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Black Sea Women in Nuclear Network

**Virtual Inaugural Workshop
November 29- December 3, 2021**

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Monday, November 29, 2021

14:00-14:45 **Opening remarks**

- Dr. Elena Buglova, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Ms. Allison Johnston, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Office of International Nuclear Security,
- 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**

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16:00-17:30 **Session 1: Regional Challenges to Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation (Moderator: 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

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

14:00-14:30 **Session 2 (cont'd): International Cooperation and Assistance in the Black Sea region (Moderator: 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
IAEA – Dr. Oum Hakam
World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) – Ms. Rhonda Evans
Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe (OSCE) – Ms. Vera Strobachova Budway
US DOE NNSA Office of International Nuclear Security – Ms. Taylor Hart-McGonnigle

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CRDF Global - Ms. Anna Wagner
CNS/MIIS – 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 (TBC) Panelists: Dr. Timofyi 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 Bulgaria (To Be Confirmed, TBC)
- WiN Turkey (TBC)
- WiN Tajikistan (TBC)

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 Ștefanic, Cernavoda NPP (Romania)
- *Women in academia*: Ekaterina Bogomilova, UNWE (Bulgaria), Marina Dabetic, Vinča Institute of Nuclear Sciences, University of Belgrade
- *Women in STEM*: Fadime Özge Özkan, Energy Institute of Istanbul Technical University (Turkey)
- *Women in Government*: Angela Sidorencu, Forensic and Judicial Expertise Centre, General Police Inspectorate (Moldova)
- *Women in Civil Society*: Dr. Shorena Lortkipanidze, CCDS

16:00-16:15 BREAK

16:15-17:15 **Panel Discussion 2** (Moderator: Sarah Bidgood) “Women in Nuclear Fields: Career Paths, Challenges, and Opportunities:” Ms. Jennie Gromoll (USA), Ms.

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Kateryna Pavlova (Ukraine), Ms. Elena Sokova (Austria), Dr. Şebnem Udum (Turkey), Teona Akubardia (TBC)

17:15-17:50 *Overview of the Black Sea Women in Network* - Ms. Margarita Kalinina-Pohl

17:50-18:00 DAY 3 WRAP-UP

Thursday, December 2, 2021

14:00-15:00 **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

15:00-15:45 **Lessons from Other Professional Networks and Mentorship Programs** – a conversation with Ms. Sabariah Kader Ibrahim, Malaysian Nuclear Agency (TBC) and Sarah Bidgood, CNS/MIIS

15:45-16:00 BREAK

16:00-16:45 **Discussion on sustaining the Black Sea Women in Nuclear Network** - Ms. Margarita Kalinina-Pohl

16:45-17:15 *Career Paths in Nuclear Security*, Dr. Dmitry Nikonov, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA

17:15-17:50 **Session 6: Current Regional Activities in Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation (Moderator: Dr. Iryna Maksymenko)**

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Uatom (Speaker TBC)

17:50-18:00 DAY 4 WRAP-UP

Friday, December 3, 2021

15:00-15:45 **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

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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**