

**Seventh Edition of the International  
Conference on Geological Repositories  
(ICGR-7)**

*Empowering Progress in Developing Deep  
Geological Repositories*

**Busan, Republic of Korea**

**27-31 May 2024**

**Draft Preliminary Agenda**

Nuclear Energy Agency  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

# ICGR-7 General information

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## Location

### **BPEX Busan Port International Exhibition & Convention Center**

206 Chungjang-daero, Dong-gu

Busan

Republic of Korea

## Registration

Registration will open at BPEX from Monday, 27 May 2024 from 10h00-18h00, and re-open on Tuesday, 28 May 2024 from 8h00-18h00. Participants will be met upon arrival by NEA staff on the conference floor and will be requested to register to obtain NEA 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 for ICGR-7.*

## Monday, 27 May 2024

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### Younger Generation Session

11:45-13:00	<i>Lunch for younger generation session participants</i>
13:00-13:15	Opening remarks for younger generation session
13:15-13:30	Presentation from NEA
13:30-13:45	Presentation from IAEA
13:45-14:00	Presentation from European Commission (EC)
14:00-14:15	Setting the stage – breakout session introduction
14:15-15:30	Younger generation breakout session
15:30-16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00-16:30	Feedback from breakout session
16:30-17:30	Icebreaker session & networking activity
18:30-20:30	<i>Dinner for younger generation session participants</i>

## Tuesday, 28 May 2024

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09:00-09:30      Opening remarks

### **Session 1 – Lessons learnt: experiences in developing licensing of DGR facilities**

09:30-10:30	Presentations by countries with DGR development experience
10:30-11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:00-12:15	Panel discussion: developing licensing of DGR facilities
12:15-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>

## **Session 2 – Setting the foundations for initiating DGR programmes**

13:15-14:15	Panel discussion: national status of DGR development programmes
14:15-15:15	Establishing legal and regulatory frameworks for DGR development through early interaction between regulators and implementers
15:15-15:45	<i>Break</i>
15:45-16:45	Building a roadmap for DGR development: essential steps and considerations for initiating DGR programmes
16:45-17:00	End of day remarks
17:00-19:00	<b>ICGR-7 Poster Session &amp; Cocktail Hour</b> <i>BPEX main hallway</i>

## **Wednesday, 29 May 2024**

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09:00-10:00 ICGR-7 keynote remarks

10:00-10:30 *Break / Press conference*

## **Session 3 – Siting approaches for DGRs**

10:30-11:30	Panel discussion: siting approaches for DGRs and lessons learnt
11:30-12:30	Successful stepwise approaches in stakeholder engagement throughout DGR siting and the safety case
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>

## **Session 4 – Cross-cutting aspects and societal considerations**

13:30-14:30	Public engagement strategies and stakeholder involvement: addressing social, ethical, and cultural factors in DGR implementation
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14:30-15:30	Panel discussion: capacity building initiatives and knowledge management – ensuring continued competency and expertise
15:30-16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00-17:00	Rise of new and innovative technologies, future nuclear systems, and impact on the development of DGRs
17:00-17:15	End of day remarks
18:30-20:00	<b>ICGR-7 Conference Dinner</b> <i>Grand Ballroom of Commodore Hotel, Busan</i> - Shuttle service to be provided from BPEX to Commodore Hotel

## Thursday, 30 May 2024

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### **Session 5 – Fostering the use of existing R&D facilities and international co-operation**

09:00-10:00	Role of underground research laboratories (URLs) in DGR advancement and strategies for promoting knowledge sharing
10:00-10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30-11:30	Panel discussion: International co-operation, relevant initiatives, projects and networks
11:30-12:30	Exploring potential use of multinational infrastructures for managing radioactive waste
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>

## **Session 6 – ICGR-7 Breakout Sessions**

13:30-13:40 Introduction to breakout sessions

13:40-15:10 Breakout discussion session

15:10-15:40 *Break*

15:40-16:30 Feedback from breakout session

## **Session 7 – Summary of ICGR-7**

16:30-16:45 Key takeaways from ICGR-7 Younger Generation Session

16:45-17:00 Summary of ICGR-7 and closing remarks

# Friday, 31 May 2024

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## **Optional ICGR-7 site visit to Wolsong LILW Disposal Center Gyeongju, Republic of Korea**

### **Site visit – Wolsong LILW Disposal Center**

*Registered site visit participants will be requested to meet in front of BPEX Conference Centre at 8h15 sharp on 31 May and will return to BPEX from Gyeongju by 14h30.*

*Please note that pre-registration is required on a first-come, first-serve basis to participate in the site visit. Capacity is limited to 100 registered ICGR-7 participants.*

***Registration will open on 4 March 2024 at 12 CET, and registration modalities will be communicated via email on this date to registered and paid ICGR-7 conference participants. If the site visit reaches capacity before the registration deadline, a wait-list will be established and you will be informed of your position on the list.***

***Registration for the site visit will close on 1 April.***