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Nuclear Security Women

Newsletter



Welcome from the NSW Team

On September 21, the United Nations and the international community marked the International Day of Peace. In its declaration establishing a program of action on a "culture of peace," the U.N. General Assembly recognized that peace "not only is the absence of conflict, but also requires a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation."

The importance of a "positive, dynamic participatory process" in achieving lasting peace underscores the necessity of ensuring that all people can participate in and contribute to efforts to peacebuilding processes. The nuclear security field plays a critical role in ensuring that nuclear material and technology is protected, and having a diverse, inclusive workforce—one that includes women—will contribute to a robust and adaptive response to new and emerging threats and contribute to the peaceful uses of nuclear material and technology.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The IAEA will convene a workshop on "Nuclear Safety and Security in an Insecure World: Legal Challenges and Career Opportunities," from October 23-25, 2024 in Washington, D.C. The agenda and registration for either virtual or in-person attendance can be found here.

SAVE THE DATE

WiN Global Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2024, Mexico City, Mexico

WINS Virtual Workshop: Exploring the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Strengthening the Security of Nuclear Facilities, December 10-11, 2024

NSW Highlights

On September 6, 2024, NSW met with members of the Women in Nuclear (WiN) Kenya chapter in Nairobi, Kenya. WiN Kenya members detailed efforts to increase gender equality in nuclear security in Kenya, as well as challenges and opportunities for continued work in this area. The group discussed specific opportunities for increasing women in nuclear security, such as mentorship, human resources management, capacity building, and gender mainstreaming. The in-person meeting built on the close collaboration between NSW and WiN Kenya over the past year. According to the IAEA, the number of WiN chapters in Africa has increased to 19, more than that of any region. WiN Africa's broad outreach and inclusive approach have helped attract more women and girls to the nuclear field in Africa, according to WiN Africa President Soheir Korraa.



The Institute of Nuclear Materials Management (INMM) Annual Meeting was held in Portland, Oregon from July 22-25, 2024. This event included speakers and panels that highlighted the importance of women in the nuclear field. Session topics included "Advancing Women in Nuclear Security," "Innovative Strategies to Enhance DEIA," "Diversity and Gender Parity in Nuclear," "Panel Discussion on the INMM Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility Professional Development Program," and "Discussion on Regional DEIA Strategies for Women in Nuclear Security." Relevant papers addressed gender mainstreaming, increasing the representation of women in the field, gender parity, and more. Research papers and presentations from INMM can be found here.



WiN Kenya members describe gender equality efforts in Kenya's nuclear sector

Featured publications

Several recent papers published by INMM explore issues relating to women in nuclear security. One paper titled "Successful Case of a Multistakeholder Partnership in Establishing Networks for Women in Nuclear Fields" explores efforts supported by NSW and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies to build two regional networks for women in nuclear security, as well as engagement through the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) to increase transparency and access to information on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA).

In "Empowering Nuclear Security: The Integral Role of Diversity and Inclusion in Nuclear Security and Physical Protection," Dolphine Queenter Osoro and Diana Kamadi examine how the inclusion of women in nuclear security contribute to greater innovation, inclusivity, efficiency, and resilience in nuclear security.

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Inspirational Quote

"Don't think about making women fit the world–think about making the world fit women." Gloria Steinem