

**Brief bullets for the Opening Address by DDG
at Round Table Discussion on Nuclear Safety Knowledge Networking**

**Tuesday, 21 September, 2010 from 14:00 to 17:00
Conference Room “M7”, VIC**

1 Opening, welcoming the participants and thanking JNES for co-hosting

- Good afternoon ladies and gentleman and distinguished representatives from Member States. Welcome all of you to this *Round Table Discussion on Nuclear Safety Knowledge Networking*.

Note 1: Most of the representatives come from regional networks as listed below;

- ANSN: the Asian Nuclear Safety Network,
- FORO: the Ibero-American Forum of Nuclear and Radiation Safety and Security Regulatory Agencies,
- FNRBA: the Forum for Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa,
- ANNuR: the Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators and
- ETSON: the European TSO Network.

- Since this is my first time to be with you as a new DDG, Head of Nuclear Safety and Security Department, I want to express my congratulation on what you have done and achieved for enhancing nuclear safety and security nationally, regionally and internationally, and assure you the Agency's continuous effort to work closely with you and provide any necessary support to promote the knowledge sharing and the further development of global and regional networks.

- I also express, on behalf of the Agency, our sincere thanks the Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization (JNES) through the Japanese Government for their co-hosting this important event and providing the refreshment.

- At the occasion of the 54th General Conference where the world nuclear safety community is gathering in Vienna, we believe that this round table will provide a good opportunity to share information and good practices regarding knowledge sharing and network development.

- It is also a good time to have this round-table meeting today, where the conclusions derive from will be valuable inputs to the forthcoming international and regional conference on TSO and Capacity Building to be hosted by JNES through the Japanese Government from 25 to 29 October in Tokyo, Japan.

Note 2: Two conferences are;

- The *International Conference on the Challenges Faced by TSOs in Enhancing Nuclear Safety and Security*, from 25 to 29 October, in Tokyo, Japan
- The *ANSN Regional Conference on 21st Century Capacity Building and Virtual TSO in Asia*, on 29 October 2010, Tokyo, Japan

2 Importance of cooperation among global and regional networks

- Coordination and collaboration among global and regional nuclear safety networks will be mutually beneficial for continuous improvement of Capacity Building and Infrastructure Development nationally, regionally and internationally in the “nuclear renaissance”.

- The Agency launched the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network (GNSSN) and the International Regulatory Network (RegNet) to ensure that critical knowledge, experience and lessons learned about nuclear safety and security exchanges as widely as required. The Agency will further develop GNSSN and RegNet within the framework of the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Regime (GNSSR), in coordination and collaboration with the established and emerging regional nuclear safety and security networks including ANSN, FORO, FNRBA, ANNuR and ETSON, for achieving our common goal of a high level of safety and security worldwide for nuclear facilities and activities;

- I believe that this round table discussion will further explore and identify the mechanism and the ways to coordinate and collaborate among the global and regional networks to further enhance the cooperation in a global sense.

3 Wishing a fruitful outcome

- Your presence at this event is clear sign of your commitment to further strengthen global and regional knowledge sharing and networking and I am confident that your active participation through discussion and exchange of experience and lessons learned will result in fruitful outcomes of this round table.

Note 3: **Welcome addresses from Japan** will be made by;

- Mr. Tasuo SATO, Vice President of JNES
- Mr. Toshihiro BANNAI, Director for International Affairs Office, Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

Note 4: **Chairperson** to be appointed by DDG after the opening address will be;

- Mr. Kazuhide TOMITA, Coordinator of ANSN-Capacity Building Coordination Group (CBCG)/Assistant Director-General, Office of International Programs, JNES