna Maksymenko)

Odessa Center for Nonproliferation – Dr. Polina Sinovets Centre for Science and Security Studies (CSSS), King’s College London – Dr. Zenobia Homan Uatom (Speaker TBD)

Friday, December 3, 2021

Session 6 (cont’d) Current Regional Activities in Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation (Moderator: Dr. Iryna Maksymenko)
New Master’s Program “Physical Protection and Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials” at National Technical University of Ukraine «Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute» - Ms. Hanna Shepel

New Energy Trends and Challenges (COP26): Women’s Role in Energy’s Future – Kateryna Pavlova

15:45-17:00 Workshop Conclusion and Plans Going Forward