



Declaration of the Global Partnership of Nuclear Communities

Declaration of the **Global Partnership** as developed within the framework of the first Nuclear Energy Summit organized on 21 March 2024 by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Belgian presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Preamble

WHEREAS, municipal governments represent communities hosting or interested in hosting nuclear facilities from around the world are working closely together to educate their communities and advocate for their communities' interests; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the growing role of nuclear energy in addressing global clean energy needs, enhancing energy security and independence, and boosting economic development; and

WHEREAS, the deployment and operation of nuclear technologies must be safe, secure and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the IAEA's work supporting clean energy development in local communities creates a forum that brings together municipal governments, industry, national governments and others to facilitate the sharing of successes and promotion of lessons learned; and

WHEREAS, because all nuclear facilities have a local impact, elected municipal government representatives play a crucial role in hosting nuclear projects which in turn generate major regional economic activity with socially significant benefits, thus contributing to community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the IAEA's five key principles throughout the life cycle of all nuclear facilities: 1) building trust; 2) demonstrating accountability; 3) exhibiting open and transparent communication; 4) practicing early and frequent consultation and 5) communicating benefits and risks are fundamental to integrating a nuclear facility into its community; and

WHEREAS, though municipalities may have differences in their structures, capacities and cultures, municipalities of the Global Partnership will always share common goals and aspirations.

Declaration

THEREFORE, WE, THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP do hereby declare the following:

Collaboration with International Organizations: We commit to collaborating with international organizations like the IAEA to educate and coordinate with municipal governments hosting or interested in hosting nuclear facilities. We will share experiences and work together to enhance our capacities in managing and engaging with nuclear projects, acknowledging the unique circumstances of each government;

Community Engagement: We call on national and regional levels of government in all countries considering nuclear facilities to actively listen to local communities, engage in early dialogue, provide resources for participation, and establish partnerships throughout the decision-making, development, operations, closure and decommissioning phases of a nuclear project;

Industry Collaboration: We encourage the nuclear industry to build trust with municipal governments and local communities by working collaboratively, communicating transparently, and promoting the socio-economic development of the region;

Sustainable Community Development: We welcome nuclear facilities that contribute to the long-term social and economic well-being of the host community and the region, becoming an integral part of the social and economic fabric of the community;

Support of Regulatory Authorities: We support the regulatory authorities as they engage effectively with local stakeholders to ensure the safe and secure construction and operation of nuclear facilities and the protection of people and the environment from the harmful effects of radiation, now and in the future;

Global Partnership Expansion: We invite municipal governments and other associations of municipal governments from around the world to join the Global Partnership to strengthen our collective voice and expertise in responsible nuclear energy development; and

Review Mechanisms: We encourage the periodic review of host community agreements as well as the review of progress toward the commitments of this Pledge on an annual basis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the founding members of the Global Partnership have hereunto signed this declaration on this 21 of March 2024.



[Group of European Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities \(GMF Europe\)](#)



[Energy Communities Alliance \(ECA\)](#)



[Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities \(CANHC\)](#)