

Dialogue, information exchange and transparency when a site and method are licensed

NEA Forum on Stakeholder Confidence

Solna & Östhammar, Sweden

23-24 September 2024

Draft Programme

Nuclear Energy Agency

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General information

Location

23 September: Swedish Radiation Safety Authority (SSM)
Solna strandväg 96
171 54 Solna
Sweden

24 September: Kulturhuset Storbrunn
Klockstapelsgatan 2
742 32 Östhammar
Sweden

Registration

Monday, 23 September, from 8:00 a.m. at the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority (SSM). Participants will be met upon arrival by NEA staff to finalise their registration and obtain visitor badges.

Badges are to be worn when attending lectures and all other events.

A passport or another form of photo identification is required to obtain a visitor badge.

Please note that hybrid access will not be provided, in-person attendance is mandatory to participate in the workshop.

Lunch

A light lunch will be provided at the SSM premises. On Tuesday, lunch will be provided at Sjöökrogen, a short walk from Storbrunn.

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08:00-09:00 **Registration**

Session 1: Workshop opening

Moderator: *Sigrid Eeckhout and Nuria Prieto Serrano,*
Co-chairs of Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC)

09:00-09:30

Opening remarks

Catarina Danestig Sjögren, Director of Department, Regulation and Knowledge Development Swedish Radiation Safety Authority

William D. Magwood IV, Director General, Nuclear Energy Agency

09:30-10:00

Session 2: The Swedish Nuclear Waste Management Programme: Looking back, looking forward

Michael Egan, Advisor International Policy and Cooperation, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority

10:00-10:30

Session 3: Research project: Including (local) stakeholder participation in the regulatory mission – a future challenge.

Anne Bergmans, Researcher, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Meritxell Martell, Researcher, Merience SCP

10:30-11:00

Break

11:00-12:00

Round table discussions: How to include stakeholder participation in the future steps?

Participants discuss and exchange on a set of questions (moderators: FSC Co-chairs)
How to maintain a stakeholder dialogue in the long-term?

- What are the possibilities for public scrutiny during construction, operation and closure? (e.g. which issues or elements need public scrutiny, how often, etc.)
 - At what level (local, regional, national) do you think this should take place?
 - Who should be involved? And which is the role and responsibility of the different stakeholders in maintaining a long-term dialogue?
 - To what extent do you think addressing reversibility might help in keeping dialogue ongoing? What kind of financial arrangements could be made to maintain the dialogue in the long-term?
- 12:00-12:30

Reporting from discussions

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:00 **Session 4: Research project: To what extent do the present generations need to address post-closure costs?**

Karim Jebari, Researcher, Institution for future studies, Sweden

14:00-15:30 **Round table discussions: What about post-closure?** (moderators: FSC Co-chairs)

Participants discuss and exchange on a set of questions

- Need for financing arrangements for the post-closure phase and for how long?

- How to address the future regarding the planned end-state after closure and decommissioning of the facility: restoration of the site vs. remembrance of the site?

15:00-15:30

Reporting from discussions

15:30-15:50 Break

15:50-16:10 **Session 5: Status in the Swedish processes – with a report from the Land and Environment Court**

Anna Porelius, Head of Communications, Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Company (SKB)

16:10 – 16:30 **Session 6: Characteristics of trusted regulator: newly published NEA green booklet**
Rhonda Walker-Sistie, Director General of Strategic Communications, Head of Communications, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

16:30-17:30 **Closing panel discussion**

- *Michael Egan, Advisor International Policy and Cooperation, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority*
- *Anne Bergmans, Researcher, University of Antwerp*
- *Karim Jebari, Researcher, Institution for future studies*
- *Anna Porelius, Head of Communications, Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Company*
- *Anna Bergsten, Analyst, Municipality of Östhammar*
- *Linda Birkedal, The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (environmental organization)*

17:30-17:40 **Closing remarks**
Nuria Prieto Serrano and Sigrid Eeckhout, FSC Co-Chairs

18:00 **Reception at SSM office**



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08:15-10:00

Day 2

Bus transport to Östhammar: SSM arranges transportation from the office in Solna to Östhammar

Moderators – Sigrid Eeckhout and Nuria Prieto Serrano, FSC
co-chairs

Session 7 – The local context

10:00-10:15

Coffee

10:15-10:30

Welcome to Östhammar

Fabian Sjöberg, Mayor of Municipality of Östhammar

10:30-11:30

The municipality's role – from site investigations to final closure and beyond

Elin Jonsson, Chair of Final Repository Committee, Municipality of Östhammar

Tomas Näslund, Vice Chair of Final Repository Committee, Municipality of Östhammar

Magnus Degerman, Communications Officer, Municipality of Östhammar

(45 min presentation, 15 min questions)

11:30-12:00

Building local trust – SKB's work in the local community before, now and in the future

Stig Björne, Head of local communications, project communication and added value programme, Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Company (SKB)

(20 min presentation, 10 min questions)

12:00-13:30

Lunch

Session 8 – The international context

13:30-14:00

The importance of the international context from a local perspective

Margareta Widén Berggren, Former Mayor of Municipality of Östhammar and Former Chair of Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities, Municipality of Östhammar

Fabian Sjöberg, Mayor of Municipality of Östhammar and Vice President of the Group of Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities (GMF)

(20 min presentation, 10 min questions)

14:00-14:45

Key Information File – part of a strategy for remembering a nuclear waste repository

Thomas Keating, Postdoctoral Researcher, Linköping University, Sweden

Florence Poidevin, Head of the Memory Program, Andra, France

(30 min presentation, 15 min questions)

14:45-15:00

Break

Session 9 – Future challenges

15:00-15:15

Societal challenges with the establishment of a repository in a community

Elin Dahm, Business Manager, Municipality of Östhammar

15:15-15:30

How to enhance youth involvement

David Alvarez, Fellow board member of Jóvenes Nucleares

Christopher Müller, Co-President of the regional conference Nördlich Lägern

15:30-16:30

Round table discussions

(moderators: FSC Co-chairs)

Break-out session with discussions from a set of questions relating to the subjects raised during the day.

16:30-17:00

Sum up from round-table discussions and closing remarks

NEA FSC co- Chairs

17:00-19:00

Bus transport back to SSM office in Solna (with a stop at Arlanda Airport at about 18:30)