Opening Remarks – INSC Workshop 2026
"Contribution of Nuclear Societies to Climate and Energy Security"
Vienna, 16 September 2026

Distinguished representatives, dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to this INSC Workshop on the **"Contribution of Nuclear Societies to Climate and Energy Security."**

On behalf of the INSC, I warmly thank you all for your presence and for your continued commitment to strengthening cooperation among nuclear societies worldwide.

Our theme today is particularly important. Climate change, growing energy demand and energy security require strong international cooperation, and **nuclear societies have an important role to play** through knowledge sharing, education, scientific cooperation and capacity building.

Before we begin, I would like us to start with the **Global Creed**, which reflects our shared values and commitment to the responsible and peaceful advancement of nuclear science.

[INSC Global Creed

Nuclear Professionals should uphold and advance the integrity, honor, and dignity of their profession by:

- Promoting the involvement of Societies and professionals worldwide in the quest of excellence and quality in the application of nuclear science and technology for the service of humanity.
- Promoting the use of their knowledge and skills for the enhancement of human welfare by furthering public health and safety and environmental protection in the implementation of nuclear projects and programs.
- Enhancing the peaceful uses and application of nuclear science and technology.
- Ensuring the public is informed of the facts surrounding nuclear science and technology in an objective and truthful manner.**]**

Thank you.

We will now proceed with the **roll call and brief self-presentations**. I invite each participant to introduce themselves, their organization and country.

[Roll Call]

Thank you.

We will then move to our first important discussion: the **establishment of an Africa Region within the INSC**. This is an important step toward making our Council even more inclusive and representative of the global nuclear community.

We will also hear perspectives from our different regions — Asia, North America, Latin America, Europe and At-Large — and exchange views on how nuclear societies can contribute to climate and energy security.

I would like to say a special word about our **Global Award 2026**.

Traditionally, we begin our meetings with the Awards Ceremony. This year, we decided to make it different and **truly special**. We wanted this moment to be remembered and shared by our entire nuclear community.

I am therefore particularly pleased that the **IAEA Director General has confirmed his presence at 11:15** for the Award Ceremony.

His presence will make this moment even more meaningful, and I look forward to celebrating the 2026 winner together with all of you.

Dear colleagues,

Let us use this workshop to exchange ideas, strengthen partnerships and build an INSC that is **more inclusive, more connected and more impactful**.

I wish you all a very productive and inspiring workshop.

Thank you, and let us begin our work together.

BENDAM Khadija, INSC 2026 Chair

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Opening Remarks – 2026 INSC Global Award Ceremony

Excellency Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General of the IAEA,
Distinguished guests, dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a very special pleasure to welcome you to this **2026 INSC Global Award Ceremony**.

This moment is particularly meaningful for the **International Nuclear Societies Council**, because today we are celebrating not only scientific excellence, but also a lifetime of contribution to the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology.

And I would like to begin by expressing our sincere gratitude to **Director General Grossi** for honouring us with his presence today.

Excellency, your presence gives this ceremony a very special significance and reflects the importance of cooperation between the IAEA and the global community of nuclear societies.

Each year, the INSC Global Award recognizes **one outstanding individual worldwide** whose work has made a lasting contribution to our field.

This year, we are deeply honoured to present the Award to **Professor Hisashi Ninokata of Japan**.

Professor Ninokata represents the values we wish to celebrate today: **scientific excellence, innovation, knowledge sharing, international cooperation, and a strong commitment to the peaceful applications of nuclear technology.**

Professor Ninokata, on behalf of the International Nuclear Societies Council, it is my great honour, as President of the INSC, to congratulate you and to present you with the **2026 INSC Global Award**.

Today, here in Vienna, during the **70th IAEA General Conference**, we celebrate a remarkable scientist, but also the power of our international nuclear community to share knowledge, build bridges and serve society.

Professor Ninokata, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

And once again, **Excellency Director General Grossi, thank you for being with us and for making this special moment even more memorable.**

Thank you.